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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings from the 43th issue of the Newsletter of the International Relations Office (IRO).

We are pleased to announce that the International Relations Office of Akdeniz University has been awarded the "2024 Academic Minister Award" in recognition of our achievements and services related to internationalization and the Erasmus+ Programme at the Erasmus Congress and Exhibition - ERACON 20th Annual Meeting, organized by the European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (EAEC). We would like to share this significant joy with all of you. Our activities in the field of internationalization are yielding results, both in light of increasing data and through the recognition of international awards.

The Annual Conference of the European University Association (EUA), the largest and most prestigious university association in Europe, was held at Swansea University in the United Kingdom. By participating in this conference, which is expected to provide new perspectives in areas such as the Erasmus+ Exchange Programme, collaborative partnerships, and joint research projects as part of our university's internationalization strategy, we had the opportunity to engage in sessions addressing current trends in higher education, including the need to invigorate academic standards, academic integrity, and the fair and transparent evaluation of academic careers.

We closely monitor developments at both the international and national levels. Our participation as one of 19 Turkish universities invited to the "Workshop on Enhancing Internationalization Based on the Experiences of International Students," organized by the Turkey Fulbright Educational Commission and Anadolu University, allowed us to evaluate current developments in our country.

In closing, I would like to wish all the students who are departing from our university after completing their studies in the Spring Semester of the 2023-2024 academic year, under the auspices of the Erasmus+ Programm, Free Mover Exchange Programme, and Bilateral Cooperation Agreements, a successful and fulfilling academic journey.

Prof. Dr. İrfan TURHAN
Coordinator of the International Relations Office

2024 ACADEMIC MINISTER AWARD TO AKDENİZ IRO

We have been awarded the 2024 Academic Minister Award as the Akdeniz University International Relations Office.

The Erasmus Congress and Exhibition - ERACON 20th Annual Meeting, organized by the European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (EAEC), took place from June 24-28, 2024, hosted by Porto Polytechnic University in Porto, Portugal. The event brought together universities from both EU and non-EU countries.

Due to its achievements and services within the framework of internationalization and the Erasmus+ Programme, the Akdeniz University International Relations Office has been awarded the 2024 Academic Minister Award by officials from the European Commission.

Our Coordinator, Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan, stated: "We would like to express our gratitude to our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan, for her vision and support in the field of internationalization."



WE ATTENDED ANNUAL CONFERENCE of THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION (EUA)



The European University Association (EUA), the largest and most prestigious university association in Europe, held its Annual Conference (The 2024 EUA) on April 11-12, 2024, hosted by Swansea University in the United Kingdom.

The conference, with 870 universities and higher education institutions from 49 European countries, and 33 public and 18 private universities from Türkiye, also with participation from Akdeniz University. Our university was represented by our Coordinator, Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan.

As part of our university's internationalization strategy, the conference aimed to offer new perspectives on areas such as the Erasmus+ Exchange Programme, joint collaborations, and joint research projects. During the conference, sessions were held on topics including artificial intelligence in education, the need to revitalize academic norms, academic integrity, and the fair and transparent evaluation of academic careers.



WE ATTENDED THE WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING INTERNATIONALIZATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION



Akdeniz University was one of the 19 universities invited to participate in the "Workshop on Developing Internationalization Based on the Experiences of International Students," organized by the Turkey Fulbright Education Commission and Anadolu University, which took place on May 21, 2024, at Anadolu University in Eskişehir.

