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MUHAMMET YUSUF GÜNEŞ

participated in the Solidarity Project

GREEN FUTURE: YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND ZERO WASTE INITIATIVE

in Türkiye; and online

from 06/09/2025 to 21/09/2025

About the project

The project aimed to raise environmental awareness and promote zero-waste habits among youth aged 18–30. Through workshops, clean-up events, and digital tools, participants gained knowledge on sustainability, teamwork, and civic engagement, becoming active agents for environmental change in their communities.

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PROJECT DETAILS

The project **Green Future: Youth Environmental Awareness and Zero Waste Initiative** consisted of several activities. **Muhammet Yusuf GÜNEŞ** participated in the following:

Digital Environmental Training and Webinar Series

Digital Environmental Training and Webinar Series | 06/09/2025–10/09/2025 | online

Main activities: The digital training and webinar series included expert-led online sessions covering environmental awareness, zero waste practices, creative recycling, climate-related challenges and responsible citizenship. Participants engaged in interactive discussions, short exercises and Q&A segments, allowing them to explore environmental issues through real examples. The webinars reinforced the content delivered during the in-person training camp and provided an inclusive learning environment for all participants. Training materials, presentations and recordings were shared digitally to ensure accessibility. The sessions also helped prepare participants for upcoming field activities and creative workshops within the project.

Main outcomes: The webinars increased participants' environmental literacy, improved their understanding of sustainability concepts and provided a structured learning path throughout the project. They contributed to equalising knowledge levels among participants and enhanced motivation for further involvement in environmental actions. Participants reported improved confidence in discussing environmental issues, and the digital format allowed flexible participation. The outcomes of this activity strengthened the foundation for subsequent workshops, clean-up actions and creative recycling processes.

Hosting organisation: Düzce Kariyer ve Teknoloji Geliştirme Derneği (DÜKAT)

Partners: Düzce University trainers and volunteer experts

Group: 70 participants from Türkiye

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Community Clean-Up and Environmental Awareness Activity – Efteni Lake & Güzeldere

Green Future: Youth Environmental Awareness and Zero Waste Initiative -
Environmental Cleanliness | 21/09/2025–21/09/2025 | in Türkiye

Main activities: The activity began at Efteni Lake with an on-site environmental training led by experts, focusing on biodiversity, wetlands and the ecological importance of the region. Participants used binoculars for birdwatching and engaged in guided observation of local wildlife. Following the training, a volunteer clean-up action was organised at Efteni Lake, where participants collected waste and discussed the impact of pollution on natural habitats. A second clean-up event was held at Güzeldere Waterfall, where students and volunteers worked together to remove litter and raise awareness about protecting natural destinations. Throughout the activity, teamwork, environmental responsibility and active citizenship were emphasised.

Main outcomes: The activity increased participants' environmental awareness, deepened their understanding of local ecosystems and strengthened their sense of responsibility towards nature. They learned to identify environmental problems on-site and contributed directly to preserving two important natural areas. The clean-up efforts resulted in visibly improved surroundings at both Efteni and Güzeldere. Participants reported increased motivation to engage in sustainability actions, and the activity reinforced the project's goals of fostering environmentally conscious youth and active citizenship.

Hosting organisation: Düzce Kariyer ve Teknoloji Geliştirme Derneği (DÜKAT)

Partners: Düzce University student communities
Local volunteers
Düzce Teknopark
Kelebek Mobilya

Group: 70 participants from Türkiye

The working languages of the project were English and Turkish.