


# Yasar University

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**Type of organisation:**

SME  School  University  Public Authority   
Training  No Profit  NGO

Other (Specify)

**Fields of action:**

SMEs  Youth  Universities  Public Authorities   
Equal opportunities  Schools  Unemployed

Other (Specify)

## Description of the organisation

### YAŞAR UNIVERSITY – TURKEY

Established in 2001 in İzmir –Turkey, Yasar University has quickly become an ideal environment for research, personal development and learning by its 9 faculties (Law, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Engineering, Communication, Art and Design, Science and Letters, Architecture, Business and Humanities), 2 graduate schools, vocational school, EU Research Centre, Open and Distance Learning Centre, Knowledge & Technology Transfer Office and Continuing Education Centre.

Yasar university serves 9403 students in total including 1269 associate degree students, 7294 undergraduates and 840 graduate and postgraduate students. The University has a workforce of 422 academic and 247 administrative staff. Over 62 degree programs are offered in its departments and institutions with English as the medium of instruction for most of the programmes.

Yaşar University has participated in around 85 different EU projects as coordinator and partner, developed around 200 partnership agreements from the EU countries under Erasmus programme and has cooperation with several European countries by its international projects and activities.

### SUCCESS AND AWARDS

- ✓ **“Erasmus Success Story in EU Erasmus Intensive Programme Projects”** awarded by the European Commission in 2012.
- ✓ **“ECTS Label”** awarded by the European Commission in 2012.
- ✓ **“Diploma Supplement Label”** awarded by the European Commission in 2011.
- ✓ **“Erasmus Success Story”** awarded by the European Commission in 2010. In the success story brochure, Yaşar University, as the only Turkish university was published with 20 other European universities.
- ✓ **“Certificate of Quality in Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility”** awarded by Turkish National Agency in 2014
- ✓ **“European Language Label”, 2012:**
  - YU Foreign Languages School with their project, “Extra-Curricular Activities”
  - YU EU Center with the project, “Turkish Intensive Language Course”

## Experience of the organization in previous European projects

At Yaşar University, European Union Research Center coordinates the management of all EU funded projects. The center functions to stimulate and strengthen the participation of Yaşar University in European research programmes and projects; develops and participates in EU projects under different EU Programmes, organizes seminars, trainings and certificate programmes on EU specific matters, support the mobilization of students and academics for exchange of knowledge with various EU universities and research centers.

The Center is responsible for the administrative coordination of all EU funded projects at Yaşar University and involved in around 85 EU projects as coordinator or partner by 2017. Also the Center functions as a facilitator between the international and regional partners with its successfully established close relations with the public institutions, NGOs, other universities and research centers.

Yaşar University is one of the most active Turkish universities in Erasmus + projects with its involvement in 8 different KA2 Strategic Partnership projects and 4 ongoing Jean Monnet modules. It is the recipient of Horizon 2020 Programme European Researchers’ Night Project for 2016 and 2017, a partner in two FP7 projects on energy efficiency, a Horizon 2020 project on optimization techniques in architecture and holds four Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Modules in the fields of migration, project management, European cultural identity and journalism. Yasar University is also an accredited European Voluntary Service organization and implement EVS projects within the framework of Erasmus+ programme on a regular basis as a sending and coordinating institution.

EU Center also organises several seminars and certificate programmes in regard to current EU issues and project management (PCM) methodology, as well as developing national and international partnerships with other distinguished HEIs and research centers.

Further information on EU Projects at Yasar University is available at <http://euc.yasar.edu.tr/> .

## Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

Yasar University has been coordinating several project related to the project's subject area. Please find some of the selected projects' details below:

### **Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Module - Migration-Security Nexus in the EU (MIG-EU)**

The purpose of this module is to present a course content on the migration-security nexus in Europe for researchers, graduate students, NGO representatives, journalists and professionals from public bodies that working on migration and asylum issues.

<http://euc.yasar.edu.tr/migration-security-nexus-in-the-eu-mig-eu/>

### **Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnerships in the Field of Youth-Empowering Youth Workers to Reach Out Young Migrants and Refugees**

The aim of the project is to develop and test an innovative training curriculum for youth workers to support them in reaching out to young migrants and refugees, and increase youth workers' competences and foster their professional development.

<http://euc.yasar.edu.tr/empowering-youth-workers-to-reach-out-young-migrants-and-refugees/>

### **ERSC Urgent Research Grants – MEDMIG- Mediterranean Migration Crisis -**

The research aimed to better understand the dynamics of migration in the Mediterranean region by providing the first large-scale, systematic and comparative study of the backgrounds, experiences, aspirations and routes of migrants in four European countries (Italy, Greece, Malta and Turkey) gathered from 550 migrants who have recently arrived and 100 stakeholders.

<http://euc.yasar.edu.tr/mediterranean-migration-crisis-research/>

### **7th Framework IRSES Project: Transatlantic Perspectives in a Changing Global Context: Multilateralism through Regionalism**

The main aim of this proposal is to establish and strengthen long-term new research partnerships between European Research Area (ERA) institutions and respected research institutions in USA that are specifically working on European studies. The proposal aims to create a network platform that involves partners awarded as Jean Monnet Center of Excellence in EU Studies, foster transfer and exchange of knowledge with a special focus on Euro-Transatlantic comparative perspective.

### **EU Erasmus Intensive Programme Project: Musical Understanding of Society in Europe (MUSE)**

The IP aims to provide students; the conceptual, analytical and performance skills, the factual knowledge to think critically about and develop an understanding of the political, sociological and cultural dynamics of the European Society and the European History of Music in an interdisciplinary context.

## Contributions that can be provided to the project

Yasar University will contribute in all steps of the project from supporting the project management, the organization and assessment of quality and to evaluation issues as well as of dissemination and exploitation.

## Reasons of involvement in the project

Yasar University EU Center aims to develop and participate to new EU projects under different EU grants, organize seminars, trainings and certificate programmes on EU specific matters, support the mobilization of students and academics for exchange of knowledge with various EU universities and research centers.

With this project, Yasar University will enhance further international cooperation with the project partners. The center already has an expertise in migration, intercultural learning, xenophobia, security and European integration topics. However, Yasar University will have the opportunity to enhance expertise in the role of school education for the enhancement of social inclusion, through a peer to peer transnational knowledge sharing experience for a mutual understanding of religious habits and beliefs and through a critical analysis of the role played by the culture and religion in history of mankind.

### **Contact Person's Experience and Expertise**

Assist.Prof.Dr. Gökay ÖZERİM is the Director of European Union Research Center and Faculty Member at International Relations Department at Yasar University. Prof. Özerim will contribute to the project outputs with his expertise in migration, intercultural learning, xenophobia, security and European integration. His main study fields are international migration, security and European integration process. In 2004, Dr. Ozerim worked for a non-governmental immigrant organization in Ancona, Italy. He was awarded by the Chevening Scholarship of UK Government in 2010 and carried out his researches in the Centre of Migration, Politics and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford as part of his PhD studies. In 2014, he has been at the Institute of European Studies in University of California, Berkeley as a Marie Curie visiting scholar. In 2016, he was awarded a Jean Monnet Module by his course on security-migration nexus in the EU. In addition to his academic studies, he has been working as non-formal trainer in youth and adult training projects since 2008 particularly focusing on the fields of intercultural learning, project management, integration, volunteerism and social responsibility. Dr Ozerim has been involved in more than 30 European projects as coordinator, consultant or trainer and e working as lifelong learning/youth projects trainer since 2005.