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NETWORKS INVOLVED	TGSP, TADAMON, PRİSMA, TGF, EUROPEAN SHAPERS, SHAPERS OF WORLD, EURODESK NETWORK
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	NGO, ASSOCIATION
IS IT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION?	NO
IS IT A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION?	Yes

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Story of the organization and past experiences

Brief description of the organization

Founded in 2019 in Istanbul, İlk Sen Ol Youth Movement Association (İLKSENOL) is a non-governmental organization that aims to raise awareness of social responsibility, solidarity, sports, arts, and cultural engagement among young people. The Association is a Eurodesk Contact Point.

The Association encourages young people to become solution-oriented individuals and supports them in taking an active role in humanitarian aid, sports, arts, and cultural projects. Its goal is to help young people contribute to society as self-confident, sensitive, and responsible individuals.

The Association views sport as a way of life and a means of cultural exchange, contributing to the development of healthy young people who are free from harmful habits. Through arts and cultural activities, it creates spaces for self-expression and promotes a culture of living that embraces differences as a source of richness.

Committed to human rights, democracy, equality, and the rule of law, the Association implements youth-focused projects in different parts of Türkiye and internationally, with a strong base in Istanbul.

The Association has one library, one training room, and two offices. It operates with 5 professional staff, 15 academic advisors, and more than 1,000 Hummingbird volunteers.

The Association has established partnerships in domestic and international youth exchanges and strategic partnerships (KA1 and KA2), and it carries out cooperation activities in various countries.

The Association also runs a volunteering program within the scope of the ESC50 Quality Label. It sends volunteers abroad as a sending organization and hosts volunteers as a host organization. It also holds the Lead label. In addition, the Association has KA1 Youth Accreditation and the ESC-HUMAID Quality Label.

Key partners include Marmara University, Ankara Governorship, Istanbul Medipol University, Sultangazi Municipality, and the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports.

The Association is part of national networks such as the Türkiye Youth NGOs Platform and the Türkiye Humanitarian Aid Platform, as well as international networks such as TADAMON, PRISMA, and TGF.

The Association also established its own "Shapers" network to strengthen cooperation and partnerships among organizations implementing EU projects. Capacity-building activities are planned for member organizations. Shapers of World was also founded under the chairmanship of the Association to ensure that organizations holding the European Humanitarian Aid Quality Label cooperate in ESC-HUMAID projects.

Young European Shapers (YES) – Youth Network Project (Project ID: 101313824)

Building on the Shapers initiative, the Association established and currently coordinates the Young European Shapers (YES) Network, a youth network project bringing together 17 member organisations from 13 countries: Türkiye, Serbia, Bulgaria, Poland, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Slovenia, Romania, Ukraine, Croatia, Greece, and Palestine. Coordinated by İLKSENOL, YES is designed to strengthen youth participation in democratic life, build the institutional capacity of partner youth organisations, and create structured policy dialogue between young people and decision-makers across Europe. The network operates through a year-long programme of Youth Policy Labs, a Brussels Youth Mission to EU institutions, multi-stakeholder roundtable meetings with local decision-makers, a Facilitator Academy for youth workers, online capacity-building workshops, and Local Youth Council meetings. Activities specifically prioritise young people with fewer opportunities, including NEET youth, migrants, refugees, and participants from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds or rural areas. Further information is available at <https://europeanshapers.com/yes/>.

You FuTuRe – Protect Your Future with Disaster Awareness (Project ID: 101179717)

The Association is also a partner in the You FuTuRe – Protect Your Future with Disaster Awareness project, a European Solidarity Corps initiative implemented in cooperation with Sorgun Gençlik Derneği (SORGED) and a consortium of European partners including Cruz Vermelha Portuguesa, Kallosemjeni Diakokert es Ifjakert Egyesület (Hungary), Morocco Friends Foundation, and NGO Youth Space. The project equips young people with practical competencies in disaster awareness, risk mitigation, first aid, and emergency crisis management, with the aim of strengthening community resilience and volunteer readiness. Through training activities, joint volunteering practices, and awareness campaigns, the project mobilises young volunteers as first responders within their own communities and contributes to safer, better-prepared neighbourhoods. Further information is available at <https://youfuture.org/>.

