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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**



Greetings from the 44<sup>th</sup> issue of the Newsletter of the International Relations Office (IRO).

We congratulate our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan, who has been reappointed as the Rector of Akdeniz University for a second term with the recommendation of The Council of Higher Education in Türkiye (CoHE) and the esteemed approval of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the President of Türkiye. Under her leadership, we continue to work diligently to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of our Office in the internationalization efforts of our University.

In this context, we had the honor of representing our University at the 34th European Association for International Education (EAIE) Fair, the largest international education fair in Europe, held in Toulouse, France, from September 17-20, 2024. At the fair, where over 7,000 academics and institutional representatives from around the world gathered, We had the opportunity to engage in significant discussions on collaboration opportunities and experience sharing in international education. In addition to meeting with our current Erasmus+ partners, we were able to establish contacts with leading European universities and institutions from other countries for potential new collaborations.

We are also proud to announce that the Erasmus+ Programme Strategic Partnerships - KA2 Project, titled "INTEGRATING INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS INTO DIGITAL-HOLISTIC EDUCATION-INSIDE," with reference number 2020-1-TR01-KA201-093698, in which Akdeniz University is a partner, has been awarded the 2024 EITA-European Innovative Teaching Award. This project, conducted in collaboration with Türkiye, Ireland, and Spain, is one of 27 projects worldwide in the field of primary education that received this prestigious award and is the only project representing Türkiye.

Furthermore, our University has been included among the 141 higher education institutions in Türkiye that applied for and received funding under the 2024 call for proposals of the "KA171 Erasmus+Individual Learning Mobility" project, which aims to enhance cooperation between Partner and Program Countries, funded by the European Union and the Türkiye National Agency.

Another significant achievement is that we became the first Turkish university to join the Association of Asian and Pacific Universities (AUAP). Our internationalization efforts continue not only with Western countries but also with Eastern countries, through bilateral cooperation protocols, the Bolashaq Scholarship Program, and memberships in regional organizations such as AUAP, as we strive to enhance collaboration in the Asia-Pacific region.

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



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#### OUR RECTOR PROF. DR. ÖZLENEN ÖZKAN



With the recommendation of the Council of Higher Education in Türkiye (CoHE) and the esteemed approval of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the President of Türkiye, I have been reappointed as the Rector of Akdeniz University for a second term. I am deeply honored to once again undertake this prestigious duty, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to President Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the President of the Council of Higher Education, Prof. Dr. Erol ÖZVAR, and all the members of the Council of Higher Education for the trust they have placed in me.

During the four years of my tenure, we worked diligently with the goal of elevating our university to a respected position among global universities, through high-quality education, teaching, and scientific research. At this point, our university has enhanced its education and research capacity, earned accreditation certificates that signify its quality, initiated the Science Valley Project, which holds hope for humanity with its innovations such as cancer vaccines and artificial organs, and contributed to the university and society through collaborative projects such as the Hospital Parking Lot and Guesthouse, in cooperation with the city. Furthermore, our university has reached the status of a Research University Candidate, with the potential to further elevate these projects.



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In the new term, we will continue to work with all our strength to raise the achievements of our university to even greater heights, present the outcomes of the projects we have implemented for the benefit of humanity and society, utilize our university's high potential to the fullest with new projects, and contribute to the development of our country. We are determined to position our university among the most distinguished global institutions.

On this occasion, I once again express my heartfelt thanks to President Erdoğan for his trust and favor towards me, and I extend my deepest gratitude to all the stakeholders of our city, as well as to our academic and administrative staff and students, who have contributed to the development of our university. I hope that the new term will be fruitful for our university, our city, and our country.

With warm regards and respect.

Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan Akdeniz University Rector





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# WE PARTICIPATED in THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION for INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (EAIE) FAIR



We participated in the largest international education fair in Europe, the European Association for International Education (EAIE) Fair. The 34th edition of the EAIE Fair was held in Toulouse, France, from September 17-20, 2024. As part of the event, we took our place under the "Study in Turkey" umbrella, organized by the Education Economics Business Council.





