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Vocational Education and Training and Vocational Excellence

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

Why include AYBU in your consortium? Tertiary VET provider with 21 EQF 5 programmes, work-based learning and vocational excellence project experience. 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. Three vocational schools with 21 EQF 5 programmes and about 3 200 learners
2. A '3+1' model with a full in-company semester and documented quality management
3. Coordinator experience from the 2026 Centre of Vocational Excellence application
4. Beneficiary of an Alliance for Innovation on skills analysis and micro-credentials
5. Research on vocational learners' attitudes to AI

2. Thematic institutional profile

AYBU is also a provider of tertiary vocational education. Three vocational schools deliver 21 associate-degree programmes at EQF level 5 to about 3 200 learners; the Vocational School of Technical Sciences applies a '3+1' model with one full semester in a company. In 2026 the university led the AI4CITY Centre of Vocational Excellence application and it is a beneficiary of BIAD, an Alliance for Innovation that links AI-based skills analysis with modular training and micro-credentials. AYBU can act as VET provider, curriculum developer and evaluator in the same consortium.

Relevant faculties, departments and centres

- Vocational School of Technical Sciences
- Vocational School of Health Services
- Vocational School of Social Sciences
- Continuing Education Centre
- Competitiveness and Innovation Research Centre (REKMER)

Research and training infrastructure

- Ten departments in the Vocational School of Technical Sciences
- Employer protocols for in-company training
- Continuing Education Centre for continuing VET

3. Relevant previous projects

Project number	Title	Action	Call	AYBU role	EU grant (project)	Status
2025-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000361387	Unlocking Cybersecurity Pathway: An Exciting Career Path for Youth	Cooperation partnerships in youth	2025	Coordinator	EUR 250 000	Ongoing
101244836	BIAD - AI-Enabled Skill-Building for Tourism and Hospitality: Bridging the Industry-Academia Divide	Alliances for Education and Enterprises	2025	Partner	EUR 1 489 605	Ongoing
2025-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000352941	YouthGreen 5.0 – Fair Transition with Green Skills and Circular Economy	Cooperation partnerships in youth	2025	Partner	EUR 250 000	Ongoing
2022-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000089126	Youth Equine Practitioners Training With innovative Methods	Cooperation partnerships in youth	2022	Coordinator	EUR 250 000	Ongoing

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. Musab Talha Akpınar	Business School – Management Information Systems	Coordinator of the 2026 CoVE application; skills intelligence in BIAD	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vildan Ateş	Business School – Management Information Systems	AI anxiety among vocational school students	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Semih Ceyhan	Business School – Management (Management and Organisation)	Project design and quality assurance in VET-related partnerships	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Burak Ekmekçioğlu	Business School – Management (Management and Organisation)	Training needs assessment and soft-skills modules	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Orman	AYBU	Head of Computer Technologies; EQF 5 curriculum development and the '3+1' work-based model (AYBU PIF 2026)	AYBU record

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.

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.

5. Keywords

vocational education and training · EQF level 5 · tertiary VET · work-based learning · vocational excellence · skills ecosystems · skills intelligence · micro-credentials · technician profiles · continuing VET · teacher and trainer development · employer cooperation · quality assurance in VET · labour-market relevance · green and digital skills

6. Alignment with Erasmus+ 2027

European Strategy for VET 2026–2030: adapting VET to labour-market needs, flexibility of opportunities, innovation and attractiveness of VET.

Relevant 2027 action	Deadline (Brussels time)	Grant per project	Role AYBU can take
Centres of Vocational Excellence	16 September 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	Topic 1: up to EUR 4 000 000 per project; Topic 2 (European Community of Practice for CoVEs, one project): up to EUR 1 500 000 (Guide p. 288)	Coordinator (building on the 2026 application) or 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
Capacity Building in Vocational Education and Training	12 May 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	Up to EUR 500 000 per project (Guide p. 348)	Coordinator or partner
Alliances for Innovation	14 September 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	EUR 1 000 000 for a 2-year project, EUR 1 500 000 for a 3-year project (Lot 1); EUR 4 000 000 for a 4-year project (Lot 2) (Guide p. 322)	Partner or work-package leader; coordinator for a focused Lot 1
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)

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

- Align technician curricula with fast-changing digital and green job profiles
- Strengthen work-based learning through employer cooperation
- Open flexible up-skilling routes through micro-credentials

Potential activities

- Skills needs analysis with employers
- Joint curricula and micro-credentials at EQF 4–5
- Trainer and in-company tutor development
- Quality assurance and graduate tracking

Work packages AYBU could lead or co-lead

- Skills intelligence
- Curricula and micro-credentials
- Trainer academy
- Work-based pilots and quality assurance

Training modules AYBU could deliver

- Designing micro-credentials for technicians
- Tutoring learners in the workplace
- Digital tools for VET teaching

Potential deliverables

- Skills needs report
- Joint curricula and micro-credential specifications
- Trainer development programme
- Quality assurance and tracking report

Potential pilot activities

- New units piloted during the in-company semester
- Continuing VET course for employees through the Continuing Education Centre

Target groups AYBU can reach

- VET learners at EQF 4–5

- Teachers, trainers and in-company tutors
- Employees needing up-skilling
- Employers

Expected institutional contribution

- VET delivery and piloting at EQF 5
- Skills intelligence methodology
- Curriculum and micro-credential design
- Trainer development
- Evaluation and quality assurance

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

- VET providers and networks
- Companies and sector associations
- Chambers
- Qualification authorities
- Regional authorities

10. Organisation identification

Legal name (national language)	ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT ÜNİVERSİTESİ

Legal name (Latin characters)	ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITESI
Name in English	Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University (AYBU)
Organisation ID (OID)	E10137893
PIC	952723525
National / fiscal ID	9600521531
Type of organisation	Higher education institution (tertiary level); Public (state) university; non-profit public body
Erasmus Charter for Higher Education	Erasmus Charter for Higher Education holder — Erasmus code TR ANKARA15
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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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