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Mental Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing

Partner Identification Form · Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University (AYBU), Türkiye

Why include AYBU in your consortium? Psychosocial support for learners, parents and employees, based on running Erasmus+ projects. AYBU is a public university in Ankara with an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and 28 Erasmus+ cooperation projects in the Commission's project database since 2014, 17 as coordinator. One contact for every thematic profile: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Musab Talha Akpınar, mtakpinar@aybu.edu.tr.

1. Five reasons specific to this theme

1. Beneficiary of a running KA220-SCH project on supporting grieving students
2. Completed adult education project on post-partum psychological support
3. Published research on toxic leadership, burnout and psychological capital
4. Research centres for psychology and for psychiatry and behavioural neuroscience
5. Survey expertise for measuring wellbeing outcomes

2. Thematic institutional profile

Two Erasmus+ projects give AYBU practical experience of psychosocial support: Empathetic Classrooms (2025–2028) equips teachers to support grieving pupils, and MotherCare (2022–2024) offered psychological and pedagogic support to mothers after childbirth. Business School research adds the workplace dimension, with studies on abusive supervision, toxic leadership, psychological capital, burnout and employee happiness. Research centres for psychology and for psychiatry and behavioural neuroscience provide clinical and counselling expertise within the university.

Relevant faculties, departments and centres

- Psychology Research Centre
- Psychiatry and Behavioural Neuroscience Research Centre
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Psychology)
- Business School
- Family and Society Research Centre

Research and training infrastructure

- Psychology Research Centre
- Training materials from Empathetic Classrooms and MotherCare

3. Relevant previous projects

Project number	Title	Action	Call	AYBU role	EU grant (project)	Status
2025-1-NL01-KA220-SCH-000354239	Empathetic Classrooms: Equipping Teachers to Support Grieving Students	Cooperation partnerships in school education	2025	Partner	EUR 250 000	Ongoing
2022-1-NL01-KA220-ADU-000086205	PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PEDAGOGIC SUPPORT TO THE MOTHERS IN POST-PARTUM PERIOD	Cooperation partnerships in adult education	2022	Partner	EUR 120 000	Completed
2021-2-TR01-KA220-YOU-000049540	DIGITAL YOUTH LIFE HEALTH PLATFORM	Cooperation partnerships in youth	2021	Coordinator	EUR 345 039	Completed

Source: European Commission, Erasmus+ project lists, export of 19.11.2026. Grant = total EU grant of the project as awarded.

4. Key academic experts

Expert	Unit	Relevance to this theme	Profile
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Semih Ceyhan	Business School – Management (Management and Organisation)	Leads AYBU's work in Empathetic Classrooms; led MotherCare	AVESIS
Prof. Dr. Hasan Engin Şener	Business School – Management (Management and Organisation)	Toxic leadership, psychological capital, teacher burnout	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Burak Ekmekçioğlu	Business School – Management (Management and Organisation)	Abusive supervision, employee happiness and wellbeing at work	AVESIS
Res. Asst. Dr. Cansu Ergenç Özdaş	Business School – Management (quantitative methods and statistics)	Statistical analysis of health and quality-of-life studies	AVESIS

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Semih Ceyhan. Associate Professor of Management at the AYBU Business School, teaching strategic management, entrepreneurship, project development and sustainability in business. His research addresses SME performance, green human resource management, green information systems and digital technology use. He has worked on Erasmus+ partnerships since 2014, leads AYBU's team in Empathetic Classrooms and served as senior expert in an EU technical assistance project. Teaching covers strategic Management; Project Development and Management; Entrepreneurship; BUS 318 Sustainability and Business.

Prof. Dr. Hasan Engin Şener. Professor of Management and Organisation at the AYBU Business School, working on public administration, public policy analysis, strategic management and leadership. He has contributed to EU-supported and UNDP projects for Turkish ministries, leads an AYBU research project on the societal acceptance of AI in health and

is an accredited external evaluator of the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council and an ISO 9001 internal auditor. Teaching covers strategic management, public administration and human resource management; also teaches at Ahmet Yesevi and Gazi universities.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Burak Ekmekçioğlu. Associate Professor of Management and Organisation and Vice Dean of the AYBU Business School, with 23 Scopus-indexed publications and a Scopus h-index of 9. He studies leadership, knowledge sharing, green human resource management and employees' environmental behaviour, mostly in small and medium-sized enterprises, and teaches organisational behaviour and teamwork. His survey and modelling expertise supports needs analysis and impact evaluation. Teaching covers organizational Behavior; Team Work and Group Dynamics. Research record on AVESIS: 71 publications (23 in Scopus), Scopus h-index 9 (262 citations), Google Scholar h-index 19.