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The fair, which brought together more than 7,000 academics and institutional representatives from around the world, was attended by Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan, our Office and Erasmus Institutional Coordinator, who led the delegation, along with the Deputy Coordinators of the International Relations Office, Senior Teacher H. Nuran Caner and Lecturer Dilek Hale Aybar, representing our university.

At the fair, which facilitated significant discussions on collaboration opportunities and experience sharing in international education, representatives of Akdeniz University held meetings with existing Erasmus+ partners and established contacts with leading universities in Europe, as well as institutions from other countries, for potential new collaborations.

The fair was visited by the Consul General of Türkiye in Bordeaux, Ayşe Şebnem Manav, the Educational Attaché of Bordeaux, Prof. Dr. Veda Aslım Yetiş, and the Trade Attaché of Marseille, İnan Yıldırımlıdal. During the event, discussions were held with the President of the Turkish National Agency, İlker Astarcı, regarding projects carried out in the field of higher education. Additionally, face-to-face meetings were held with research and educational institutions from nearly 100 countries, including the USA, the United Kingdom, Australia, North Africa, Japan, South Korea, China, India, and Pakistan. With these interactions, Akdeniz University aims to expand its international network, pursue joint research projects, and increase collaborations in student and staff exchange programs.





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#### AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN AWARDED 2024 EITA (EUROPEAN INNOVATIVE TEACHING AWARD)

Within the scope of Erasmus+ Program Strategic Partnerships "INTEGRATING INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS INTO DIGITAL-HOLISTIC EDUCATION-INSIDE" with the reference number 2020-1-TR01-KA201-093698, in which Akdeniz University is a partner, has been completed. The project was deemed worthy of the 2024 EITA-European Innovative Teaching Award. The project, carried out jointly with Türkiye, Ireland and Spain, is one of the 27 projects that received awards in the field of primary education worldwide and is the only project representing Türkiye.



The project activities were carried out by Dr. Ece Varlık Özsoy, faculty member and project manager of the Department of Psychology, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nesrin Sönmez, faculty member and project researcher of the Department of Special Education at our University. We wish them success throughout their academic life.





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#### **AKDENIZ UNIVERSITY**

#### IS THE FIRST TURKISH UNIVERSITY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (AUAP)



The Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) was established in Thailand in 1995 as a platform for interaction and collaboration among higher education institutions in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Association of the Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) is a platform and voice of universities in Asia and the Pacific and around the world. AUAP is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), holding the highest formal consultative status with UNESCO. Its primary purpose is to be the main platform for interaction and collaboration between members, and to be the effective voice of universities in Asia and the Pacific region. AUAP organizes regular conferences and workshops for higher education leaders and institutions in the Asia-Pacific region to discuss important issues and the challenges facing higher education. The association promotes and helps enhance mutually beneficial cooperation among educational institutions, and is dedicated to rendering such services to its member institutions.

In a statement regarding the matter, our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan, said, "As the first Turkish university to become a member of the relevant organization, our university has demonstrated its efforts and commitment to internationalization by participating in various regional unions. Our memberships in such regional organizations in Asia, as well as our bilateral cooperation protocols, the Bolashak Scholarship programs, are proof of this.".



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# AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY'S PROJECT WITHIN THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME KA171 PROJECTS BY THE PROJECT CALL OF 2024 ACCEPTED BY TÜRKİYE NATIONAL AGENCY

Our University was entitled to receive a grant to carry out mobility with universities in 4 regions and 7 countries within the scope of the "Erasmus+ Main Action 1: Learning Mobility of Individuals" as a result of the KA171 project 2023 project call application within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme. First of all, we would like to thank our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan for her support; and we congratulate all academic staff who contributed to the preparation of the projects and the completion of the application on behalf of our University.

Akdeniz University, which has successfully carried out student and staff mobility within the scope of the Erasmus Program since 2003, attaches importance to cooperation with countries outside Europe in order to provide geographical diversity in mobility programs. In this context, Akdeniz University was among the 141 higher education institutions in Turkey that applied and qualified for grants in line with the call for proposals of 2024 for the "KA171 Erasmus+Learning Mobility of Individuals" project, which aims to improve cooperation between Partner Countries and Program Countries carried out by the European Union and the Türkiye National Agency.

Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility (KA171) projects with third countries not related to the Program, for which grants will be provided by the Directorate for European Union Education and Youth Programs (Turkish National Agency), have been evaluated by adhering to the methods and criteria specified in the content evaluation, Call for Proposals and 2024 Program Guide. Within the scope of our University's Internationalization Strategy, the focus was on developing cooperation with countries (such as Sub-Saharan Africa) and universities with which no agreements had been made, and as a result of the 2024 project application, Akdeniz University was entitled to receive a grant to carry out mobility with universities in 7 countries in 4 regions (Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Australia, Mauritius).

First of all, we would like to thank our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan for her support; and we congratulate all academic staff who contributed to the preparation of the projects and the completion of the application on behalf of our University. We wish them continued success.

Weblink of Erasmus+ KA171 Grant Distribution results for 2024 - https://ua.gov.tr/haber/2024-basvuru-donemi-yuksekogretimde-hareketlilik-projeleri-ka171-basvuru-sonuclari/.





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#### A DELEGATION FROM MOSCOW VISITS OUR UNIVERSITY FOR COLLABORATION



A delegation, including Sergey Cheremin, the Minister of External Economic Affairs and International Relations of the Moscow Government, Natalya Masyagina, Rector of Moscow State University of Sports and Tourism, Sergey Vetrik, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Antalya, and Alexander Ivancov, Dean of Moscow State University of Sports and Tourism, visited our Rector, Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan. The visit was also accompanied by Mustafa Gürbüz, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Antalya Metropolitan Municipality.

Rector Özkan expressed her great honor in hosting Minister Cheremin and the delegation, stating, "As Türkiye, deepening the ties we already have with Russia is of great value to us. In addition to economic and commercial relations, strengthening our academic connections is also an important point for us at Akdeniz University. We currently have 109 Russian students at our university, and while we offer Russian language courses in our Faculty of Tourism, our Departments of Russian Language and Literature also introduce us more closely to Russian culture. It would be highly valuable for us to establish collaborations with you as universities of two neighboring countries."



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Minister Cheremin emphasized that they aim to strengthen ties between Russia and Türkiye in all fields, also underscoring the importance of cooperation in academia. Natalya Masyagina, Rector of Moscow State University of Sports and Tourism, mentioned that her university hosts students from various countries worldwide, adding, "Unfortunately, we currently do not have any students from Türkiye, but I hope this will change very soon. I would like to invite you and a delegation of students from Akdeniz University to visit our university."

Alexander Ivancov, Dean of Moscow State University of Sports and Tourism, pointed out that his university has won six Nobel Prizes and has agreements with Turkey regarding the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant, where they provide training to Turkish officials. He emphasized their desire to expand relations and collaborations with Türkiye and Turkish universities in all fields.





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#### AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES A 100% ENGLISH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ENGINEERING PROGRAMME

The Artificial Intelligence and Data Engineering Programme has been established at Akdeniz University. The department, which welcomed its first students this year, will train the future artificial intelligence engineers with its competent academic staff, rich research infrastructure, double major opportunities, and on-campus internship facilities.

Akdeniz University has added a new innovation to its forward-looking and future-shaping educational opportunities. The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Engineering, one of the professions of the future, has been opened within the Faculty of Engineering. The department, which admitted its first students this year, has a quota of thirty students. The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Engineering stands out with its double major opportunities, 100% English-language education, advanced laboratories, and next-generation internship opportunities.

In this regard, we have achieved one of the firsts in Türkiye. The students who come to the department will take almost the same courses with the same instructors as Computer Engineering students. Thus, students will have the opportunity to obtain dual degrees through the double major option. Computer Engineering students will have the opportunity to graduate with a degree in Artificial Intelligence and Data Engineering, and similarly, students coming to the Artificial Intelligence and Data Engineering Department will have the opportunity to earn a degree in Computer Engineering.

The department has a team consisting of two professors, three associate professors, and four assistant professors, along with nine research assistants. Our laboratory facilities are extensive. We have high-performance computing and data center laboratories where students can collaborate, as well as software development labs. As the Department of Computer Engineering, we have MÜDEK accreditation. This accreditation signifies that we provide high-quality, world-standard education.