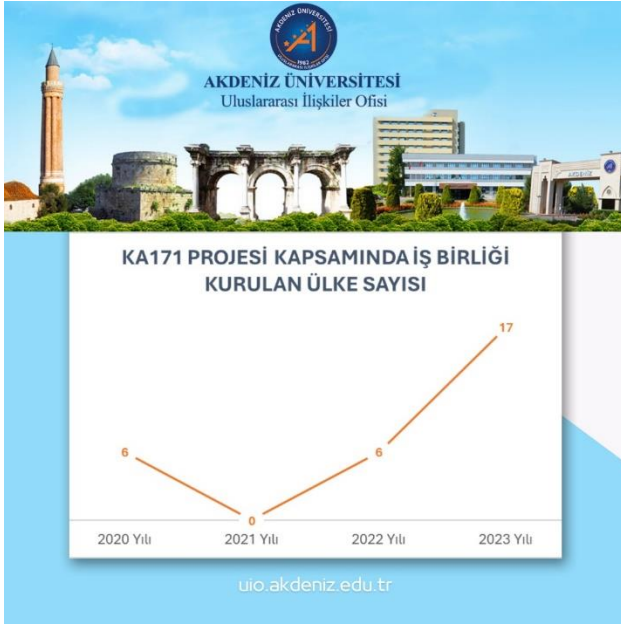
Representing our university, Lecturer Emel Aktaş attended the workshop. Our efforts to enhance internationalization through active participation in various domestic and international platforms will continue.



OUR INTERNATIONALIZATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO GAIN MOMENTUM

In the "internationalization" category, which evaluates the international interactions and collaborations of universities, significant progress has been made in various areas as a result of decisions made at our university under the leadership of our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan.

In this context, the exchange programs carried out by our office have led to a substantial increase in both student and staff mobility, as well as the establishment of collaborations with international universities, between 2020 and 2023.







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Internationalization Data of Akdeniz University

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of International Agreements*	1381	1344	1317	1375
National and International Exchange Programs for Student and Staff Mobility (Inbound and Outbound)	122	161	310	489
Student and Staff Mobility (Inbound and Outbound)	261	299	821	1001
Total Mobility (Outbound Staff)**	73	139	473	572
International Students	2050	2549	2179	1872
Internationally Funded Project Budget (KA1: Individual Learning Mobility Projects)	547.136 €	476.781 €	505.496 €	603.716 €
Number of Countries with Which Cooperation Has Been Established Under the KA171 Project	6	0	6	17
Internationally Funded Project Budget (KA2: Strategic Partnership Projects***)	692.655 €	168.588 €	43.601 €	107.079 €

*All Agreements at the University and Department/Program Level

**All Outbound Academic and Administrative Staff Mobility, Including One-Day Movements

***A Quota for the Number of Projects Has Been Imposed on Universities by the European Commission

National and International Student and Staff Mobility*

	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing
Student	34	136	39	117	67	187	137	179
Academic Staff (min. 14 days)	0	1	0	0	32	165	20	14
Academic Staff (All**)	8	73	0	139	32	440	92	555
Administrative Staff (min. 14 days)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Administrative Staff (All)	10	0	4	0	62	33	21	17

*YÖK Akdeniz University Monitoring and Evaluation Report (2018-2021) data is provided as previously submitted.

**All international mobility, including one-day movements.

COOPERATION WITH THE KARAGANDA UNIVERSITY OF THE NAME OF ACADEMICIAN E.A. BUKETOV/KAZAKHSTAN



Akdeniz University has signed a Cooperation Protocol with the Karaganda University of the name of Academician E.A. Buketov in Kazakhstan. The protocol covers exchanges for students, academic staff members, as well as joint scientific activities.

COOPERATION WITH THE ALMATY TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY/KAZAKHSTAN



Akdeniz University has signed a Cooperation Protocol with the Almaty Technological University in Kazakhstan. The protocol covers exchanges for students, academic staff members, as well as joint scientific activities.

INCOMING STUDENT FROM KAZAKHSTAN WITHIN THE FRAME OF THE COOPERATION PROTOCOL



Within the scope of the Cooperation Protocol between our University and M. Auezov South Kazakhstan University 3 incoming students completed their internship at the Institute of Fine Arts between the dates of 21 May and 21 June 2024. We would like to thank academic staff of the Serik Gülsün-Süleyman Süral Vocational School Prof. Dr. Ramazan Erdem and academic staff of the Faculty of Fine Arts Asst. Prof. Dr. Mariyam Yeziyeva Nehir for their help in organizing and coordinating this internship.

