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Law, Data Regulation and Digital Justice

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

Why include AYBU in your consortium? Legal education for the digital age: data protection, digital evidence and AI in legal work. 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. A Faculty of Law with dedicated centres for IP law and for international arbitration
2. An academic with a doctorate in digital forensics
3. Published frameworks for GDPR and national data protection compliance
4. Research on AI in digital forensics and its ethical limits
5. MIS courses on digital forensics and on computer networks and security open to joint teaching with law

2. Thematic institutional profile

AYBU's Faculty of Law, with research centres on commercial and intellectual property law and on international arbitration, sits beside a Management Information Systems department whose staff hold a doctorate in digital forensics and publish on compliance with data protection law. This pairing suits projects on legal education for the digital age: data protection in practice, digital evidence, AI in legal and forensic work and alternative dispute resolution.

Relevant faculties, departments and centres

- Faculty of Law
- Commercial and Intellectual Property Law Research Centre
- International Arbitration Research Centre
- Department of Management Information Systems

Research and training infrastructure

- Law faculty programmes
- MIS course on digital forensics

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

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	Digital forensics; GDPR and Turkish data protection compliance; AI in forensics	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vildan Ateş	Business School – Management Information Systems	Data governance; science ethics; trust in digital services	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Musab Talha Akpınar	Business School – Management Information Systems	Technology and society; listed research interest in criminology	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Merve Karacaer	Business School – International Trade and Business	Innovation and corruption; capacity review on financing of terrorism	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. 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. 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).

5. Keywords

data protection law · GDPR · digital forensics · digital evidence · legal technology · AI and law · intellectual property · international arbitration · online dispute resolution · legal education · compliance · cybercrime awareness · ethics of AI · regulatory technology · access to justice

6. Alignment with Erasmus+ 2027

Digital transformation of legal education and professions; common values and rule of law.

Relevant 2027 action	Deadline (Brussels time)	Grant per project	Role AYBU can take
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 adult education	9 March 2027, 12:00 Brussels time	Lump sum EUR 120 000, 250 000 or 400 000	Coordinator and partner
Jean Monnet Actions in higher education (Modules, Chairs, Centres of Excellence)	3 February 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	Jean Monnet Module EUR 35 000; Chair EUR 60 000; Centre of Excellence EUR 100 000 (Guide p. 394)	Sole applicant
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

- Prepare law students and professionals for digital evidence and data regulation
- Introduce AI literacy into legal education
- Promote alternative and online dispute resolution skills

Potential activities

- Curriculum review of digital topics in law programmes
- Joint course units with case simulations
- Training for practitioners on data protection
- Moot exercises on digital disputes

Work packages AYBU could lead or co-lead

- Curriculum review
- Joint course units
- Practitioner training

- Moot and dissemination

Training modules AYBU could deliver

- Data protection compliance in practice
- Digital evidence and forensics for lawyers
- AI tools in legal work

Potential deliverables

- Curriculum review report
- Course units and case simulations
- Practitioner training package
- Moot exercise kit

Potential pilot activities

- Course unit piloted with law and MIS students
- Practitioner workshop on data protection

Target groups AYBU can reach

- Law students
- Legal practitioners
- Compliance officers
- Public bodies

Expected institutional contribution

- Digital forensics and data protection content
- Interdisciplinary course design
- Pilots with students
- Compliance frameworks
- 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

- Law faculties
- Bar associations
- Legal technology companies
- Data protection authorities
- Arbitration centres

10. Organisation identification

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Name in English	Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University (AYBU)
Organisation ID (OID)	E10137893
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Type of organisation	Higher education institution (tertiary level); Public (state) university; non-profit public body
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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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