Artificial intelligence engineering is the profession of the future, enabling many tasks to be performed faster, more efficiently, and more easily. It has entered every aspect of our lives, from autonomous vehicles to smart systems, image processing to personal assistants. In this regard, we invite everyone to our department, which aims to fill the gap in our country for engineers who can solve problems using artificial intelligence technologies.





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#### 23 ACADEMICANS FROM AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY FEATURED in the WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS LIST



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In the "World's Most Influential Scientists List" published in the Elsevier database, scientists from 22 major fields and 174 subfields worldwide were evaluated. 23 academics from Akdeniz University were included in the "World's Most Influential Scientists List" prepared by Stanford University. The list, which considers indicators such as citations, H-index, Hm-index, C-score, and citation order, was categorized into "Career-long Impact" and "Annual Impact." 23 scientists from Akdeniz University were ranked among the best in these categories.

#### In the "Career-long Impact" Category, 16 Academics:

- 1. Prof. Dr. Tomris Özben Faculty of Medicine
- 2. Prof. Dr. Yılmaz Şimşek Faculty of Science
- 3. Prof. Dr. Erkan Alpsoy Faculty of Medicine
- 4. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bekir Akgöz Faculty of Engineering
- 5. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evgin Göçeri Faculty of Engineering
- 6. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Karaman Vocational School of Technical Sciences
- 7. Prof. Dr. Osman Duman Faculty of Science
- 8. Prof. Dr. Nalan Gökoğlu Faculty of Fisheries
- 9. Prof. Dr. Afşin Güngör Faculty of Engineering
- 10. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Aksoy Faculty of Science
- 11. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Demirci Faculty of Science
- 12. Prof. Dr. Ayhan Topuz Faculty of Engineering
- 13. Prof. Dr. Sibel Tunç Faculty of Science
- 14. Prof. Dr. Cengiz Toker Faculty of Agriculture
- 15. Prof. Dr. Can Tansel Tuğcu Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
- 16. Prof. Dr. Pınar Çamurlu Faculty of Science

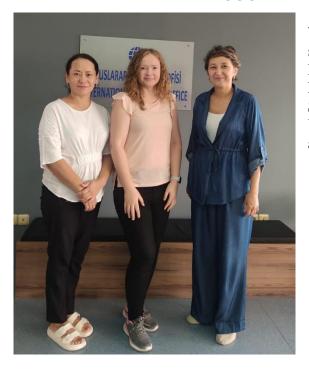
#### In the "Annual Impact" Category, 20 Academics:

- 1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Karaman Vocational School of Technical Sciences
- 2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evgin Göçeri Faculty of Engineering
- 3. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Onur Karaman Vocational School of Health Services
- 4. Prof. Dr. Tomris Özben Faculty of Medicine
- 5. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bekir Akgöz Faculty of Engineering
- 6. Prof. Dr. Osman Duman Faculty of Science
- 7. Prof. Dr. Can Tansel Tuğcu Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
- 8. Prof. Dr. Tahir Albayrak Faculty of Tourism
- 9. Prof. Dr. Engin Karadağ Faculty of Education
- 10. Prof. Dr. Yılmaz Şimşek Faculty of Science
- 11. Prof. Dr. Erkan Alpsoy Faculty of Medicine
- 12. Prof. Dr. Sibel Tunç Faculty of Science
- 13. Prof. Dr. Afşin Güngör Faculty of Engineering
- 14. Prof. Dr. Nalan Gökoğlu Faculty of Fisheries
- 15. Prof. Dr. Ayhan Topuz Faculty of Engineering
- 16. Prof. Dr. Cengiz Toker Faculty of Agriculture
- 17. Prof. Dr. Saffet Öztürk Faculty of Medicine
- 18. Prof. Dr. Nuray Erin Faculty of Medicine
- 19. Prof. Dr. Gülsüm Özlem Elpek Faculty of Medicine
- 20. Prof. Dr. Battal Çıplak Faculty of Science



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#### INCOMING ACADEMIC STAFF FROM KAZAKHSTAN WITHIN THE FRAME OF THE COOPERATION PROTOCOL



Within the scope of the Cooperation Protocol signed between our University and Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University, Prof. Dr. Laura Kakimova and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akmaral Smanova visited the Faculty of Fine Arts of our University between the dates of 24 September and 04 October, 2024.

