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



Greetings from the 39th issue of the Newsletter of the International Relations Office (IRO) and the forth Newsletter of my Coordinatorship...

As it is known, IRO, which I am the Coordinator of, constitutes one of the cornerstones of the internationalization activities of our University and carries out all its activities in a way focused on this goal.

In this context, in order to increase the recognition and visibility of our University in the international arena, first of all we participated in the 75th NAFSA International Education Conference and Fair, the world's most comprehensive higher education summit which was held in Washington D.C. Our Rector Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan personally participated this fair and we received very good feedback from this fair. Secondly, we had the pride of representing our university by participating in the International Fair organized by KÜNİB-DER in Tabriz, the Islamic Republic of Iran.

We organized the "Horizon Europe Project Writing Workshop" within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme carried out under the responsibility of our office. In this event, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rabia Bayındır who is a member of Education Faculty of Akdeniz University and Dr. Peter Gray who is a member of Norwegian Nord University was involved as educators. As a result of the event, practical information about Horizon Europe Projects was given and the outlines of the projects to be applied were created. We made 28 applications of KA2 Project from our University to the National Agency with the support of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rabia Bayındır. In this context I would like to special thank to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rabia Bayındır for her sincery support. Our office will continue to organize workshops for similar purposes.

We participated in the information meetings organized by the Turkish National Agency. In addition to this, information meetings continue for both our students and academic staff regarding the Erasmus+ Programme.

As part of the Erasmus+ Programme, we bid farewell to our guests who were on the move to teach or study at our university for the 2022-2023 Academic Year Spring semester. We have no doubt that all our foreign guests, who left our university expressing their satisfaction, will serve as volunteer educational and cultural ambassadors between their countries and Türkiye. The doors of Türkiye and our University are always open to our respective volunteer ambassadors...

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



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#### **PARTICIPATION IN NAFSA 2023**



Akdeniz University was represented by a delegation under the chairmanship of Our Rector Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan at the "NAFSA 2023" education fair, the most prestigious educational conference and fair in the field of education in the world, which attracted more than 10,000 participants from 160 countries to Washington D.C. in the USA between May 30th and June 2nd 2023.



Representatives from 16 Turkish universities were present in the "Study in Turkey" pavilion to promote Turkish higher education, and to increase internationalization and bilateral cooperation between universities. Rector Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan said that the interest towards Akdeniz University at the Fair was a source of pride.



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#### AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY AT THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FAIR IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



Akdeniz University was represented by a delegation at the "KÜNİB-DER 2023 International Education Fair organized in Tabriz, Iran between 10-11 June 2023. The delegation was made up of Prof. Dr. Neval Baştuğ, Vice Dean of Health Faculty, Prof. Dr. Engin Karadağ, Director of the Institute of Social Sciences , Doç. Dr. İlkay Boz, Vice Dean of Nurse Faculty and Mevlana and Farabi Exchange Programme Coordinator Emel Kahraman.





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Representatives from 8 Turkish universities were present to promote Turkish higher education, and to increase internationalization and bilateral cooperation between universities. A wide range of information was presented to the Iranian students who asked about coming Akdeniz University as international students, including details of the opportunities available at Akdeniz University, associate bachelor degree and degree, graduate programmes, as well as information about all the Exchange programmes which have been implemented under the coordination of the International Relations Office. The fair was visited by approximately 1,500 students who would like to study in Türkiye.





Within the scope of the program, Turkish Consulate General in Tabriz was visited and consultations were held.



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#### HORIZON EUROPE PROJECT WRITING WORKSHOP



Within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme, Horizon Europe Project Writing Workshop was held by our office for the academic staff at our University between 19-23th June 2023. Our Coordinator Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan made the opening speech and pointed out the importance of international projects.



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During the workshop, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rabia Bayındır and Dr. Peter Gray not only provide information on project writing but also gave details about each step of the application process on the sample form.



The event attracted such great interest from academics that the event has been scheduled for one week.



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#### **NEWCOMERS TO ERASMUS+ MEETING**



We participated in the 'Newcomers to Erasmus+ Meeting' of Turkish National Agency hosted by Alanya University on 23rd of May, 2023.





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#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MEETING



In accordance with the Internationalization activities of our university, a meeting was held in our Office on Thursday, June 22, 2023 under the coordination of Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan who is the Coordinator of IRO in order to discuss the issues related to international students studying at our university within the scope of formal education and coming within the scope of exchange programs. Akdeniz TÖMER Director Prof. Dr. Kemal Demir, Head of Student Affairs Department Lect. Altuğ Erkan, Head of Health, Culture and Sports Department Lect. Halime Çam, Afro Antalya Community Academic Advisor Prof. Dr. Orhan Özçatalbaş and students attended.