5. Keywords

psychosocial wellbeing · grief support in schools · teacher wellbeing · post-partum support · mental health literacy · workplace wellbeing · toxic leadership · burnout prevention · psychological capital · student wellbeing · resilience · empathy training · supportive school climate · parent support · wellbeing measurement

6. Alignment with Erasmus+ 2027

Inclusion and wellbeing of learners and educators; support for the teaching profession; mental health of young people.

Relevant 2027 action	Deadline (Brussels time)	Grant per project	Role AYBU can take
Cooperation Partnerships in school education	9 March 2027, 12:00 Brussels time	Lump sum EUR 120 000, 250 000 or 400 000	Coordinator and partner
Cooperation Partnerships in adult education	9 March 2027, 12:00 Brussels time	Lump sum EUR 120 000, 250 000 or 400 000	Coordinator and partner
Cooperation Partnerships in higher education	9 March 2027, 12:00 Brussels time	Lump sum EUR 120 000, 250 000 or 400 000	Coordinator and partner
Cooperation Partnerships in youth	9 March 2027, 12:00 Brussels time	Lump sum EUR 120 000, 250 000 or 400 000	Coordinator and partner
Cooperation Partnerships in vocational education and training	9 March 2027, 12:00 Brussels time	Lump sum EUR 120 000, 250 000 or 400 000	Coordinator and partner

7. What AYBU can contribute

Contributions described here are potential contributions based on verified institutional capacity; they become commitments only in a signed proposal. Named experts are proposed on the basis of their published work and their participation in a given proposal is subject to their confirmation.

Potential project objectives

- Give teachers and trainers tools to support learners in distress
- Promote healthy leadership and wellbeing in workplaces and schools
- Measure wellbeing outcomes of interventions

Potential activities

- Needs assessment among teachers or employees
- Training modules on psychosocial support
- Peer support and supervision schemes
- Outcome measurement with validated scales

Work packages AYBU could lead or co-lead

- Needs assessment
- Training and resources
- Piloting in schools or workplaces
- Evaluation and guidelines

Training modules AYBU could deliver

- Supporting a grieving learner
- Wellbeing-oriented leadership
- Building psychological capital

Potential deliverables

- Needs assessment
- Training modules and classroom resources
- Peer support guide
- Evaluation report

Potential pilot activities

- Teacher training pilot in partner schools
- Wellbeing programme pilot with employees or students

Target groups AYBU can reach

- Teachers and school leaders
- Students
- Employees and managers
- Parents

Expected institutional contribution

- Training design from running projects
- Workplace wellbeing research
- Outcome measurement and statistics

- Pilots with schools in Ankara
- Dissemination

8. Management, quality and dissemination capacity

EU projects at AYBU are run by academic project teams with support from the Business School's projects office and the Competitiveness and Innovation Research Centre (REKMER). Financial administration follows Turkish public financial management and control legislation (Law No. 5018); EU grants are kept in dedicated project accounts and the university is subject to external audit by the Turkish Court of Accounts. In the Commission's project database AYBU appears in 28 Erasmus+ cooperation, policy and Jean Monnet projects from call years 2014–2026, 17 of them as coordinator; 9 are running today.

For each project AYBU proposes a quality plan with internal peer review of deliverables, milestone monitoring and partner feedback surveys. The university operates an institutional quality management system under the national Higher Education Quality Council framework, and Business School staff include an accredited external evaluator of that Council.

AYBU disseminates through its institutional website and faculty pages, official social media accounts, a community of more than 26 000 students and about 2 600 staff, its partner universities and its links with ministries, municipalities, chambers and Teknopark Ankara. Multiplier events and training activities can be hosted on its Ankara campuses, and online courses can be delivered through the Distance Education Research Centre.

Results can be sustained through courses in degree programmes, certificate programmes of the Continuing Education Centre, online delivery by the Distance Education Research Centre and follow-up funding from national programmes such as TÜBİTAK. Open publication of materials is the default.

9. Partners we would like to work with

- Psychology departments and counselling centres
- Schools and school authorities
- Mental health NGOs
- Teacher training institutions
- Employers

10. Organisation identification

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12. Links

- University: https://aybu.edu.tr
- Business School: https://aybu.edu.tr/isletme/en
- Academic profiles (AVESIS): https://avesis.aybu.edu.tr
- AYBU projects in the Erasmus+ project database: https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects

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