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Who we are

Akdeniz Üçüncü Göz Eğitim ve Gençlik Derneği (Third Eye Education and Youth Association of Mediterranean-TEAM) is situated in Kazanlı - Mersin – Turkey.

T.E.A.M. was founded in 2009 in order to protect the wild and natural life with the local community and youth in and around Mersin. We especially care alot with the Sea-Turtles (Caretta-Caretta and CheloniaMydas), which leave their eggs on the coast of Kazanlı-Mersin and are under the risk of extinction. We act as an **EVS** coordinating organisation in Mersin (sending and hosting volunteers), give training course to youths, build up awareness and European citizenship by volunteering. Our organization is promoting international and intercultural values, also youth initiatives and projects in the local community.

The nearest airport is in Adana, which is on the east of Mersin and 60 km far from Mersin. After selecting volunteers and arranging their flights, we give detailed info about where and how to meet with the volunteers.

Kazanlı is a small town which belongs to Mersin and 15 km far from Mersin city centre. It is also one of the important place for Sea Turtles hatchling. (Caretta-Caretta and CheloniaMydas species)

The turtles' season is between **May and October** so in the rest of the time we give more attention to create awareness about environmental protection, recycling, reusing, reducing among youth and children via theatrical plays, games, flash mobs, etc depend on our groups' creativity.

One of the most important priorities for the project is the promotion of active citizenship spirit, the empowerment of voluntarism and of the spirit of collaboration and solidarity to youth groups.

What we do

Activities from the weekly program:

- Meeting with mentors and project coordinator discussion - briefing
- Cleaning the coast where turtles lay their eggs (the main activity for 12 months)**
- Preparing media about environmental protection
- Turkish Language support
- Meeting with local people and informative activities about environment
- Informative workshops – creating awareness about environmental protection, recycling, reusing, reducing among youth and children via theatre play, games, flash mobs depend on our groups' creativity.

During Turtle Season, the volunteers are cleaning the beach in the late afternoon and walking along the beach at nights in order to monitor and protect the Mama and Baby sea-turtles from the predators such as dogs, crabs, etc.

The volunteers will be active in the project for 35 hours per week (language lessons are the part of it). Arrival and departure days do not make the part of volunteering time. The volunteering schedule may also vary with time – some periods will be more busy, and some will be much more flexible. The planning of the activities the volunteer has to build up together with the host organization.

Food and Accommodation

Accommodation and board will be covered by the Turkish National Agency. %100 of Travel costs are covered by the Turkish National Agency.

We will provide sufficient food and accommodation for the volunteers. The volunteers are responsible to cook their meal 2 by 2 on each weekday.

Volunteers will be accommodated in 3 flats and share the common space and the bedroom mostly four people in one room. The flat is situated near the project area and has double bedrooms, kitchen, living room and all other facilities. There are mainly sufficient materials like internet, fridge, kettle, oven, hot water, etc. in the flat.

Language Support

We provide Turkish language lesson training; a total of 3 hours in a week, which include vital language features which a volunteer will need to communicate with the local people easily and smoothly especially when he/she sets out for any activity in downtown, city center or other places where he/she would like to go.

Expected Learning Outcomes

European Volunteer Service is based on the principals of non-formal education. This gives learning opportunities outside schools, universities, and other similar institutions.

Without doubts, the volunteer will learn a lot throughout the project period, and sometimes about the things he/she could not even expect from the beginning. In order to make the volunteer's learning as efficient as possible, he/she has to take the responsibility for it, and to put clear aims, about what he/she wishes to learn, and how to achieve it.

The volunteers will be supported in the following and evaluating their learning process that will result in [European level certificate Youthpass](#), which is recognized throughout Europe.

We deeply wish to let this **EVS** place open for young people with a strong motivation to be a volunteer, and to continue after their **EVS** projects to be volunteers in their life and hopefully keep in touch with our organization and their sending organization.

Further Information

If you want further information of Turkey, check the link below.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T%C3%BCrkiye>

If you want further information of Mersin, check the link below.

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