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Economics, Development and Public Policy

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

Why include AYBU in your consortium? Applied economics and policy analysis for cooperation with enlargement and neighbourhood regions. 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. SSCI-indexed research on structural change, trade and growth in emerging economies
2. Direct involvement in national planning and EU-supported policy projects
3. An advisory link to the Turkish Academy of Sciences
4. A published theoretical contribution on complexity in public policy
5. Econometric and statistical capacity for policy evaluation

2. Thematic institutional profile

Economists and policy scholars at AYBU work on questions that matter for enlargement and neighbourhood countries: premature deindustrialisation, export performance, public debt and growth, institutional political economy and the complexity of public policy. Staff have contributed to the National Transport Master Plan, an EU-supported road safety project and capacity assessments for public bodies, and one professor advises the President of the Turkish Academy of Sciences. The university offers analytical depth for policy-oriented cooperation and capacity-building projects.

Relevant faculties, departments and centres

- Business School
- Faculty of Political Sciences
- Institute of International Relations and Strategic Research
- Statistical Consultancy Research Centre

Research and training infrastructure

- Faculty of Political Sciences with economics and public administration programmes
- Statistical Consultancy Research Centre

3. Relevant previous projects

Project number	Title	Action	Call	AYBU role	EU grant (project)	Status
101085659	GRADEU - Global Risk Assessment Dataset and the EU's role in the Governance of Global Risks	Jean Monnet Modules	2022	Coordinator	EUR 30 000	Completed
2016-1-TR01-KA203-035482	Novel Approach: Transnational Postgraduate Education and Training Programme in Musculoskeletal Regenerative Research	Strategic Partnerships for higher education	2016	Coordinator	EUR 196 594	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. Seda Ekmen	Business School – International Trade and Business	Development economics, deindustrialisation thresholds, export performance	AVESIS
Prof. Dr. Cem Korkut	Business School – Finance and Banking	Institutional political economy; national transport planning; economic history	AVESIS
Prof. Dr. Hasan Engin Şener	Business School – Management (Management and Organisation)	Public policy analysis and complexity theory for public policy	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bilge Canbaloğlu	Business School – International Trade and Business	Public debt and growth; monetary policy and financial stability	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Merve Karacaer	Business School – International Trade and Business	Economic policy uncertainty; energy markets and macroeconomics	AVESIS

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Seda Ekmen. Associate Professor of International Trade and Business at the AYBU Business School, with a doctorate in economics from Middle East Technical University. She works on international trade, global value chains, logistics performance, structural change and the environmental effects of foreign investment, with articles in the International Journal of Finance and Economics and Environmental Science and Pollution Research, and has studied gender and firm innovation. Teaching covers international economics and trade courses. Research record on AVESIS: 40 publications (5 in Scopus), Scopus h-index 2, 5 projects, 7 theses supervised.

Prof. Dr. Cem Korkut. Professor of Finance and Banking and Vice Dean of the AYBU Business School. His research spans financial econometrics, climate finance, Islamic and participation finance and the history of financial institutions, with recent articles on carbon emissions and market volatility. He co-authored the Turkish Academy of Sciences' synthesis report on COP31 targets, has worked on EU-supported transport and refugee-employment projects and advises the Academy's President. Teaching covers finance, banking and financial econometrics. Research record on AVESIS: 125 publications, Google Scholar h-index 13 (653 citations), 11 projects.

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.

5. Keywords

development economics · economic growth · structural change · deindustrialisation · export performance · public policy analysis · policy evaluation · public debt · institutional economics · political economy · economic policy uncertainty · MENA economies · emerging markets · evidence-based policy · policy advice

6. Alignment with Erasmus+ 2027

Evidence for policy and governance reform; higher education cooperation with neighbourhood and enlargement regions.

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
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
Capacity Building in Higher Education	9 February 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	Strand 1 (Fostering access to cooperation in higher education): EUR 200 000–400 000; Strand 2 (Partnerships for transformation): EUR 400 000–800 000; Strand 3 (Structural reform projects): EUR 600 000–1 000 000 (Guide p. 337)	Coordinator or partner
Jean Monnet Policy Debate (thematic networks in higher education) and Jean Monnet actions in other fields of education and training	3 February 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	Networks on internal EU policy up to EUR 1 000 000, on external policy up to EUR 1 200 000 (Guide pp. 415–416); Teacher Training up to EUR 300 000 (p. 404); Learning EU initiatives up to EUR 35 000 (p. 409)	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

- Strengthen policy analysis skills of students and public staff

- Produce comparative evidence on economic transformation
- Connect research with policy dialogue

Potential activities

- Joint research reports on a shared policy problem
- Policy analysis courses with real datasets
- Policy labs with public bodies
- Policy briefs and dialogue events

Work packages AYBU could lead or co-lead

- Comparative research
- Curriculum and data resources
- Policy labs
- Policy briefs and dissemination

Training modules AYBU could deliver

- Applied policy evaluation
- Trade and structural change
- Reading macroeconomic data

Potential deliverables

- Comparative research report
- Course units with datasets
- Policy lab reports
- Policy briefs

Potential pilot activities

- Policy analysis course unit in English
- Policy lab with a public body in Ankara

Target groups AYBU can reach

- Economics and public policy students
- Civil servants
- Researchers
- Policy makers

Expected institutional contribution

- Econometric analysis and research reports

- Policy recommendations
- Course design
- Policy dialogue in the capital
- Quality review of research outputs

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

- Universities with economics and public policy schools
- Think tanks
- Ministries and public agencies
- International organisations

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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