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## About Project

Disposable form consumption models cause our natural resources to melt irreplaceably. As of 2017, half of the world's plastic is used only once. According to a study in Turkey, 4% of the population has knowledge about the successful separation of garbage. The European Environment Office (2017) found no significant success in waste reduction across the EU. As of 2017, per capita waste in EU countries is a huge amount of 487 kilograms per year. Considering that this figure was 496 in 1997, it can be seen that it was quite unsuccessful. At EU scale, 30% of all waste is recycled, 17% it compost, 28% is incinerated and 24% is buried. Incineration and burial increase CO2 emissions and accelerate climate change and bring heavy financial burden and health problems. In our country, the numbers are unfortunately worse. In the last 20 years, we have become the 6th largest plastic manufacturer in the world. Plastics, which have remained in nature for centuries, have become a public and environmental health problem. In our country, 5 million tons of domestic waste go to waste. Although there have been significant developments in the waste disposal and recycling facilities of municipalities in recent years, only 2.5 million tons (8%) of the 31 million tons of waste produced in 2017 have been recycled (PAGÇEV, 2017). Again in 2017, the total amount of waste generated by the settlements was 6 million tons, of which 5 million tons were buried. The economic cost of burying only is TL 1.5 billion. One of the biggest obstacles to the development of the sector is the lack of awareness of waste recycling and the adoption of disposable consumption model. Within the scope of the EU 2030 Cyclical Economy Strategy, all plastic packaging on the market is aimed to be recyclable. A budget of 5.5 billion euros has been allocated for this cause. In our country, "Zero Waste" strategy and targets have been put into practice in line with 2023 sustainable environment and development targets. TEMA Foundation and many public and private sector organizations are involved in the civil society phase of the project initiated by the Presidency.





From this point of view, our ultimate goal in our project is to contribute to the solution of waste production and consumption problem in order to leave a healthier, livable world for us and future generations in line with the zero waste and reduction targets of our country and the EU. In doing so, social enterprises and projects related to scalable practice, which are exemplary, will be revealed.

These practical solutions will be provided by the creation, implementation and economic-environmental contribution of sustainable initiatives and project ideas to be produced during the 9- day hackaton. The sub-objectives of the project are as follows;

- Encouraging and encouraging young people
- Developing 8 innovative, scalable and feasible project / initiative ideas to solve the problem of waste generation
- Ensuring that a total of 40,000 people are aware of the project and raising public awareness
- Adopting a common working culture to help them overcome waste problems
- Increasing the capacity of young people to act together and find solutions to problems
- To raise awareness of waste problem and economic, environmental and social problems in different segments of society.
- To enable young people to develop their knowledge, skills and abilities in this field
- Creating economic and social value by ensuring sustainable projects and initiatives



## **draft version of Schedule**





## About İstanbul

Istanbul is a magical composition of two continents. And especially the Bosphorus, Istanbul Strait will cheer up your hearts. Aside from being the largest and most popular city of Turkey, Istanbul is also the biggest cultural and financial center of Turkey. Istanbul is considered to be the bridge that links Asia with Europe from a cultural and geographical standpoint. Istanbul is located partly in Asia and the other part in Europe. Its geographical position as well as its rich history are responsible for a fascinating melting pot of cultures. Tourists are flocking to experience this magical city full of contrasts for themselves, making it the 5th most popular tourist destination in the world.

Istanbul offers an unforgettable experience for its travelers, with its colorful daily city life and dynamic nightlife. The beautiful silhouette of the city combines historical sites and monuments such as Roman aqueducts, Byzantine churches, Venetian towers, Ottoman palaces from the Byzantine, Ottoman and Turkish periods.

And the skyline covers monumental minarets with skyscrapers and plazas. And especially the Historical Peninsula and the Bosphorus will make you deeply fall in love with the city. **Istanbul** is also one of the most lively metropolises in the world (having more than 15 million residents) that offers variety of intercontinental events, international film, music and theater festivals, international biennials, and more than 80 museums and many art galleries showcase all the culture, arts and history; including painting, sculpture, photography and more.