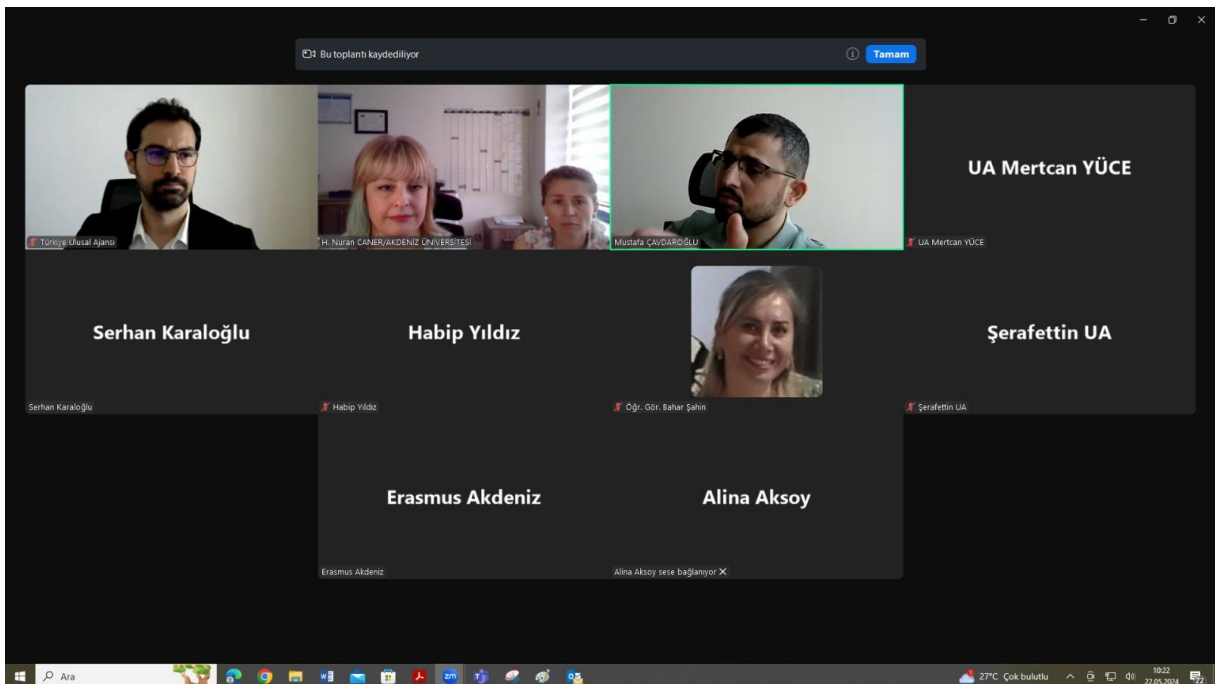
WE WERE GUESTS ON TRT ANTALYA RADIO'S "YOUNG LIFE" PROGRAM

As the Akdeniz University International Relations Office, we were guests on TRT Antalya Radio's "Young Life" programme on May 10, 2024, at 3:15 PM. During the program, we provided information about our Erasmus+ KA 131 project activities.



WE ATTENDED THE TURKISH NATIONAL AGENCY MEETING

We participated in the informational meeting organized online by the Turkish National Agency, which focused on the management of grant processes following mobility activities.



INCOMING and OUTGOING MOBILITIES via FREE MOVER PROGRAMME

Mert Bulut, a student of the Faculty of Applied Sciences of our university, continued his second semester mobility with the Free Mover Programme at Passau University, Germany, after his Erasmus Program mobility. Mert Bulut, completed successfully all his courses, emphasized that this experience had many academic, social and cultural contributions to him. We also wish our student success in his life.



Mert Özcan, who came to our University from Germany within the Free Mover Programme, completed his spring term mobility at the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at our University. We are happy to host our guest students at our University and wish them success.



OUR BOLASHAK SCHOLARSHIPS AT OUR UNIVERSITY

We warmly welcome the scholarships who have chosen our university for the summer term of 2024 under the Kazakhstan/Bolashak International Scholarship Programme.

ERASMUS+ KA-131 PROJECT STUDENT INFORMATION MEETING



On May 15, 2024, we held a face-to-face Erasmus+ KA-131 Project Student Information Meeting at the Akdeniz University Faculty of Communication Conference Hall, and on May 16, 2024, the same meeting was conducted online. After the opening speech by our Coordinator, Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan, a detailed informational session on the Erasmus+ process was presented by H. Nuran Caner. The meetings were met with great interest and demand, with many students and faculty members from our university attending.



