➢ About the Organization

• Who are we?

Alanya HEP University was established in 2011 as a foundation university in Alanya, Turkey. We are a young boutique university which aims to provide high-quality education (bachelor's and master's programs) and an intercultural learning environment with professional academic staff, well-equipped classrooms and laboratories. With 100% English education and many social opportunities, we offer a qualified academic and social life to students. We encourage our students to benefit from various international projects and exchange programmes such as Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps (ESC).



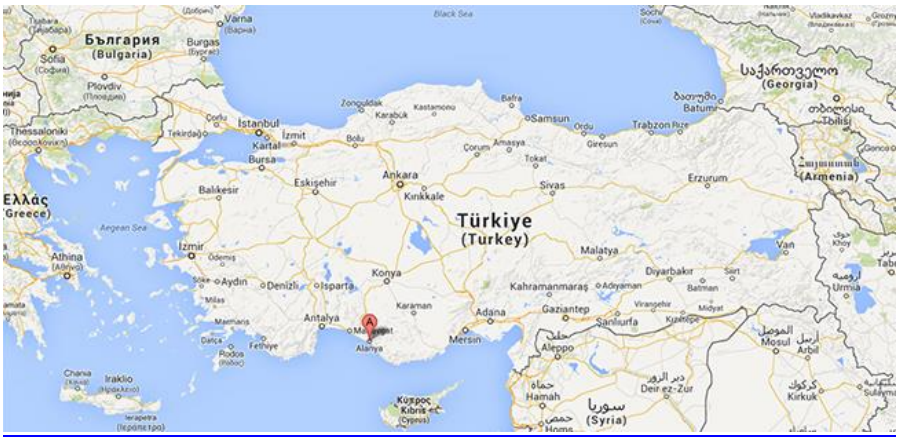
• What are our objectives?

We aim to be a modern and pioneering University that uses innovative, creative and student-oriented learning approaches at national and international levels, takes care of social benefit and closely follows technology to shape the future. Taking into account the natural, cultural, economic and social needs of the area, we want to become a leading and exemplary university providing activities and services that contribute to the urban and regional development especially in the fields of tourism, agriculture and coastal resources management.

• Where are we?

Alanya HEP University is located in the city centre of Alanya, 35 km from Gazipaşa Airport and 120 km from Antalya Airport. Because of its location between the Mediterranean Sea and Taurus Mountains, numerous historical and natural attractions, Alanya is one of the most famous tourist destinations in Turkey. The University has a settlement plan that integrates with Alanya so that personnel and students can benefit from the advantages of centralization and accessibility.

- **Our Location:**



➢ About the City

Alanya is a tourist district affiliated to Antalya province in the Mediterranean Region of Turkey. Located in the southern coasts of Turkey, Alanya has a population of 333.104, over 30% of it are international residents.

With respect to its strategic location, it is shaped like a small peninsula at the coastal regions of the Mediterranean Sea. Toros Mountains lie in the north of it. Among the symbols of the city today, the Red Tower (Kızıl Kule), the shipyard (Tersane) and Alanya Castle were built in the 13th century.

Characteristics of the Mediterranean climate are seen in the region. Winters are mild and summers are hot. Summers are longer, hotter and less rainy than winters. This situation inspired the slogan of "sun is smiling" in the tourism sector. In Alanya district, average annual sea water temperature is 21.4 °C, whereas in August it reaches 28 °C.



- ## What to see in Alanya?



Kale literally means “a castle”/ “a fortress” in Turkish. It is located on top of the 250-meter-high hill, where you can see the oldest footprints derived from Roman Empire. The historical city wall is more than 6 km long. There is an amazing view from the fortress on all of Alanya and its two beaches: Cleopatra (West) and Keykubat (East)**.**

Harbour is a big attraction and it is the heart of Alanya. During the day you can visit the Red Tower (*Kızılkule*; with the Ethnographic Museum inside) and the renovated Seljuk shipyard (*Tersane*) which is a breath-taking place.

Damlataş Cave (literally tapping stone) which was discovered by mistake in 1948 is known for healing respiratory system sicknesses, like asthma. *The Dim Cave* is even more impressive but hidden in the mountains. It is located beyond the city (an hour walk from the Alanya-Mersin highway). Its altitude is 232 meters and it was discovered only in 1999. Dim Cave is 410 m long. Both *Damlataş* and *Dim* caves are nicely lit and have beautiful rock formations inside.