In addition to the chairperson and board members, the Association works with a general coordinator and project coordinators. It also has dedicated coordinators for international relations; climate and sustainability; inclusion and diversity; Hummingbird volunteer management; ESC projects; graphic design and social media; and humanitarian aid. Each coordinatorship works with coordinators and interns, supported by volunteers. The Association also employs a finance director and a software developer.

Alongside youth work, the Association also implements humanitarian aid projects.

Key personnel involved in projects

Members of the Association have participated in trainings, workshops, tournaments, seminars, and projects covering informal and non-formal education methods, emotional intelligence, motivation, business management, organizational working methods, problem-solving, conflict management, project management, and sports activities.

Key personnel hold at least a bachelor's degree in fields such as international business and communication, business administration, coaching, sports management, psychology, and sociology. They combine theoretical expertise with informal learning approaches to achieve the best possible results.

The Association has more than 1,000 volunteers and members, 15 academic staff, and 5 administrative staff. Academics in child education, psychology, entrepreneurship, business management, training, sports management, and innovation contribute to projects. The chairperson and professional staff are listed below:

Murat Kenan

Murat Kenan is a senior sports and youth development professional with a multidisciplinary background spanning sports management, civil society, public projects, technology, humanitarian action, and international cooperation. A graduate of Physical Education Teaching, with associate and postgraduate studies in Sports Management, he has devoted more than 25 years to professional sport, particularly karate, where he has served both as a coach and executive, while also holding coaching certifications in karate, orienteering, and handball. Throughout his career, he has led and delivered large-scale projects in areas such as marathon management, children's sports, mobile sports programs, green sports, waste management, child safeguarding, and youth-focused social inclusion, including during his tenure at Spor Istanbul, one of the world's largest municipal sports organizations. He currently serves as Chairman of the Project Board of the Turkish Karate Federation, member of the Supervisory Board and Chairman of the Projects Board of the Turkish Folk Dance Federation, founding Chairman of İlksekol Youth Movement Association, and founding board member of the Youth Research Institute. In addition to his work in sport and civil society, he has contributed to the establishment of STEM laboratories, Deneyap workshops, robotics coding centers, cybersecurity and data center initiatives in the defense industry, and mentorship and internship programs for NGOs. With over 100 publicly funded projects and more than 80 EU-funded projects completed, as well as field experience in humanitarian operations across 12 African countries, he brings strong expertise in youth engagement, volunteering, inclusion, diplomacy, sustainable development, and cross-sector partnership building.

Tuğçe Çelik

Tuğçe Çelik completed her undergraduate studies in the Department of Public Administration at Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University in 2019. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Management Sciences at Marmara University, where she is conducting research on "Digital Democracy." She is a senior Erasmus+ project manager serving as the General Coordinator of the İlk Sen Ol Youth Movement Association and the European Shapers network. She works on European Union and other national funding programmes. Specializing in Erasmus+ and ESC projects, she has contributed to the development of more than 100 projects. She has expertise in partnership building, project implementation, and reporting, and has successfully completed more than 30 projects to date. At the same time, she is involved in institutional sustainability, human resources management, and ensuring coordinated interdepartmental collaboration.

Fatma Sümeyye Şahin

Fatma Sümeyye Şahin graduated from the Faculty of Theology at Istanbul University in 2020. She is currently continuing her studies in the Department of Philosophy at Istanbul University while also pursuing her master's degree in the Psychology of Religion, where her research focuses on "Empathy Among Religious Individuals." Her academic interests are centered on the psychology of religion, interreligious relations, and empathy studies. Combining her academic work with practical field experience, Şahin plays an active role in civil society. As the President of Ahali Association, she has specialized in European Union Erasmus+, ESC, and Horizon projects, supporting the development of more than 100 projects and serving as a project manager in the implementation of more than 30 projects. She has experience in project development, international partnership management, and sustainability strategies. Simultaneously advancing her academic and civil society work, Şahin adopts an approach that brings together knowledge production and social impact.

İsmail Eren Maden

He is a graduate of Istanbul Medipol University (English Language Teaching). He has experience in youth work and civil society in roles such as project manager, trainer, international relations officer, translator, project coordinator, project developer, project trainer, and English teacher.

