

ROOTS & HORIZONS

YOUTH

EXCHANGE

ERZURUM

TÜRKİYE

OCTOBER
5-13



"We are setting out to discover rural life, local production, ecology, and ethnobotanical heritage."



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ABOUT THE ORGANIZER



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SİVİL TOPLUM DESTEKLEME DERNEĞİ SİTODED (CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORTER ASSOCIATION)

SİTODED was founded in February 2006. SİTODED, which was founded for the purpose of developing youth and civil society activities in Erzurum as a result of the research conducted by the founding members, who carry out various youth activities in many fields and receive education at associate degree, undergraduate and master's level, is active today with approximately 150 members. Our association members, all of whom are volunteers, create and implement various activity programs in Erzurum on Youth, Children, Disabled, Women, Culture-Tourism, Sports and Environment. SİTODED, which organizes support activities for various Non-Governmental Organizations in our city, continues to renew itself and transfer the knowledge and experience it has gained to its local area by participating in training and similar activities organized in various professional organizations and universities active at the national and international level.

Our aim is:

- *to take initiative actions to improve the efficiency level of Civil Society Organizations and NGOs.
- *to be a leading organizations to direct the Civil Society Organizations in Erzurum in terms of both European and World norms in the parallel of globalization.
- *to provide, and develop communication and collaborations between active NGOs at the local level.
- *to create projects at both local, national and international level and help them be represented in international platform.
- *to enable the use of current programmes and spread them over to develop Erzurum.





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ABOUT THE PROJECT



Project Identity & Summary

Roots & Horizons is an international Youth Exchange project taking place in central Erzurum and Uzundere, focusing on rural life, ecology, ethnobotanical heritage, and the role of youth and young women in rural areas. Bringing together young people from 6 different countries, the project aims to build sustainable rural development and ecological awareness by bridging local traditional wisdom with youth dynamism.



Workshops and Activities

Non-formal education activities to support this framework:

Ethnobotanical Discovery Walks: Plant observation in the Uzundere valley, mapping where feasible, and gathering local stories of traditional usage.

"Women of the Countryside" Oral History & Workshop: Engaging with local women's cooperatives or local women producers to participate in traditional food/handicraft production and share stories.

Rural Youth Workshops: Gamification activities design for inclusion programs targeting youth and particularly young women living in rural areas.

Eco-Cultural Exhibition & Knowledge Exchange: Comparative workshops where participants from 6 countries present their own rural heritage, native plants, and women producers.

Natural Product Making Workshops: Hands-on sessions to craft local food items, herbal tea blends, or plant-based cosmetics using harvested or locally produced herbs.





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BASIC INFO

WHEN:

5-13
October
2026

WHERE: ERZURUM
TÜRKİYE

HOW LONG:

7 WORKING DAYS
AND 2 TRAVEL DAYS

GROUPS: 4 PARTICIPANTS
(AGED 18-25)
AND 1 GROUP LEADER

FROM EU PROGRAMME AND PARTNER COUNTRIES
AND TÜRKİYE

PARTICIPANTS WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES ARE
MOST WELCOME AND WILL BE SUPPORTED IN THEIR
PARTICIPATION.





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ERZURUM



Area : 25.066 km²

Population : 745.005

Erzurum is the biggest city of the Eastern Anatolian Region and is also a very ancient settlement place. As the city is established at the skirts of Palandoken Mountain, the city had gained great importance in the field of winter tourism during the recent years. The city houses numerous historically rich works of art and therefore the city is like a cultural center having the major potential for tourism.

In our city has a two public university which are called as Ataturk University and Erzurum Technical University. We have totally 160.000 students are studying in these universities. Erzurum is a youth and sport city.

<https://erzurum.goturkiye.com/homepage>



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