Alanya Archaeological Museum is a small museum near the beach, close to *Damlataş Cave*. It showcases archaeological treasures from different periods and many ethnographical facts about the past life in Alanya. The most valuable exhibit is a miniature bronze sculpture of Heracles from the 2nd century. The garden is also really worth to see as there are rock excavations from the Roman, Byzantine and Seljuk periods there.

Dimçayı literally means “Dim stream”. It is a mountain river located in the East part of Alanya with local restaurants on the water. There are wooden or metal platforms with comfortable patterned pillows in the Turkish style. There are also many slides, fountains, pools and delicious meal. Dimçayı is best in the summer when you can simply run away from hot and humid Alanya and feel the fresh air from the Taurus Mountains and enjoy the freezing water!

➢ About the Project

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

The European Solidarity Corps Programme aims to promote solidarity as a value, mainly through volunteering, to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity, democracy and citizenship in Europe, while also responding to societal challenges and strengthening communities, with particular effort to promote social inclusion. It shall also contribute to European cooperation that is relevant to young people. The volunteers will have contact with a new culture, will meet new people and will live new experiences. Being the voluntary from a different nationality, they can share their experience and culture giving projects added value in the European intercultural sphere.

OUR PROJECT: *SOLIDARITY THROUGH TRIATHLON EUROPEAN CUP IN ALANYA*

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A triathlon is an endurance multisport race consisting of swimming, cycling, and running over various distances. ***Alanya International Triathlon*** has been organized for 30 years. It's the most important sport event in which both Turkish and foreign sportsmen take part.



VOLUNTEER'S PROFILE

This ESC project is open to all young people between 18 - 30 years old regardless their ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or political views. Volunteers will be selected in a fair, transparent and objective way. Because of the international character of the event a good knowledge of English is required. The selection process will be done by sending organizations with the cooperation of Alanya HEP University.

VOLUNTEER'S ACTIVITIES

General activities that volunteers will perform:

- To help prepare racer bags
- To help prepare the race track
- To assist pre-registration officers
- To distribute racer bags
- To ensure that helmets and running shoes are left in baskets in the change area
- To take pictures and videos of activities
- To guide athletes during the race
- To arrange the result boards in the race centre
- To ensure race safety
- To distribute water and food supplements during the race
- To participate in the volunteering activities of the committee in the racing area
- To promote volunteering: by creating a blog, through social networks, press and conferences
- To give local population the possibility of interact with volunteers in a foreign language
- To participate in inclusion activities with the foreign inhabitants living in the area

PROJECT DURATION: 40 days, end of August – beginning of October 2021

PARTICIPANTS: a team consisting of 24 volunteers from Portugal, Poland and Italy.

CERTIFICATION: Volunteers receive a youthpass certificate in the end of their service. For more details please see the link: https://www.youthpass.eu/en/

SAFE VOLUNTEERING - COVID-19 REGULATIONS

As a hosting organization, we made our best to rethink about our projects, local activities and accommodation in order to comply with the standards of new normal. Your volunteering experience is redesigned by considering Turkish regulations and heath /safety recommendations from the European Union and World Health Organization.

Please read below mentioned regulations which are prepared for your maximum safety and comfort during your stay in Alanya:

- Everybody wishing to travel to Turkey requires 2 health documents in addition to their regular travel documents:

- A medical certificate showing a negative PCR test result obtained no more than 72 hours before departure
- A completed Traveller Entry Form (https://register.health.gov.tr/)

• The volunteers will be welcomed in already cleaned and disinfected rooms.

• The use of a facemask is obligatory outside the home including in streets, parks, and public transport.

• Disinfectants and masks will be at your disposal in various areas where the activities will take place.

• Each of our staff wears a mask, and has disinfectant gel and disinfecting wipes available for their workspace.

• The activities will be planned by considering social distance.

• Our office is working as pre-appointment only, all visitors have to wear masks and provide their HES Code before entering the campus.

• It's obligatory to wear mask during the activity and any visits to the campus during your voluntary experience.

• Restaurants, cafeterias, patisseries, and other dining establishments are only open for delivery (hotel restaurants are open to guests).

• Entertainment and leisure spaces such as discos, cinemas, Turkish baths, swimming pools, saunas, and amusement parks are closed.

• There is no curfew for foreign tourists in Turkey. Only Turkish citizens and international residents are subject to curfews.

Note: The restrictions change quite frequently. Please follow your sending organization's instructions and regulations in Turkey and your own country before/ during and after the mobility.

We are looking forward to meet you at Alanya HEP University! We hope that this info pack will contribute to increase your understanding of our ESC vacancy and that it will give you useful information about our institution and the environment.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN ALANYA ☺

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