Şeyma Kütükçüoğlu

Şeyma Kütükçüoğlu graduated from Boğaziçi University's Department of Guidance and Psychological Counseling in 2025. Throughout her undergraduate studies, she focused on developmental psychology, youth work, group processes, and psychosocial resilience. In particular, she integrated her academic knowledge with field practice through group work with young people centered on stress management, self-compassion, and resilience. Actively involved in youth work and international projects, Kütükçüoğlu has taken part in the writing, coordination, and implementation of European Union Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) projects. She has experience in international partnership development, project design, impact measurement, and sustainability strategies. Pursuing her academic and civil society work simultaneously, Kütükçüoğlu adopts an approach that combines knowledge production with social impact, focusing on youth empowerment, strengthening social resilience, and fostering inclusive communities.

Zafer Karakuş

He graduated in 2025 from Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University (Sociology). He is responsible for leadership and volunteering projects, partnership development, and sending volunteers abroad. He participated in Youth Leadership training organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Turkish Youth NGOs Platform. In 2021, he took part in an ESC project in Bulgaria, which marked the beginning of his EU projects pathway, and he shares this experience in other projects.

Murat Can Budak

He graduated from Psychological Counseling and Guidance and completed a double major in Psychology. As a project coordinator, he contributes to writing, planning, and implementing Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) projects. He works directly with young people by designing programs and workshops to support their development and well-being. His dual academic background strengthens his approach by combining psychological expertise with project management to empower young people.

Merve Şule Kolatan

She works on graphic design and media content and uses Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Canva, and Figma.

Yakup Dağıtmaç

He supports budgeting and budget management processes as the Association's professional accountant.

Yunus Aydoğan

He manages the Association's IT infrastructure and digitalization processes.

Active part-time staff

Elif Nur Usta

She is open to self-improvement and committed to lifelong learning. Her international travel experiences have contributed to her personal and professional development. She is strong in interpersonal communication and continues to build competence in psychology and foreign languages. Her work focuses on representing her country in the best possible way through her role.

Kaan Mete

Kaan Mete was born in 2001. Since 2020, he has been actively involved as a volunteer in NGOs and youth work. Within our association, he serves as the coordinator of the Climate Crisis and Sustainability Workshop. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Industrial Policy and Technology Management at Istanbul Commerce University. He also completed his undergraduate studies at the same university in Public Relations and Advertising. In addition, Kaan Mete provides voluntary support in our projects and has ongoing work in the field of social responsibility, while also continuing to develop himself in entrepreneurship.

External experts previously engaged

Mahmut Talha Sağlıklı

A highly qualified sports professional who contributes significantly to sports projects.

Aslı Çelik

A public-sector English teacher with experience in writing, managing, implementing, and facilitating projects.

Seval Taşkın

An experienced humanitarian professional with strong regional knowledge, including field exposure in Africa; she supports humanitarian coordination.

Hatice Sururi

Holds a PhD in Economics and has published scientific articles; she supports research components.

Elif Habip

Holds a PhD in Business Administration and has published scientific articles; her work focuses on entrepreneurship and green entrepreneurship.

Aykan Alan

Experienced in sports performance assessment and in planning individualized training programs.

Doğancan Gür

Contributes to project management through experience as both an athlete and a manager.

Seda Karakaya

A fourth-year student of Russian Language and Literature at Erciyes University; she has a neuromuscular physical disability (SMA).

Serhat Şentürk

An intern at the Association and an Electrical Engineering student at Yıldız Technical University; he develops his skills through ESC/Erasmus+ project writing trainings and Eurodesk project-writing training.

Elif Bilge Karavelioğlu

A second-year student in English Translation and Interpretation at Marmara University and an intern at the Association; she has advanced English and basic Spanish skills, completed a two-week English course in the UK, and has experience in Erasmus+, ESC, and sports volunteering (including guiding in sports activities).

Meryem Kar

Holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing and a thesis-based master's degree, and is currently in the thesis phase of a second master's degree in Intensive Care Nursing. She has clinical experience in neonatal and pediatric emergency care and works as a lecturer, contributing to practical nursing education, research, and project work.

Hilal Steinmetz

Contributes to project writing, management, and reporting. She holds a degree in Guidance and Psychological Counseling and studied in Poland for 9 months via Erasmus+. She has ESC experience in the Czech Republic and Poland and has been involved in projects since 2017 focusing on human rights, inclusive education, child development, and volunteering, with strengths in communication, Montessori pedagogy, and working with disadvantaged groups, especially migrants and women.