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#### **ERASMUS+ KA131 PROJECTS ONLINE INFORMATION MEETING**



We organized an online information meeting for student within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme KA131 project on 08 May 2023. It started with the opening speech of Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan after that chartered teacher H. Nuran Caner made an informative presentation, the meeting ended with a question and answer session



#### **ERASMUS+ KA171 PROJECTS ONLINE INFORMATION MEETING**

We organized an information meeting for academic staff within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme KA171 project on 11 May 2023.





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#### **TURKISH NATIONAL AGENCY INFORMATION WEBINARS**



We participated in the meetings on 13 April 2023 and 8 June 2023 organized online by the Turkish National Agency about the updates made in the Erasmus Application Portal.





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#### THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED A MID-TERM REVIEW WEBINAR

The European Universities Association organized a mid-term review webinar on 28th of June, 2023. IRO and Erasmus Institutional Coordinator Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan, Dilek Hale Aybar and H. Nuran Caner participated in the online meeting. At the meeting, the results of Erasmus+mid-term review survey, such as project management, Erasmus Without Paper, cooperation between higher education institutions, Erasmus Student Card, project opportunities and problems were discussed.





#### **ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENT ORIENTATION MEETING**



Within the frame of the 2022-2023 Academic Year Erasmus+ Programme, an Orientation Meeting was organised for incoming students who came to Akdeniz University from different countries in the world in the date of 24 May 2023.



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#### **VISITS OF ACADEMIC STAFF FROM ERASMUS+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**



Anca-Gabriela Anton from the University of Bucharest completed her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 01.05.2023 to 05.05.2023 at the Department of Radio, Television, and Cinema and the Faculty Communication.

Fuad Hasanov from the University of Baku Engineering completed his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 08.05.2023 to 12.05.2023 at the Department of Maritime and Port Management of the Vocational School of Finike within the scope of the KA107 Project.





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Tijana Lainovic from the Novi Sad completed her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 07.05.2023 to 12.05.2023 at the Faculty of Dentistry.



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Francisco Jose Miranda Gonçalves from the Polytechnic Institute of Viseu completed his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 09.05.2023 to 12.05.2023 at the Faculty of Sport Science.



Edit Hoyk (Department of Horticulture) and Mihalka Virag (Department of Agricultural Biotechnology) from the Neumann University completed their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 15.05.2023 to 19.05.2023 at the Faculty of Agriculture.





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Asude Kuş from the Klinikum Ludwigshafen gGmbH completed her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 24.04.2023 to 19.05.2023 at the Department of Medical Oncology and the Faculty of Medicine.

Mateusz Sergiusz from the Institute of Archeology and Ethnology of the Polish Academy of Sciences completed his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility at the Mediterranean Civilisations Research Institute in the Academic Year 2022-2023 between 18.05.2023. We would like to thank our related Erasmus Department Coordinator Prof. Dr. Hakan Öniz for his support this mobility period.





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Vilma Viliene. Monika Nutautaite, and Asta Raceviciute Stupeliene from the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences completed their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 22.05.2023 to 26.05.2023 at the Department of Animal Science and the Faculty of Agriculture. We would like to thank our related Erasmus Department Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Karacaören for his support in this mobility period.

Manuela Salagean, Mihaela Baba, and Ovidiu Tatar from George Emil Palade University completed the Erasmus+ Personnel Training Mobility in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between 18.05.2023-24.05.2023.





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Yongxia Sun and Sylwester Bulkan from the Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology completed their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 22.05.2023 to 25.05.2023 at the Department of Nuclear Radiation Technology and Safety and Vocatioanal School of Technical Sciences. We would like to thank our related Erasmus Department Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süleyman Fatih Özmen for his support in this mobility period..





Spalj Stjepan from the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek in Croatia completed his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 02.05.2023 to 29.05.2023 at the Faculty of Dentistry.



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Eniada Reçi from the University of Tirana arrived at Akdeniz University within the scope of the 2022-2023 Academic Year Erasmus+ KA107 Project student mobility in the Department of Agricultural Biotechnology. We wish her success in her academic endeavors.





