



# Akdeniz University International Relations Office

## Newsletter

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**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO  
THE STAFF OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE**



Among the staff of Akdeniz University International Relations Office who is worked at the 5th and 10th Years of, our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ayşe Gülbin Arıcı presented certificates of appreciation.

Prof. Dr. Ayşe Gülbin Arıcı, stated that they attach great importance to the International Relations Office and its staff, as they are the gateway and face of Akdeniz University to abroad, and said, “The importance of internationalization in higher education institutions is everyday is increasing even more. In this context, you, our office staff have great responsibilities. Under the leadership of Our coordinator Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın, we have taken important and permanent steps towards internationalization. The most important of these was the writing of our University's Internationalization Policy and Strategy Document. In the light of this document, which we have attached to the Senate Decision, I fully believe that our Office staff will continue to increase their contribution to the internationalization activities of our University, as it was before. I would like to thank our staff of the International Relations Office, who have completed their 5th and 10th years of service, for their contributions to our internationalization process and wish them continued success.” she said.

On the other hand, Our Office Coordinator Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın, stated that in the first seven-month period they took office, they tied the Akdeniz University Internationalization Policy to the Senate Decision within the scope of YÖKAK studies, and said, “In the next period, in the academic cooperation that our university will establish with higher education institutions abroad, in line with the basic principles of Akdeniz University Internationalization Policy, We will continue to give priority to higher education institutions such as QS ARWU and THE, which are in the top 1,000 in world university rankings.



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The work and operations of international exchange and internship programs such as Erasmus+, Free Mover and IAESTE continue uninterrupted. We are doing the background studies of suspended programs such as Farabi and Mevlana as if the programs in question will be opened tomorrow. We are trying to fulfill the duties of our Office in the admission of our international students to our University and in the promotion of our University abroad. We try to act in accordance with the principles of the European Youth Year 2022 in all our business and transactions. We are trying to pave the way for many of our students to benefit from international opportunities by promoting EU projects that are not managed by us, as well as international scholarship and internship programs such as Jean Monnet and Fulbright, as well as programs whose execution is left entirely to our Office. To date, we have accomplished a great deal with a small number of staff. All these activities require serious effort. The secret of this success lies in the team spirit of all our staff. I sincerely congratulate our staff who received the Certificate of Appreciation and thank all our staff for their devoted work.” said.

At the end of the ceremony, our Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ayşe Gülbin Arıcı, presented Certificate of Appreciation to Ayça Altay and Emel Kahraman whose have more than 10 years of service, Bahar Şahin, Atahan Taşyürek and Alina Aksoy whose have more than 5 years of service. Among the staff of Akdeniz University International Relations Office, our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ayşe Gülbin Arıcı presented certificates of appreciation.

**AKDENİZ YÖS-2022 APPLICATION PERIOD FINISHED!**

Applications for the AKDENİZ YÖS (International Student Admission Exam)-2022 examination were accepted online from international student candidates who wanted to study on associate or undergraduate programmes of our University, will be held on July 23, 2022 at 13:00 (Turkish Local Time). Due to the very high level of interest shown in studying at Akdeniz University by international students, the number of applications for the AKDENİZ YÖS-2022 examination has been increasing every year. Applications were accepted on our address [yos.akdeniz.edu.tr](http://yos.akdeniz.edu.tr) between 21 March and 30 May 2022.



## THE GRADUATION SPEECH OF ONE OF OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Approximately ten thousand students graduated from Akdeniz University for 2021-2022 Academic Year. At the first general graduation ceremony held after the pandemic, Rector Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan said, “This year we are celebrating our 40th anniversary. We have trained very successful students for 40 years. Today, we are proud of graduating ten thousand of our students. To graduate from Akdeniz University is not just to have a document, it is to be included in a community that cares about its members. We, as Akdeniz University, are a large family of 180 thousand people with our academicians, students and alumni. Never forget that you are part of this family throughout your life.” used the phrases.

At the ceremony, Begaiym Kudainazarova, who graduated from the Electrical / Electronics Department of the Faculty of Engineering and has a Kyrgyz nationality, spoke on behalf of the International Students.

We, as the International Relations Office, wish success and happiness to all our international students who graduated from their lives in the future.



## VISITS OF ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF FROM ERASMUS+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



We hosted academic staff from the Novi Sad University, Serbia; Romania Ion Ionescu de la Brad Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary University, Portugal Porto Polytechnic Institute and Romania Ion Ionescu de la Brad Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary University within the scope of Erasmus+ teaching mobility in Our Office.



Within the scope of Erasmus+ training mobility, we hosted administrative staff from Romania Ion Ionescu de la Brad Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary University, Sofia Technical University in Bulgaria and Romanian Targu Mureş George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology in our Office.



Within the scope of KA107 projects, we hosted academic staff from Sri Lanka University of Kelaniya, Jordan Mutah University, Mostaganem University of Algeria and Montenegro University of Montenegro in our Office.

## WE ATTENDED THE EUROPEAN DAY EVENT

We participated in the European Day Event organized by AKVAM (European Union Research and Application Center of Akdeniz University) on May 9, 2022 with our exchange students who came to our university from Europe for education and ESN Akdeniz members.