# INCOMING STUDENT FROM KAZAKHSTAN WITHIN THE FRAME OF THE COOPERATION PROTOCOL

Within the scope of the Cooperation Protocols between our University and M. Auezov South Kazakhstan University incoming student will study at the Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Languages Education in the Fall Semester of the 2024-2025 Academic Year. We wish good luck to our student.





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#### **FREE MOVER PROGRAM MOBILITIES**



Nur Çelik a Free Mover Incoming student from the University of Amsterdam has come to our University. She has completed her registration process at the Faculty of Law and started her courses. We welcome her to our University.





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Further, we have sent our students to European Universities as Free Movers. Damla Karabulut, Zeynep Azra Güler, and Ozan Ege Çalışır have been accepted to Passau University in Germany. Ahmet Alkaç has also registered with Hochschule Darmstadt in Germany. Dias Tussupbekov has been accepted to Universidad De Castilla La-Mancha in Italy to continue his studies. We wish them great success during their exchange process.





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#### PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES TO OUR BOLASHAK SCHOLARSHIPS



As part of the Kazakhstan/Bolashak International Scholarship Program, we awarded participation certificates to the scholarship recipients who chose our university and completed their internships during different periods in 2024. The recipients expressed their satisfaction with the internship experience they had at our university, and we wish them continued success in their future endeavors.





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#### Преподаватель Abai University прошла научную стажировку в Турции

Преподаватель КазНПУ имени Абая, PhD, и.о. ассоциированного профессора Факультета искусств Бекболатова Куралай в рамках проекта «500 ученых» программы «Болашак» прошла научную стажировку в Университете Акдениз (Турция, Анталья).

Стажировка в рамках международной программы «Болашак» - это уникальная возможность для ученых и преподавателей вузов получить возможность работать в научных лабораториях с опытными научными сотрудниками, участвовать в проведении исследовательских проектах и экспериментах, а также для получения новых знаний.

Университет Акдениз-был основан в Анталии в 1982 году и за короткое время стал одним из ведущих университетов Турции. Это высшее учебное заведение известно своим передовым опытом в области образования и науки, искусства, сельского хозяйства, лищевой промышленности и др.

Поздравляем Бекболатову Куралай с успешным завершением 6-ти месячной научной стажировки в университете Акдениз.















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#### OUR BOLASHAK SCHOLARSHIPS' INTEREST in OUR UNIVERSITY CONTINUES



As part of the Kazakhstan Bolashak International Scholarship, our scholarship Elmira Azretbergenova, who chose the Department of History at our university for the new academic year, and her advisor, Prof. Dr. Güven Dinç, visited our office on 23.09.2024.





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#### **ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME OUTGOING STAFF**

Within the scope of our 2022 Erasmus+ KA171 project, Associate Prof. Dr. S. Yaprak Çetin, a faculty member of the Faculty of Health Sciences, participated in the Erasmus+ staff teaching mobility program at the NICM Health Research Institute, Western Sydney University, Australia, between June 23 and July 7, 2024.

We extend our congratulations to our academic staff member and wish her continued success in her professional endeavors.





Within the scope of our 2022 Erasmus+ KA131 project for Staff Training Mobility, Lecturer Hatice Yavuz Yüce from the Health Institutions Management Program at Serik Gülsün Süleyman Süral Vocational School successfully carried out a staff training mobility activity at Bedcon Berlin Education & Consulting in Germany between June 20 and 24, 2024.

We congratulate our academic staff member and wish her continued success in her career.



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Within the scope of our 2022 Erasmus+ KA131 project for Staff Teaching Mobility, Associate Prof. Dr. H. Feza Çarlak, a faculty member of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering, carried out a teaching mobility activity at AGH University of Science and Technology (Akademia Górniczo-Hutnicza im. Staszica w Krakowie) in Poland between June 6 and 19, 2024.

We congratulate our academic staff member and wish him continued success in his academic pursuits.





Within the scope of our 2022 Erasmus+ KA131 project for Staff Teaching Mobility, Professor Dr. Bahri Gürpınar, a faculty member of the Department of Physical Education and Sports at the Faculty of Sport Sciences, conducted a teaching mobility activity at the German Sport University Cologne (Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln) in Germany between June 30 and July 13, 2024.

