Organization Profile: Kalk Cooperative

Location: Gaziantep, Türkiye **Organization Type:** Cooperative / Civil Society Organization

1. Overview Kalk Kooperatifi is a dynamic cooperative dedicated to fostering inclusive socio-economic development, capacity building, and sustainable transition at the local level. We specialize in empowering disadvantaged groups—particularly women—through targeted entrepreneurship programs, cooperative business models, and active integration into the green and digital economies.

2. Core Competencies & Expertise

- **Capacity Building & Training:** Designing and implementing intensive bootcamps focused on cooperative management, financial literacy, and digital marketing for local producers and vulnerable communities.
- **Social Impact Assessment:** Conducting rigorous social impact analyses and preparing comprehensive reports to monitor, measure, and evaluate the economic and social changes driven by regional development projects.
- **Community Engagement & Co-Creation:** Acting as a vital bridge between local communities, public institutions, and international technical partners to ensure that urban and green transitions are socially inclusive and leave no one behind.
- **Social Rehabilitation & Ecosystem Orchestration:** Organizing psychosocial support, solidarity circles, and community workshops to strengthen social resilience alongside economic development.

3. Value Proposition for International Consortia As a grassroots organization with strong local ties and practical social science expertise, Kalk Kooperatifi is an ideal partner for Horizon Europe, DUT (Driving Urban Transitions), and other international framework programs. We are highly equipped to lead or significantly contribute to work packages involving:

- Citizen and Stakeholder Engagement
- Social Impact Monitoring and Evaluation
- Dissemination, Communication, and Local Capacity Building
- Facilitating the "Just Transition" aspect of urban sustainability models