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B. PROFILE

Type of Organisation	NGO (association)
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes

C. ACCREDITATION

Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	No
Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants?	Yes

BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Please briefly
present the partner
organisation.

ANKA Gelecek ve Yenilik Derneği (ANKA GLOBAL) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation established in May 2019 and based in Istanbul, Türkiye. Initially founded with a strong emphasis on sports, health, and physical well-being, our organisation has progressively evolved, expanding its vision and activities into innovative fields such as **digital transformation, green transition, creativity, innovation, environmental sustainability, inclusiveness, and combating youth unemployment.**

Our Journey: From Sports and Health to Innovation and Sustainability

ANKA began its journey by offering a variety of sports activities, specialized training programs, and inclusive physical education initiatives. These early experiences laid a solid foundation in community engagement, inclusiveness, and youth development. Our background in sports taught us the importance of teamwork, discipline, holistic health, and active citizenship, values that continue to inform and shape our current approach.

Recognizing the evolving challenges and opportunities of our time, particularly those highlighted by the European Youth Strategy, EU Youth Goals, Erasmus+ 2025 priorities, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, ANKA strategically transitioned towards addressing broader societal needs. Our transformation embraced the potential of digitalisation, innovation, and environmental responsibility as critical pathways to empower young people and foster sustainable societal change.

Mission and Vision: Empowering Youth for a Sustainable and Innovative Future

Today, ANKA's core mission is to enhance youth capacity in areas essential for personal and professional growth in a rapidly changing world. We aim to empower young people to become digitally competent, environmentally conscious, innovative, and inclusive leaders capable of addressing pressing global challenges such as climate change, youth unemployment, digital inequality, and social exclusion.

Our Current Strategic Areas of Work:

Digital Transformation and Youth Leadership

ANKA promotes digital literacy and entrepreneurship, providing young people with vital competencies through targeted training, digital innovation workshops, and creative technology projects. Our initiatives support young people's readiness for future careers and foster digital inclusion, aligning with European goals of digital empowerment and active youth citizenship.

Green Transition and Environmental Sustainability

Building upon our commitment to physical health and community wellness, we have expanded our activities to include environmental health and sustainability. Projects such as *Youth4Green* and *Green Yo(E)Uth Worker* focus on climate education, environmental stewardship, and green skills training, enabling youth to lead sustainable lifestyles and promote ecological responsibility in their communities.

Creativity, Innovation, and Intercultural Dialogue

Recognizing creativity and cultural innovation as powerful tools for social cohesion, ANKA actively incorporates digital storytelling, creative arts, multimedia production, and cultural exchange programs into its portfolio. Our innovative projects like *WeAR(eU)skudar* foster intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding, and innovative thinking among diverse youth groups.

Social Inclusion and Combating Youth Unemployment

ANKA addresses youth unemployment by developing inclusive education programs, vocational training, entrepreneurship mentoring, and career support activities tailored specifically to disadvantaged youth. These initiatives enhance employability, promote social inclusion, and equip young people with essential skills to thrive in competitive job markets.

Commitment to Inclusiveness and Accessibility

From our early focus on inclusive sports and activities for people with disabilities, ANKA maintains a firm commitment to accessibility and inclusiveness in all our current activities. We ensure equal participation and opportunity for marginalized youth, people with disabilities, and diverse cultural backgrounds, actively promoting an inclusive society.

Capacity Building and Networking

Our experience managing national and international projects has equipped ANKA with robust competencies in project management, stakeholder collaboration, and effective implementation of youth-oriented initiatives. Our extensive network includes local municipalities, educational institutions, NGOs, and European partners, facilitating meaningful, impactful collaborations.

Slogan: Active Youth, Innovative Future

Our slogan encapsulates our growth journey and strategic evolution. Rooted in our past commitment to active lifestyles and health, it now symbolizes our dedication to activating youth leadership in innovation, sustainability, digital transformation, and social responsibility.