We extend our congratulations to our academic staff member and wish him continued success in his academic career.



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Within the scope of our 2022 Erasmus+ KA131 project for Staff Training Mobility, Research Assistant Nuriye Öz from the Department of Anatomy, Basic Medical Sciences Division, Faculty of Medicine, successfully participated in a staff training mobility activity at the Medical University of Graz in Austria between July 1 and 5, 2024.

We congratulate our academic staff member and wish her continued success in her academic journey.





Within the scope of our 2022 Erasmus+ KA131 project for Staff Teaching Mobility, Prof. Dr. Erol Esen, a faculty member of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, carried out a teaching mobility activity at Evangelische Hochschule Berlin in Germany between June 30 and July 13, 2024.

We congratulate our academic staff member and wish him continued success in his academic endeavors.



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Within the scope of our 2022 Erasmus+ KA131 project for Staff Training Mobility, Professor Dr. Ramazan Erdem, a faculty member of the Textile Technologies Program at Serik Gülsün Süleyman Süral Vocational School, participated in a staff training mobility activity at the University of West Attica in Greece between July 1 and 5, 2024.

We congratulate our academic staff member and wish him continued success in his academic endeavors.



#### OUR STUDENTS ARRIVED UNDER THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAM HAVE COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES AT OUR UNIVERSITY

2023-2024 Academic Year Incoming Erasmus+ Students completed their mobility at Akdeniz University. We would like to thank each of our students who are members of Akdeniz University family for their efforts here and for choosing our University. We wish all our precious students a successful life.







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#### THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME INCOMING STAFF VISITS





Piotr Dariusz Marko, Michal Pawel Kaniowski, Jacek Dariusz Wiatrowski and Michal Olaf Dzwonnik from Polonia University in Czestochowa arrived at Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 29.04.2024 to 03.05.2024 at the Faculty of Law. We would like to thank the Erasmus+ Department Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Cem Ümit Beyoğlu for his support in this mobility period.



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Urszula Jankiewicz from Warsaw University of Life Sciences arrived at Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 06.05.2024 to 10.05.2024 at the Department of Biology and the Faculty of Science.

We would like to thank the Erasmus+ Department Coordinator Prof. Dr. Candan Aykurt for her support in this mobility period.





Magdalena Sozoniuk from University of Life Sicences in Lublin arrived at Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 06.05.2024 to 10.05.2024 at the Department of Agricultural Biotechnology and Faculty of Agriculture.

We would like to thank our related Erasmus+Department Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysun Özçelik and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hatice İkten for their support in this mobility period.



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Madalina Orban from the Rector's Office and Nicoleta-Cristina Sabau from Engineering Faculty from the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Targu Mures arrived at Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 20.05.2024 to 24.05.2024 at the Faculty of Engineering and International Relations Office.

We would like to thank the Vice Dean of the Engineering Faculty Assoc. Prof. Dr. H. Feza Carlak for his support in this mobility period.

Jelena Komsic and Sanja Vujkov from University of Novi Sad arrived at Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training and Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 20.05.2024 to 24.05.2024 at the Faculty of Dentistry.

We would like to thank our Erasmus Coordinator of the Dentistry Faculty Prof. Dr. Mükerrem Hatipoğlu for his support in this mobility period.





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Lenka Lachytova from Pavol Jozef Safarik University arrived at Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 01.05.2024 to 01.06.2024 at the Department of Social Service and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. We are glad to welcome Lenka Lachytova for her second visit to our University.

We would like to thank our Erasmus Department Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Sinem Burcu Uğur for her support in this mobility period.

Subecz Zoltan from Jon von Neumann University arrived at Akdeniz University to complete his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 27.05.2024 to 31.05.2024 at the Department of Computer Engineering and the Faculty of Engineering.

We would like to thank to our Erasmus Department Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Gökhan Akçay for his support in this mobility period.





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Jan Machacek from University of Ostrava arrived at Akdeniz University to complete his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 27.05.2024 to 31.05.2024 at the Department of Geography and the Faculty of Letters.

We would like to thank to our Erasmus Department Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ebru Akköprü and Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahsin Şahin for their support in this mobility period.