## ERASMUS+ INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR OUTGOING STUDENT



Inst. Halime Nuran Caner who is Erasmus+ Assistant Coordinator, held information meeting for the student of our University, who will go to the other European Universities at the scope of Erasmus+ Programme on June 10, 2022. We also held online information meeting for our students who could not attend the face-to-face information meeting on June 22, 2022.



## OUR ERASMUS + INCOMING STUDENTS RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRY



With the event organized by Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Akdeniz on June 5, 2022, we said goodbye to our exchange students studying at our university within the scope of the Erasmus + Programme in the 2021-2022 academic year.

## OUR OFFICE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT YOUTH WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH YEAR

Costin Ghioc, a graduate student at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, started his internship in our Office within the scope of Erasmus+ Program internship mobility.

*“My name is **Costin Ghioc**, I am from Romania, former Youtuber for over 14 years. By turning 25 years old this year, I have decided to do some changes in my life. I left my personal office and applied to be student again. I’ve wanted something different than during my undergraduate years, so I started to be a volunteer for Erasmus Students Network (ESN). I had the occasion to meet different students from around the world but I was still*



*not satisfied to be in the same country. So I’ve started to do a lot of online research to find opportunities about the entire network of Erasmus.*

*A hard choice Erasmus students have to make is the location where to have the mobility. I’ve hugely merged with Türkiye culturally and historically after participating in Youth Exchanges in Trabzon, Edirne, Bolu and Istanbul. So, I’ve concluded that I would want my mobility of 3 months to be in Türkiye.*

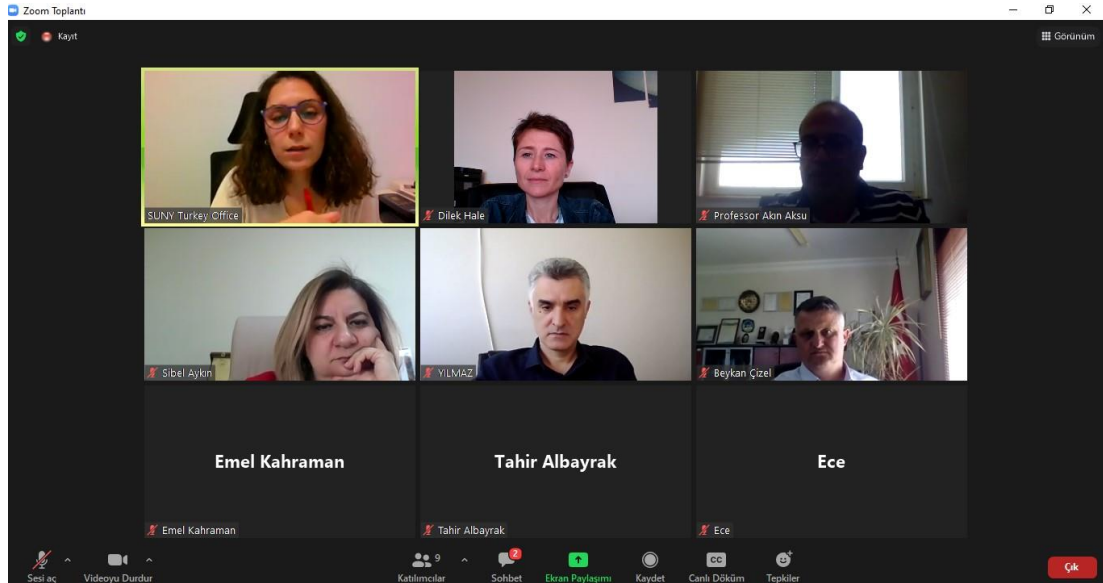
*I’ve started to send e-mails to different universities around Türkiye to be part of Erasmus offices as a social media worker. At the end, my choice*

was Akdeniz University because of the huge network it has.

*The International Relations Office is totally a new open experience for me. Coming from a background where I used to have my personal quiet office, this job requires me to move from the introvert mode to extravert. Every step taken has a lesson around. Having dynamic colleagues at the Erasmus office makes the work much easier and fun. They teach me different office work they are doing such as papers, university's module, xerox. Punctuality is an improvement in my schedule. I've tried my best to respect the daily schedule of the office hours for five days per week as if I am also a full-time worker. It is a great exercise to practice to get used to proper jobs for me in the future."*

### WE ATTENDED THE MEETING WITH SUNY TURKEY OFFICE

We attended a meeting which is intended to be established the international joint/double degree program between Buffalo State University in the USA and the Department of Tourism Management of the Faculty of Tourism, within the scope of the SUNY (The State University of New York) Program on Monday, April 18, 2022.





### NEWS FROM THE IRO



Our Office staff Rukiye Budak and Dr. Nazlı Tekin participated in the 1919-meter track run held on May 20, 2022 organized by our university



\* Gabija Balciunaite, who completed her Erasmus+ internship in our office, returned to Vilnius University. We thank her for her support and wish success in her education life.



\* Nevin Korola started to work at the International Relations Office as Responsible for Quality and Personnel Affairs. We would like to wish her success in her new appointment.



\* Kerime Peçen Kaya started to work at the International Relations Office as Responsible for Erasmus+ Outgoing Students. We would like to wish her success in her new appointment.



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