Erasmus+

LAKE PROTECTORS OF ANOTOLIA

TÜRKİYE ULUSAL AJANSI
TURKISH NATIONAL AGENCY

IF YOU WANT THEM ALWAYS FLY, DO NOT LET THE LAKE GET DRY.

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BALIKESİR
TURKEY

Hey Dear Participant!

Welcome on board; your host organization is speaking. This an Erasmus+ flight into a more eco-friendly lifestyle and more skills to protect our world! Get ready for this unique journey, and we are waiting for you to warm lovely Turkey!

Partner Organizations

- Lake Protectors of Anatolia - Turkey
- ECO POWER - Poland
- EKO-ZHIVOT KAVADARCI - Macedonia
- OCTOP'US - France
- ASOCIACION VIAJE A LA SOSTENIBILIDAD - Spain
- Estonian Nautical School - Estonia

Summary of our project

We can say that Kuşcenneti National Park and Manyas Lake, awarded with the 'A Class' diploma by the Council of Europe, have been taken to the intensive care unit due to environmental pollution, and if the necessary intervention is not performed, Kuşcenneti will lose its national park feature and Manyas lake will dry. It has been revealed by recent studies that the spread rate of nitrogen and phosphorus in Manyas lake is around seventy percent. The lack of oxygen in the water disrupted the lake's natural life balance and surrounded the lake by 2-3 meters of the marsh. The feeding resources of birds have decreased. Heavy metals accumulate in the bodies of birds and pose a serious threat to their lives. Paddy, corn, sugar beet, sunflowers are planted on the lands around the lake; these agricultural areas are irrigated with filthy lake water, after which these drainage waters reach the lake, and the lake is exposed to pesticide pollution.

To protect the biological diversity and sustainability of Manyas Lake, the treatment of industrial and mining organizations polluting the lake - which they do not want to operate due to commercial concerns - should be ensured. Pesticide pollution in the lake should be prevented, and natural treatments in settlements located on the shores of the lake should be run.

Summary of our project

If we list our goals with the information we shared above:

- Understanding what the ecosystem means
- Understanding what needs to be done to protect the ecosystem,
- Carrying out new studies for the protection of the ecosystem,
- Attracting the attention of decision-makers to create new policies for the protection of the ecosystem,
- Attracting the attention of the local people about environmental pollution,
- To ensure that new studies are carried out to reduce environmental pollution,
- Understanding the importance of lakes and water resources,
- To draw attention to the effective use of lakes and water resources,
- To know the Lakes and Wetlands Action Plan by more people,
- Providing support to the action plan by more people,
- Learning environmental and nature policies,
- Mobilizing decision-makers to prevent climate change,

Summary of our project

- Understanding and contributing to the European Union 2030 environmental policy,
- The formation of the European Union citizenship phenomenon,
- The increase of our participants' development based on key competencies,
- Take attention to National Afforestation Day
- Ensuring the recognition of the Erasmus + program,
- Knowing the opportunities provided by Erasmus + program,
- Increased number of participations in projects supported by Erasmus + program,
- Increased number of volunteers,
- A number of volunteers are developing in terms of quality.
- More people recognize Manyas Lake,
- More people recognize Kuscenneti National Park,
- To carry out new studies to protect the eggs of the birds that lay their eggs in the Bird Paradise National Park on the migration route of migratory birds,
- Taking measures to protect Lake Manyas and the Bird Paradise,

Profile of Participants

We have planned to organize our project with 36 participants in total. Each country will be represented with 5 participants (17-30 years old) and 1 group leader (no age limit). While we prepare our project, we decided at least 3 participants must be:

- High motivation to participate,
- Interested in ecology, sustainable lifestyle, eco-friendly lifestyle,
- Having educational, economic, or cultural obstacles,
- Did not have a chance to participate in Erasmus+ program possibilities before,

The other two participants might be selected by our partner organizations in terms of their organizational approach to their volunteers or target groups.
Please ask for Europass cv and motivation letter to candidates during the selection process. We also recommend you prepare special questions to see the candidate's motivation. While you select participants, please keep gender balance!

Project Budget

Project rules will be in terms of the Erasmus+ program. Our project budget will cover 3 meals per day, 2 coffee breaks, accommodation during activities, and travel costs up to limits. Out of these, you are only responsible for your personal costs during activities.

Travel Budget:

Turkey - 0
France - 275
Estonia - 275
Poland - 275
Spain - 360
Macedonia - 275

For travel cost reimbursements, you have to provide:

- The tickets
- The original boarding passes (if you take them from the airport) or a copy of the online boarding pass if you check-in online.
- An invoice for the purchase of the tickets.
- Any original and validated ticket for public local transportation in your country or Turkey as part of your journey.

Traveling Plans :

Participants should reach Istanbul first. Then we will organize your private transfers from Istanbul to the project hotel. We will share a special traveling plan according to each country. We want you to make eco-friendly, comfortable, and economical traveling plans. Please let us know when the project group is ready, and we will help you with travel plans!

Accommodation :

We will have our accommodation in Erdek or Bandırma area. This area is very close to Manyas Lake and the Marmara Sea coast. Due to covid rules, we can not make an early reservation, but we will let you know soon about that.

Special Needs :

We will send a list to see the special needs of participants to prepare for them. Please wait for the list after the selection of participants.

What to Bring

- The weather will be warm and delightful during our project time. Please prepare your luggage according to the current forecast.
- We use Turkish lira in our country. But no worries, you can exchange euro and dollar easily in any bank exchange offices. Visa-MasterCard is valid everywhere as well.
- Laptops: Laptops are not mandatory, but if each national team brings one laptop, it will be helpful for the teams to use digital tools for some of the activities.
- Your own medicines and toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, etc.) If you have any health problems (orthopedical, cardiac, etc.), please clarify this on the Participant Questionnaire, or send an email to the coordinating team.

Please join our project group on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/ifyouwantthemalwaysflydonotletthelakegetdry

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