Looking Forward

ANKA continues to leverage its foundational strengths, seamlessly integrating our historical expertise in health, sports, and community engagement with innovative, forward-looking approaches. Our strategic transition ensures we remain relevant, impactful, and responsive to emerging youth challenges, contributing actively to creating sustainable, inclusive, and innovative societies.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?

ANKA has substantial experience derived from a diverse portfolio of activities and projects evolving from our initial focus on sports, health, and community engagement to our current key areas: **digital transformation, green transition, creativity, innovation, environmental sustainability, social inclusion, and combating youth unemployment**. Our professional team and volunteers, including educators, youth workers, environmental specialists, digital facilitators, social entrepreneurs, and creative industry professionals, have collectively contributed to impactful youth development and community-building initiatives both locally and internationally.

Main Activities and Relevant Experience

Digital Transformation and Innovation

ANKA actively runs capacity-building programs aimed at equipping youth with digital skills critical for employment, entrepreneurship, and active citizenship. Projects such as “*WeAR(eU)skudar: International Entrepreneurship and Digitalisation Academy*” and “*NGO 2.0 Platform & Automation Software*” demonstrate our expertise in enhancing digital competencies, encouraging digital entrepreneurship, and innovative thinking among youth and youth workers.

Green Transition and Environmental Sustainability

In alignment with the EU Youth Goals, Erasmus+ 2025 priorities, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, we have delivered numerous environmental projects like “*Youth4Green: Digital Leaders for a Sustainable Europe*” and “*Green Yo(E)Uth Worker*”. These initiatives empower youth to actively participate in sustainability actions, climate education, environmental advocacy, and green skills training, fostering ecological responsibility at local and international levels.

Creativity, Cultural Innovation, and Digital Storytelling

Our organisation employs creative industries, digital storytelling, multimedia production, and cultural exchange to foster youth empowerment, intercultural understanding, and innovative expression. Through engaging initiatives such as interactive storytelling workshops, digital media creation, and art-based peacebuilding projects, ANKA supports young people in expressing their identities, addressing social challenges, and enhancing community cohesion.

Social Inclusion and Fighting Youth Unemployment

We have robust experience addressing youth unemployment through comprehensive vocational training programs, career coaching, and entrepreneurship education, particularly tailored to disadvantaged and marginalized youth groups. Our past and ongoing projects have consistently prioritized developing employability skills, facilitating youth access to job markets, and promoting sustainable economic participation.

Inclusiveness, Diversity, and Accessibility

Rooted in our initial inclusive sports programs for individuals with disabilities, our commitment to social inclusion remains strong. ANKA ensures accessibility, equal opportunity, and active participation for marginalized groups in all our initiatives. Collaborations with organisations such as Istanbul Physically, Hearing, and Visually Impaired People (IPHVIP) highlight our experience in inclusive methodologies, community integration, and barrier-free program development.

Education, Training, and Capacity Building

Our active involvement in projects funded by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Türkiye, Erasmus+, and European Solidarity Corps programs underlines our extensive expertise in youth empowerment, non-formal education, and international cooperation. Notable initiatives include projects like “*Strong Club Strong Athlete*”, “*Youth in Sport Brotherhood with Sport*”, and “*Civil Society Activities Strengthened with Information and Data Security*”. These initiatives showcase our ability to design, implement, and manage diverse, impactful projects that build community capacities and foster youth engagement.

Volunteer Engagement and Community Participation

ANKA has established a dynamic volunteer network comprising university students, young professionals, educators, and civil society activists. Our volunteers actively participate in and lead educational programs, environmental campaigns, digital projects, and cultural initiatives. This strong volunteer involvement enhances the sustainability, community ownership, and impact of our initiatives.