Ferihan Emirlova and Stanislava Mihaylova Atanasova, member of the academic staff of Trakia University arrived to Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 29.05.2023 to 02.06.2023 at the Faculty of Agriculture. We would like to thank our related Erasmus Department Coordinator Prof. Dr. Songül Sever Mutlu for her support in this mobility period.



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Jan Polcyn, member of the academic staff of Stanislaw Staszic State University of Applied Sciences in Pila in Poland arrived to Akdeniz University to complete his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 29.05.2023 to 02.06.2023 at the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences.

Tetiana Ostapchuk and Sergii Legenchuk from the Zhytomyr Polytechnic State University arrived to Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 29.05.2023 09.06.2023 at the Faculty of Applied Sciences within the scope of the KA107 Project. We would like to thank our related Erasmus Department Coordinators Assoc. Prof. Raife Meltem Yetkin Özbük and Assist. Prof. Aslıhan Kıymalıoğlu for their support in this mobility period.





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Ivana Gusic and Bojana Ramic from the Novi Sad University arrived to Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 29.05.2023 to 02.06.2023 at the Faculty of Dentistry

Magdalena Marchel from the University in Przemysl arrived to Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 29.05.2023 to 02.06.2023 at the Department of Food Engineering, at the Faculty of Engineering.





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Katarzyna Les from the State Academy of Applied Sciences in Przemysl arrived to Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 01.06.2023 to 07.06.2023 at the Department of International Relations Office. We would like to thank Katarzyna Les about her visit to our Office.



Justina Markiton (from the Disabled Service Department) and Pawel Cichecki (from the Promoting Department) from the University of Szczecin completed their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 05.06.2023 to 09.06.2023. We would like to thank our related Erasmus Department Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Adile Emel Sardohan Yıldırım and Lect. Esin Yücel for their support in this mobility period.





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Elena Sochirca and Vitalie Mamot from the "Ion Creanga" State Pedagogical University of Chisinau arrived at Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 12.06.2023 16.06.2023 to at the Department of Tourism Management and Faculty of Tourism within the scope of the KA107 Project. We would like to thank to Prof. Dr. Nedim Yüzbaşıoğlu for his support in this mobility period.







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Zsuzsanna Bardocz-Veres from the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology Targu Mures arrived at Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 12.06.2023 to 16.06.2023 at the Faculty of Dentistry. We would like to thank our related Erasmus Department Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mükerrem Hatipoğlu for his support in this mobility period.

Nikola Savic from the University of Belgrade came to Akdeniz University within the scope of the Erasmus+Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 23.06.2023 to 30.06.2023 at the Department of International Relations Office. We would like to thank Nikola Savic for his visit.





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Elchin Gurbanov from the Baku Engineering University came to Akdeniz University within the scope of the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 19.06.2023 to 25.06.2023 at the Department of Maritime and Port and the Finike Vocational School within the scope of the KA107 Project.



#### **FAREWELL OUR FREE MOVERS**



Our students, who are studying as guest students within the scope of the Free Mover Programme at our university, have completed their education.

Our students Simge Aykaç and Ana Sofia Estrada Diaz, who had their end-of-term participation certificates, stated that they had a successful term and were satisfied with the courses which they have attended. We wish success to our students loving our university and Antalya very much in their future lives.



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#### **ERASMUS+ KA2 DIGI-GASE PROJECT TRAINING ACTIVITY IN ITALY**



The training activity within the scope of the project titled "DIGI GASE – Development of Digital Education Competencies of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Departments in Higher Education Institutions" coordinated by Akdeniz University was hosted by the Digital Learning Network (Dlearn) in Milan between 29-31 May 2023.

Project coordinator Akdeniz University and partners European Academy Certified Education, University of Gastronomic Sciences and Institute Lyfe participated in the training activity (LTTA).



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Activities of the DIGI-GASE project are progressing rapidly. The final details of the guidebook to be prepared for the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department have been finalized and during the training activity, discussions were held on the areas that need further development. Furthermore, supporting training videos for the guide are emphasized. Each institution contributed to the preparation of training videos that will clarify the guidelines and enhance the increased comprehension of specific competencies for academic staff and trainers.

In order to ensure the integrity of the training videos, it was decided to use the designs prepared by the Dlearn team.





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#### **NEWS FROM OUR OFFICE**



\* Şükran Sözen Özdamar started in our Office as responsible of Erasmus+,Mevlana Exchange and Youth Programmes Budget. We congratulate her and wish her success in new position.

\* Nevin Korola has retired. We congratulate her and wish her happiness in her new life.





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