Alina Lucyna Ogorek and Tomasz Jozef Ogorek from Rzeszow University of Technology arrived at Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 27.05.2024 to 31.05.2024 at the Department of International Relations Office.

We would like to thank them for their visit.





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Artur Pedziwiatr from Warsaw University of Life Sciences arrived at Akdeniz University to complete his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 27.05.2024 to 31.05.2024 at the Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition and the Faculty of Agriculture.

We would like to thank to our Erasmus Department Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. İnci Tolay, Head of the Department Prof. Dr. Erdem Yılmaz, and Lect. Büşra Çalık Zyambo for their support in this mobility period.

Catarina Tomas and Joana Sousa from Polytechnic of Leiria arrived at Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 03.06.2024 to 07.06.2024 at the Department of Nursing and the Faculty of Nursing.

We would like to thank to our Erasmus Department Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öznur Körükcü for her support in this mobility period.





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Kornelia Jaworska-Tomczyk from State University of Applied Sciences in Przemysl (PANS) arrived at Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 03.06.2024 to 04.06.2024 and her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training between the dates 05.06.2024 to 07.06.2024 at the Department of Nutrition and Dietrtics and the Faculty of Health Sciences.

We would like to thank our Department Erasmus Ccordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Merve Şeyda Karaçil Ermumcu for her support in this mobility period.

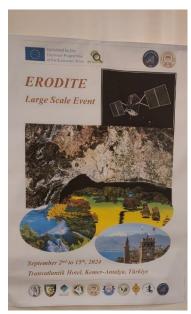
Laura Edit Ciulea, Liliana Maria Rusu, and Cristian Graur from Universitatea de Medicina, Farmacie, Știinte și Technologie "George Emil Palade" Targu Mureș arrived at Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 03.06.2024 to 07.06.2024 at the Department of Physical Education and Sports Teaching and the Faculty of Sport Sciences. We would like to thank our Department Erasmus Coordinator Lect. Vedat Çetinkaya for his support in this mobility period.





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#### "ERASMUS+ EARTH OBSERVATION TOOLS for the PROMOTION of DIGITAL ECONOMY (ERODITE)" PROJECT ACTIVITIES



The "EARTH OBSERVATION TOOLS FOR THE PROMOTION OF DIGITAL ECONOMY (ERODITE)" project, supported under the Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education Program, held its Large Scale Event from September 1 to 16, 2024, at the Transatlantik Hotel in Kemer/Göynük.

Approximately 80 participants, including 39 graduate students from Algeria and Jordan, as well as faculty members from Greece, Jordan, Algeria, and our university, attended the event. The event, which was chaired by Associate Prof. Dr. Nusret Demir from the Department of Space Sciences and Technologies, Faculty of Science, was organized by our university in collaboration with Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.





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This two-week event offered a rich program, focusing on theoretical lessons and hands-on fieldwork in areas such as land measurement, satellite-based GNSS, laser scanning, UAV technologies, and Earth observation through satellites. Participants had the opportunity to learn from leading experts and apply their knowledge in real-world scenarios through intensive practical exercises.

The fieldwork of the event took place at the ancient city of Perge, coordinated by our university's faculty members, Lecturer Tevfik Fikret Horzum, Lecturer Levent Uzunsakal from the Vocational School of Technical Sciences, and faculty members from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.



On the final day of the event, an international session was held, during which our university's Faculty of Engineering member, Professor Dr. Bekir Taner San, gave a presentation on the General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration (MTA), and Dr. Fulya Kandemir, from the Antalya Metropolitan Municipality, delivered presentations on climate change activities.





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#### **NEWS FROM IRO**



\* As of July 17, 2024, Civil Servant Gözde Nur İncirbelen has started working at our office as the Responsible Officer for Erasmus+ Program KA171 Projects Bilateral Agreements and the Responsible Officer for Outgoing Staff under the Erasmus+ Program KA1 Projects. We warmly welcome her to the International Relations Office (IRO) and wish her continued success.



\* The assignment of Statistician Atahan Taşyürek at our office has come to an end, and he has now started his position at the Information Technology Department of our university. We would like to extend our gratitude to him for his contributions to our university under the International Relations Office and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.



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