Key Ongoing and Previous Projects Include:

- **Youth4Green (KA153-YOU)** - Digital youth leadership for environmental sustainability.
- **Green Yo(E)Uth Worker (KA153-YOU)** - Youth-led green transformation and climate education.
- **WeAR(eU)skudar (KA210-YOU)** - Entrepreneurship and digitalisation academy fostering innovation.
- **NGO 2.0 Platform & Automation Software (KA210-YOU)** - Digital transformation tools for NGOs.
- **Empowering Youth Workers through Sport (KA153-YOU)** - Capacity building in youth and community leadership through inclusive practices.

Enhanced Focus: From Past Experience to Future Innovation

Building upon our extensive background in sport, health, and inclusive community engagement, ANKA has successfully transitioned towards innovation, digital empowerment, and environmental responsibility. Our evolving journey demonstrates our flexibility, responsiveness, and capability to meet emerging youth needs and global challenges.

At ANKA, we firmly believe in leveraging digitalisation, creativity, sustainability, and inclusive methodologies as transformative forces for positive societal change. Through our continuous efforts, we remain committed to empowering youth, enhancing social cohesion, and building sustainable communities ready to face the challenges of tomorrow.

What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

ANKA's core team combines extensive expertise across diverse fields including digital transformation, innovation, environmental sustainability, youth empowerment, and social inclusion, complemented by robust backgrounds in sports, education, and community engagement.

Key Staff

Mustafa Tuncer (President & Project Manager)

Mustafa Tuncer brings over 10 years of experience in community project management, youth empowerment, and social entrepreneurship. He has successfully managed numerous large-scale projects funded by Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps, and the Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sports. Mustafa's expertise includes strategic project planning, financial oversight, international collaboration, and sustainable partnership development. He plays a critical leadership role in aligning ANKA's initiatives with European priorities and sustainability goals.

Ömer Faruk Sever (Vice President & Programme Coordinator)

Ömer Faruk Sever specializes in digitalisation, innovation management, and youth capacity building. He has coordinated several innovative projects, notably "WeAR(eU)skudar" and "NGO 2.0 Platform," facilitating the transition of ANKA's activities towards digital transformation and innovation. Ömer Faruk's skill set includes digital tools and platforms, educational technology, youth entrepreneurship, and the implementation of innovative educational methodologies to enhance youth employability and digital skills.

Reyhan Tilbaç (Corporate Relations & Intercultural Communication Expert)

Reyhan Tilbaç offers extensive experience in intercultural communication, language training, and community outreach. She coordinates ANKA's international networks, intercultural dialogues, and linguistic programs.

Reyhan excels in facilitating cultural exchange activities, digital storytelling workshops, and inclusive communication training. Her expertise is instrumental in ensuring effective collaboration across diverse communities and strengthening international partnerships.

Dr. Selin Yılmaz (Environmental Sustainability and Green Transition Expert)

Dr. Selin Yılmaz is an environmental scientist with a PhD in Sustainability and Climate Change from the Technical University of Munich. With over eight years of experience in environmental advocacy, green education, and climate resilience projects, she has worked extensively on EU-funded sustainability initiatives. Selin leads ANKA's environmental programs, focusing on climate education, ecological responsibility, and sustainable community development. She brings expertise in developing practical youth-led environmental actions and green entrepreneurship training.

Can Demirel (Digital Innovation and Creative Media Specialist)

Can Demirel holds a Master's degree in Digital Media and Communication from Erasmus University Rotterdam and has over seven years of professional experience in digital storytelling, creative design, multimedia production, and digital entrepreneurship. Can coordinates ANKA's digital innovation workshops and creative media projects, enhancing young people's digital literacy and creativity. His expertise is central to developing innovative youth-oriented digital content and fostering creative skills among disadvantaged groups.

Ayşe Nur Erdem (Youth Employment and Social Inclusion Specialist)

Ayşe Nur Erdem, with a Master's degree in Social Policy and Employment Studies from Lund University, Sweden, has substantial experience in youth employability, vocational training, and social inclusion projects. She previously worked as a consultant for youth employment initiatives across Europe, particularly addressing the integration of disadvantaged youth into the labour market. Ayşe Nur coordinates ANKA's vocational and entrepreneurship training programs, supporting young people through mentorship, career counseling, and employability workshops, significantly enhancing youth opportunities and reducing unemployment.