PROJECTS

Erasmus+ Projects (Applicant: İLKSENOL)

Program	Project Title	Year	Project Number
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Erasmus+	Sport Culture	2020	2020-2-TR01-KA105-095879
Erasmus+	Unity in Diversity	2020	2020-2-TR01-KA105-095692
Erasmus+	European Migration Stories	2021	2021-1-TR01-ESC30-SOL-000036564
Erasmus+	Turkey Active Volunteering Summit	2021	2021-2-TR01-KA154-YOU-000040971
Erasmus+	Let's Break Barriers Together	2022	2022-1-TR01-ESC30-SOL-000064954
Erasmus+	Include Combine	2022	2022-1-TR01-KA152-YOU-000062269
Erasmus+	Green Footprint	2022	2022-2-TR01-KA152-YOU-000090577
Erasmus+	Volunteer Stories	2022	2022-2-TR01-KA153-YOU-000090685
Erasmus+	Young Humanitarian Aid (YOUNANITARIAN AID)	2022	2022-3-TR01-KA154-YOU-000102541
Erasmus+	Volunteer Against Hate	2022	2022-3-TR01-KA152-YOU-000099956
Erasmus+	Rest - 7 Types of Rest Every Human Needs	2023	2023-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000152886
Sport	Supportive Activities for Empowerment	2024	ERASMUS-SPORT-2024-SSCP
Erasmus+	SDG Explorers	2025	2024-1-TR01-KA151-YOU-000224504
Erasmus+	Cybera	2025	2024-1-TR01-KA151-YOU-000224504
Erasmus+	European Shapers: Alliance for Tomorrow	2025	2024-1-TR01-KA151-YOU-000224504
Erasmus+	Sustainology NextGen	2025	2025-1-TR01-KA151-YOU-000297882
Erasmus+	NEET for Enter + Ability	2025	2025-1-TR01-KA151-YOU-000297882
Erasmus+	Young European Shapers (YES)	2025/2026	101313824

ESC Programs

Program	Project Title	Year	Project Number
ESC	Team Volunteering	2022	2022-2-BE05-ESC51-VTJ-000096665
ESC51	ESC 51	2023	2023-1-RO01-ESC51-VTJ-000118009
ESC	Short Term Individual Volunteer	2024	2023-1-RO01-ESC51-VTJ-000118009
ESC	Short Term Individual Volunteer	2024	2023-1-RO01-ESC51-VTJ-000118009
ESC	Short Term Individual Volunteer	2024	2023-1-RO01-ESC51-VTJ-000118009
ESC	Long Term Individual Volunteer	2024	2023-1-RO01-ESC51-VTJ-000118009
ESC	Short Term Individual Volunteer	2024	2023-1-RO01-ESC51-VTJ-000118009
ESC	Short Term Individual Volunteer	2025	2024-1-PL01-ESC51-VTJ-000209712
ESC	Long Term Individual Volunteer	2025	2024-1-PL01-ESC51-VTJ-000209712
ESC	Short Term Individual Volunteer	2025	2024-1-PL01-ESC51-VTJ-000209712
ESC	Long Term Individual Volunteer	2025	2024-1-PL01-ESC51-VTJ-000210669
ESC51	Short Term Foreign Voluntary	2025	2024-2-TR01-ESC51-VTJ-000288106
ESC51	Short Term Foreign Voluntary	2025	2024-2-TR01-ESC51-VTJ-000288106

ESC51	Long Term Foreign Volunteer	2025	2024-2-TR01-ESC51-VTJ-000288106
ESC51	Short Term Local Volunteer	2025	2024-2-TR01-ESC51-VTJ-000288106
ESC	You FuTuRe – Protect Your Future with Disaster Awareness	2025/2026	101179717

OUR PROJECT PARTNERSHIPS

Program	Project Name	Year	Country
Erasmus+	Project Horizons	2023	Romania
Erasmus+	Young People Fight Racism	2023	Italy
Erasmus+	Study Visit Istanbul	2023	Belgium
Erasmus+	EmpowerSDGs: Gaming for Global Impact	2023	Spain
Erasmus+	InEvo-2023 PBE Ohrid	2023	Romania
Erasmus+	CyberSafe	2023	Poland
Erasmus+	Crossroads between West and East	2024	Belgium
Erasmus+	Recross	2025	Italy
Erasmus+	NATURE'S CLASSROOM	2025	Croatia
Erasmus+	Digi Generation	2025	Spain