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Active Ageing and Digital Inclusion of Older Adults

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

Why include AYBU in your consortium? Digital inclusion and active ageing, drawing on a coordinated Erasmus+ project with a municipality. 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. Coordinator of a completed Erasmus+ project on digital inclusion of older adults
2. Project cooperation with a district municipality serving older residents
3. Research on AI in smart homes for independent living
4. Expertise in privacy for wearable health devices
5. Health research centres relevant to healthy ageing

2. Thematic institutional profile

AYBU coordinated the Erasmus+ adult education project Golden Age Platform (2020–2023), which created virtual learning environments for the digital inclusion of older adults in cooperation with a district municipality. Research on AI-enabled smart home technology for independent living, on privacy in wearable health devices and on trust in digital public services complements this experience, and health research centres on the musculoskeletal system and on chronic disease offer links to healthy ageing.

Relevant faculties, departments and centres

- Continuing Education Centre
- Distance Education Research Centre
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Musculoskeletal System Studies Research Centre
- Department of Management Information Systems

Research and training infrastructure

- Learning environment and materials from the Golden Age Platform project
- Continuing Education Centre

3. Relevant previous projects

Project number	Title	Action	Call	AYBU role	EU grant (project)	Status
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
2020-1-TR01-KA204-094736	Golden Age Platform: Inclusion of Senior Citizens to Virtualised Environments with Lifelong Learning Facilities	Strategic Partnerships for adult education	2020	Coordinator	EUR 189 378	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
Asst. Prof. Dr. Mazlum Özçağdavul	Business School – Management Information Systems	AI-enabled smart homes for older adults; privacy in wearable devices	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Musab Talha Akpınar	Business School – Management Information Systems	Technology acceptance research applicable to older users	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vildan Ateş	Business School – Management Information Systems	Trust in digital public services; accessibility tools	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Semih Ceyhan	Business School – Management (Management and Organisation)	Adult education project management	AVESIS

Asst. Prof. Dr. Mazlum Özçağdavul. Assistant Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Management Information Systems at the AYBU Business School, with a Nottingham master's degree and a doctorate in digital forensics. He works on GDPR-compliant smart city applications, privacy in wearable health devices, AI in digital forensics and cloud computing, and took part in the Erasmus+ project Refugee Class Assistance for Teachers. Teaching covers management information systems courses. Research record on AVESIS: 11 publications, 2 projects.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Musab Talha Akpınar. Vice Dean of the AYBU Business School and Associate Professor of Management Information Systems. His research addresses smart cities, technology acceptance, AI adoption and data-driven digital governance. He leads AYBU's work in the Erasmus+ Alliance for Innovation BIAD on AI-enabled skills analysis and micro-credentials, has taken part in Erasmus+ partnerships since 2016 and is the author of Smart Cities: Cases and Implications (2023). Teaching covers management information systems courses in the English-taught MIS programme (smart cities, business intelligence and AI-related subjects in the departmental curriculum).

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vildan Ateş. Associate Professor of Management Information Systems at the AYBU Business School, with sixteen years of earlier IT practice. Her recent studies measure AI literacy among university students, AI anxiety among vocational school students and generative AI acceptance among employees; she also publishes on data

governance, trust in e-government and cloud security and took part in the Digital Türkiye Index project. Teaching covers courses in the English-taught Management Information Systems programme. Research record on AVESIS: 91 publications (9 in Scopus), 11 theses supervised.

5. Keywords

active ageing · digital inclusion · older learners · digital skills for seniors · independent living · smart home technology · intergenerational learning · age-friendly services · technology acceptance by older adults · healthy ageing · wearable devices · online safety for seniors · adult education · municipal services for older people · lifelong learning

6. Alignment with Erasmus+ 2027

Inclusion and diversity in adult education; digital transformation that leaves no age group behind.

Relevant 2027 action	Deadline (Brussels time)	Grant per project	Role AYBU can take
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
Small-scale Partnerships (school education, VET, adult education, youth)	9 March 2027, 12:00 Brussels time	Lump sum EUR 30 000 or 60 000	Partner (or coordinator for a newcomer consortium)
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
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

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

- Improve digital skills and confidence of older adults
- Train educators and carers to support older learners
- Make digital services easier to accept and use

Potential activities

- Assessment of digital barriers among older adults
- Learning units and peer tutoring
- Intergenerational workshops with students
- Usability testing of services with older users

Work packages AYBU could lead or co-lead

- Needs assessment
- Learning units and platform
- Intergenerational pilots
- Guidelines for service providers

Training modules AYBU could deliver

- Everyday digital skills for older adults
- Online safety and privacy
- Teaching older learners

Potential deliverables

- Barrier assessment
- Learning units
- Intergenerational workshop model
- Age-friendly service guidelines

Potential pilot activities

- Learning units piloted with municipal senior centres
- Intergenerational workshops with students

Target groups AYBU can reach

- Adults aged 60+
- Adult educators
- Carers and family members
- Municipal service staff

Expected institutional contribution

- Platform and learning design from a completed project
- Acceptance and usability studies
- Pilots with municipal partners
- Privacy guidance
- Evaluation

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

- Senior organisations
- Municipalities
- Adult education providers
- Care providers
- Technology companies for assisted living

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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