Team Strengths and Complementarity

ANKA's key staff collectively possess robust experience and diverse skillsets necessary to successfully execute complex, innovative, and inclusive youth projects. The team's complementary expertise in digitalisation, environmental sustainability, intercultural communication, youth employment, and innovation ensures comprehensive coverage of all thematic areas relevant to this application, facilitating impactful, sustainable, and inclusive outcomes for youth communities across Europe.

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LIST OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS

List of previous projects

Please provide a list of your previous projects for the last 3 years.

No.	Participant	Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme	Period (start and end date)	Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER)	Amount (EUR)	Website (if any)
1	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2025-1-MT01-KA153-YOU-000301566 Narratives of Peace: Innovating Conflict Resolution through Digital Storytelling Erasmus+ KA153-YOU	01/10/2025 31/03/2027	BEN	31,110.00	https://integrationandsustainability.org/
2	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2023-3-TR01-KA153-YOU-000184156 Youth4Green: Digital Leaders for a Sustainable Europe, Erasmus+ KA153-YOU	31/05/2024 30/09/2025	COO	34,346.00	https://ankagenclik.com
3	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2022-1-TR01-KA153-YOU-000080890, Green Yo(E)Uth Worker, Erasmus+ KA153-YOU	01.08.2022 31.10.2023	COO	31,546.00	https://ankagenclik.com
4	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2022-1-TR01-ESC30-SOL-000066657, Sport & Art for All, ESC30 Solidarity Corp	01.08.2022 30.07.2023	COO	6,000.00	https://ankagenclik.com
5	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2021-2-TR01-KA152-YOU-000040014, Youth in Sport Brotherhood with Sport, Erasmus+ KA152	01.01.2022 31.03.2022	COO	25,122.00	https://ankagenclik.com
6	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2021-2-TR01-KA210-YOU-000050003, "Genç Dünya Zirvesi" Gençlik Çalışanlarının ve Gönüllülerin Güçlendirilmesi, Erasmus+ KA210-YOU	30.05.2022 30.06.2023	BEN	60,000.00	https://ankagenclik.com
7	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2022-3-TR01-KA210-YOU-000095900, WeAR(eU)skudar: Uluslararası Girişimcilik ve Dijitalleşme Akademisi, Erasmus+ KA210-YOU	01.03.2023 01.06.2024	BEN	60,000.00	https://ankagenclik.com
8	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2022-3-TR01-KA210-YOU-000098175, NGO 2.0 PLATFORM & AUTOMATION SOFTWARE, Erasmus+ KA210-YOU	01.03.2023 01.06.2024	BEN	60,000.00	https://ankagenclik.com
9	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2021-GPDP-I – 59751, "COME TO SPORTS FROM 7 TO 70" Youth Projects Support Program of T.R. MINISTRY of YOUTH and SPORTS	01/01/202101/01/2022	COO	12,960.00	https://ankagenclik.com
10	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2021-GPDP-I – 59892, "STRONG CLUB STRONG ATHLETE" Youth Projects Support Program of T.R. MINISTRY of YOUTH and SPORTS	01/01/2021 01/08/2022	COO	11,885.00	https://ankagenclik.com
11	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2022-3-TR01-KA153-YOU-000100148, "Empowering Youth Workers through Sport" Erasmus+ KA153-YOU	30.06.2022 30.05.2023	BEN	25,400.00	https://ankagenclik.com
12	ANKA FUTURE AND INNOVATION ASSOCIATION	2023-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-00016 "Civil Society Activities Strengthened with Information and Data Security"Erasmus+ Erasmus+ KA220-YOU	01.01.2024 01.01.2026	BEN	250,000.00	https://ankagenclik.com