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME KA-131 PROJECT STAFF MOBILITY INFORMATION MEETING

We organized an information meeting for our staff who will participate in the 2022 project period of the Erasmus+ Programme KA-131 Staff Mobility for Training. The meeting aimed to provide detailed information regarding the mobility process for the staff involved in this initiative.



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME KA-131/KA-171 PROJECTS INFO-MEETING

We organized an information meeting for our staff who will participate in the Erasmus+ KA-171 and KA-131 Projects Staff Teaching Mobility under the 2022 project period. The meeting aimed to provide comprehensive information regarding the mobility process and related procedures.



2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR FAREWELL MEETING & EUROPE DAY FOR INCOMING STUDENTS



On May 9, 2024, in celebration of Europe Day, we organized various programs for Erasmus+ incoming students as part of the farewell meeting for the 2023-2024 Spring Semester Erasmus+ Programme. We wish our exchange students continued success in their future academic endeavors.



ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK (ESN) ACTIVITIES ONGOING



The "Career 4.0 Through the Eyes of Young People" workshop, organized in collaboration with the Software, Artificial Intelligence, and Creativity Society, Huawei Student Developers Akdeniz, and the Akdeniz University Career Center, took place at the Faculty of Arts of our

university. During the workshop, Emirhan Yılmaz, the President of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), delivered a speech on the opportunities the Erasmus+ Programme offers to students.

ERASMUS+ KA131 SHORT-TERM PHD INTERNSHIP MOBILITY

As part of the 2022 Erasmus Programme KA-131 project period, we have initiated the short-term PhD internship mobility for the first time. An information meeting was held for the students who were selected for this mobility opportunity. We wish our selected students success in their Erasmus+ exchange activities.



UNESCO-CMAS PROJECT ACTIVITIES



On June 14, 2023, an agreement was signed in Paris, France, between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the non-profit global organization, the World Underwater Federation (CMAS), regarding the protection of underwater cultural heritage. As part of this agreement, CMAS will implement special training programs and awareness campaigns through its network of over 100 member countries to protect underwater cultural heritage, while also supporting the educational initiatives organized by UNESCO.

The agreement aims to raise awareness among the hundreds of thousands of divers holding CMAS certifications about the archaeological significance of underwater cultural objects. It also seeks to collaborate with scientists and research organizations in the context of "citizen science" to discover new findings and insights through these divers. The agreement was signed by Ernesto Renato Ottone, UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Culture, and Francisco Lacase, Chair of the CMAS Science Committee, with the participation of Crista Pikkat, Edouard Planche, and Ulrike Guerin from UNESCO, as well as Hakan Öniz from CMAS.



The first training program following the UNESCO-CMAS agreement was held in Lisbon. Organized in collaboration with the Portuguese Underwater Federation, this two-day training was attended by instructors from 38 diving centers across Portugal. Participants successfully completed the program and earned the UNESCO-CMAS Underwater Cultural Heritage Protection certification.

ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS

Raminta Ramanauskaite from Vilnius University completed her Erasmus+ internship at our office from February 5, 2024, to April 5, 2024. We would like to express our gratitude for her efforts during this mobility period and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.



ERASMUS+ INCOMING PERSONNEL VISITS



Daiga Skujane and Natalija Nitavska from Latvia University of Life Sciences Technologies arrived at Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 24.04.2024 to 29.04.2024 at the Department of Landscape Architecture and the Faculty of Architecture. We would like to thank the Erasmus Department Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Benliay and Prof. Dr. Meryem Atik for their support in this mobility period.

Przemyslaw Postawa and Tomasz Jaruga from Czestochowa University of Technology arrived at Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 22.04.2024 to 26.04.2024 at the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Faculty of Engineering. We would like to thank the Erasmus Department Coordinator Prof. Dr. H. Erdem Çamurlu for his support in this mobility period.



Beata Kijak-Mitura from Lublin University of Technology arrived at Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 08.05.2024 to 10.05.2024 at the Department of International Relations Office. We would like to thank her for her visit.



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