# 2021 OCTOBER YOUTH' WATER OF FUTURE'S WATER

# YOUTH EXCHANGE PROJECT REPORT

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## **STORY** A Youth Exchange in İstanbul

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Youth' Water of Future's Water youth exchange project was approved by the Turkish National Agency in 2020.

The project was planned with 31 participants from 6 different countries (Turkey, Romania, Italy, Belarus, Belgium, and Ukraine).

31 participants; 4 young people, plus 1 group leader from each country were gathered in İstanbul on 1-8 September, and they have discussed water problems at local, and international levels.

#### **OBJECTIVES &** AIMS

To measure and develop the knowledge of youth workers on special situations and special needs related to water problems in the world.

To support the development of different Erasmus + projects for young people related to water problems.

To be aware of the difficulties of water scarcity and drought, to lay a sustainable approach to water resources management, to create a chain of awareness in water use and to increase the level of consciousness.



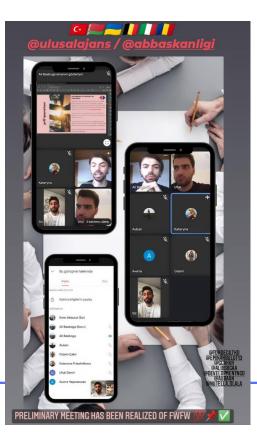
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#### PREPERATION PHASE & MANAGEMENT

- CYA always cares about quality and manageable projects for its beneficiaries. That is the reason, we have realized 3 online meetings, some of them were with partners and the others were CYA Turkish team.
- During the preparation phase, CYA had considered dissemination activities as well. To do this, CYA has been organized 1 online seminar with Duru BARBARK, one of the youngest climate activists in Turkey.
- Also, some information and videos have been published with participnats and our social media followers for getting ready to project.



## **OUR METHODS**

During the project; we had to combine formal, and nonformal education methods due to important topic and group dynamism.

- Every day before each session, energizers have been applied by the facilitator for warming up to participants.
- During the project days, we have been implemented team-building games. We gave attention the teamwork for improving participants' social skills.
- Theatre
- Creative drama
- Simulations
- Games
- Debates



#### ACTIVITIES

- Water saving training
- Introduction to water footprint reduction activities
- Awareness-raising workshop (Change.Me)

Participants have experienced different communications ways via team-building games such as secret messages. Those experiences will affect their personal development and their future carrier.

They have learned how to make a resource on water issues. They worked on different thematic themes such as pollution, the human effect on the environment, and created a campaign called <u>Save the ocean</u> <u>from flying trash</u> on change.org

One of the significant and funny activities was Togetherness of Voice. Participants have found a chance to show their creativity and voice against dominant politicians. They have simulated a protest against to government.

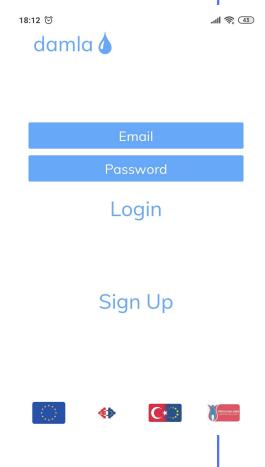






#### **PROJECT MILESTONES** & SUSTAINABILITY

**Outputs** 



#### DAMLA APP

 Damla App is an application where you are able to follow your development of water-saving. Application sends a notification every day and the notification orients to questions, afterwards the users will have points and congrats messages. The app was released in the Google on 27 July 2021 market for everybody, and the aim of it is to make the project more sustainable.

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#### DONATION

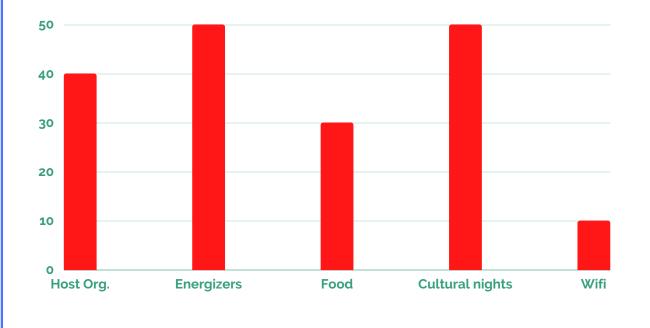
 During the last year, people have faced many environmental issues such as fire forests, hurricanes. As CYA, we have fundamental objectives regarding those kinds of issues, and our project was aiming for environmental protection as well. That is the reason we have donated 6 tree seedlings for our 6 partner countries in Hatay through TEMA Foundation.

#### SUFISFACTORY SURVEY

After the assessments by the project participants, the satisfaction survey has shown: 4.49 points in 5.00

Host organisation: 92/21: 4.38 | Accommodation: 94/21: 4.5 | Project group:100,5/21: 4.78 | Energizer: 100/21:4.76 | Location: 93/21: 4.42 | Food: 75.84/21: 3,61 | Transportation: 96/21: 4.57 | Tell me workshop: 87/21: 4.16 | Einstein Workshop: 77.5/21:3,69 | Voice of togetherness: 92/21: 4.38 | Cultural nights: 105/21: 5 | Wifi: 27/21: 1,28 |





#### DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES



Project was disseminated in many ways such as joining youth camps, introducing videos on social media.

Legal Representative and Project Leader of CYA has joined a camp where the 80 people gathered together in Fethiye. We have talked about the water crisis around us and in the world.



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#### **IMPACT & RESULTS**

- Increase in website traffic
- Increase in website conversion
- The participants' attitudes towards using water in daily life changed and they took more responsibility for water saving.
- Participants can analyze the cause of water scarcity
- Participants wanted to benefit more from EU and Erasmus+ opportunities
- Participants can use all the knowledge skills they have acquired in their business life and manage the moment of crisis.
- Participants have EU values, freedom of thought, human rights concepts and have adopted this culture.
- The participants empathized with and respected the lifestyle, ethnic origin, language and religion choices of people with all kinds of subcultures.