As for eating out and gastronomy, it means that you are one step away from tasting the delicious meals of the Turkish cuisine, from spicy and hot Anatolian and Aegean dishes freshly cooked with olive oil. Istanbul offers wide range of Turkish cuisine at the variety of well established, good and luxury **Istanbul restaurants**.

As for entertainment and nightlife, it revolves around many of the entertainment venues that the city has to offer. The **nightlife in Istanbul** has really come alive in recent years and the locals will all tell you that the nightlife spreads out in all directions throughout the city.

As for shopping, the variety of the traditional and modern products offered at the Ottoman's originated historical bazaars and modern shopping malls, makes the city an attraction center for shopping lovers.

The world famous **Grand Bazaar** (Kapalicarsi) is one of the greatest historical malls in the world, with its more than 4000 shops. The **Egyptian Spice Bazaar** (Misir Carsisi) is also very popular where you can enjoy the scenery of the various spices, dried fruits, basketry, jewelry, drapery and haberdashery.

## Form for Entry to Turkey

The form must be filled in within the last 72 hours before travel. Information on the website should be filled in order to provide you proper information and protect the health of yours and loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic. A private HES code will be created automatically by the given information. We will be able to contact with you in the case of any contact with Covid-19 patient during your travel and staying thanks to HES Code. For this reason, the accuracy and update ability of the information is quite important.

<https://register.health.gov.tr/>

The form you will fill may be checked at the borders of the Republic of Turkey whether you have filled in this form or not, and If you haven't filled in the form or made misleading statements, you may face legal and administrative sanctions. Furthermore, you might not be allowed to enter Turkey. (if you are not a Turkish Citizen or you do not have a residence permit).

**PS:** You can use your travel budget for PCR tests.

# Hotel & Transfers



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## **Participant Profile**

**9 Participants per Partner (8 Participants  
+ 1 Group Leader)**

- **The gender balance is important**
- **Min level of English upper - intermediate**
- **Study or interested about the project topic**



## Costs

Accommodation, travel, food will be covered within the program. Most importantly, travel costs will be reimbursed approximately after 3 months of the submission of all the original travel documents. Reimbursements will be done through bank transfer so as to assure the travel documents like boarding passes, bus, and train tickets.

275 Euros for Hungary

360 Euros for Spain and France

Please keep your all boarding passes and tickets (bus, public bus, train,etc.) for reimbursement.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Please do not buy any tickets before consulting and confirming with Project Coordinator. The Coordinator will not take any responsibility for tickets bought without confirmation. Please ask for the Coordinator's approval before finalizing the purchase for your travel plans for this project.

### **Personal spending money**

As a general rule, any cash machine that displays the Visa badge can be used by Plus cardholders and those displaying the MasterCard badge can be used by Cirrus cardholders. Recognised international credit cards and debit cards with a 4 digit PIN can also be used at shops.

### **Health/medical insurance/Visa**

Please make sure you have adequate personal insurance (medical, travel/cancellation, personal possessions) for the duration of the event. There is no budget for insurance&Visa, so you should pay for your own.

### **Smoking/non-smoking arrangements**

Turkey introduced a law to make all closed public places and workplaces not allowed to smoke.

### **The shops**

The opening time for shops is around 8 am then the closing time is at 10 pm.

### **Electrical voltage**

Turkey standard voltage is 220 V 50 hz, with 2 round pins plugs. You may wish to bring an adapter with you.

### **Emergency Number**

112

## What Do You Need?

### 1. Casual Wears

- During the Project, you will be in a non-formal learning period. You will have ice breaker games, outdoor activities, and workshops. So you should have casual wears for your comfort.

### 2. Camera

-You will have many great moments, scene to make it immortal. We promise you! And also some workshops that you should take photos.

### 3.Cultural Night Preparations

- A mixed, enjoyable, cultural night waiting for you! There will be there 5 different countries. That means 5 different cultures. So be ready to stock yourself with cultural elements.

- To contribute to this night and present your culture, you should make some preparations. Some cultural drinks and foods, prepare cultural music and dance and be ready to teach everybody your dance!

### 4. Presenting Materials of Your Organisation

- Also you will have an opportunity to promote your projects, campaigns, to build partnerships. So you can prepare some brochures, cards, posters or any materials about your organization.

### 5. Full Motivation and Energy

- This is very important. :)



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