



# Akdeniz University International Relations Office

## Newsletter

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**



Greetings from the 40th issue of the Newsletter of the International Relations Office (IRO)

Akdeniz University was represented by a delegation under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan, Rector of Akdeniz University, at the "EAIE 2023" education fair which is the most prestigious educational conference and fair in the field of education in Europe and the second largest fair in the world which attracted more than 6,000 participants from 100 countries to Rotterdam. The 33rd Annual EAIE Conference and Education Fair took place 26–29 September in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. We carried out efforts to strengthen cooperation by discussing innovations, new applications, strategies and goals in higher education in the fair. In addition, we have received offers from many universities and departments to make an Erasmus+ Agreement within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme, in which we have always played a leading role in Turkey. We were proud to represent our University at the fair, which was very nice and productive.

Our University was entitled to receive a grant to carry out mobility with universities in 9 regions and 17 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.

As the International Relations Office we carry out studies to ensure that more Bolashak Scholarship Programme Scholar choose our University with the Bolashak Scholarship Programme which is one of the most prestigious scholarship programs in its geography. For example we promote our programs by contacting the authorities in Kazakhstan, and we direct the candidates who reach us to our relevant academic unit. As a result of these efforts, fortunately, the Turkish university most requested by the beneficiaries who chose an educational institution in Turkey was Akdeniz University.

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. Our students who completed their education at our University within the scope of the Free Mover Programme returned to their country. The doors of Türkiye and our University are always open to our foreign guests who expressed their great pleasure in being at our university...

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

## AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY AT THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FAIR (THE EAIE-2023)



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The 2023 EAIE Conference theme ‘Connecting currents’ celebrated the maritime history of Rotterdam and embodies the importance of water to the city, providing economic opportunities as well as existential threats. Rotterdam is a place where the river meets the sea. In similar ways, international education actively connects ‘currents’ of thought, areas of expertise, disciplines and cultures. From virtual learning to climate action, multilingualism to geopolitics, the currents we navigate as international educators are fast-moving and unpredictable, exciting and important.



At the fair, thousands of representatives and academicians from different countries tried to strengthen their cooperation by discussing innovations, new practices, strategies and goals in higher education. Akdeniz University was represented by Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan, Coordinator of International Relations Office and H. Nuran Caner, Erasmus+ KA131 Programme Responsible from the IRO.

Our Rector Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan said that Akdeniz University is accelerating its work towards its education internationalization goal. Rector stated that as a result of these studies, they have a rising momentum in international rankings. Prof. Dr. Özlenen Özkan said that the interest towards Akdeniz University at the Fair was a source of pride.



## AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY'S SUCCESS ON ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME KA171 PROJECTS BY THE PROJECT CALL OF 2023

Akdeniz University is one of higher education institutions that applied and funded within the scope of the "Erasmus+ Key Action 1: Learning Mobility of Individuals" KA171 project by the 2023 project call, which aims to improve cooperation between Partner Countries and Programme Countries, carried out by the European Union and the Turkish National Agency.

Akdeniz University, which has been successfully carrying out student and staff mobility within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme since 2003, attaches importance to cooperation with almost every country in all over the world in order to provide geographical diversity. Within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme KA171 project, which provides important opportunities in this context, cooperation was established between our University and 2 countries in 2019, 6 countries in 2020, 0 countries in 2021 (due to the pandemic), and 6 countries in 2022; as a result of the 2023 project application, it was entitled to receive a grant to carry out mobility with universities in 17 countries in 9 regions.

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.

The Turkish National Agency announcement : <https://www.ua.gov.tr/haber-ve-duyurular/2023-basvuru-donemi-yuksekogretimde-hareketlilik-projeleri-ka171-basvuru-sonuclari/>



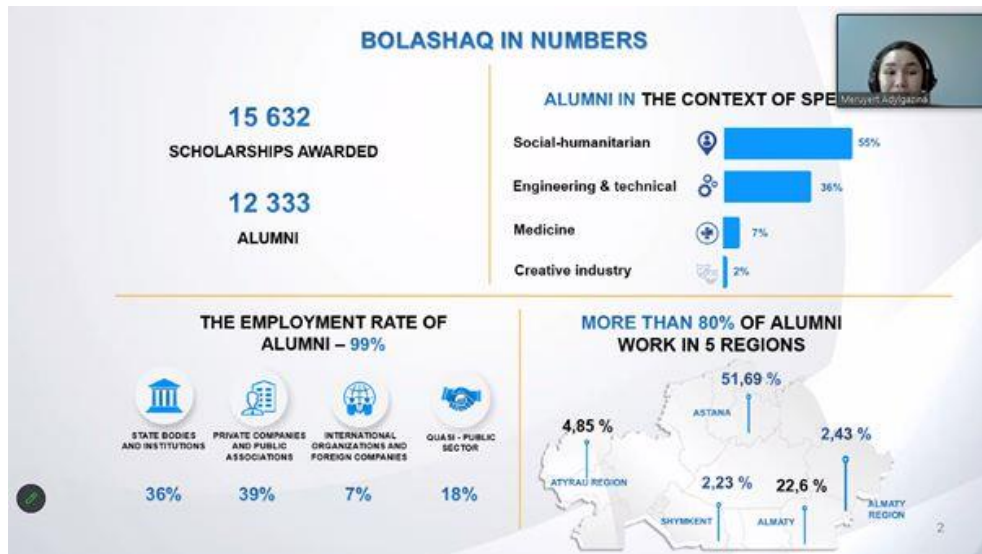
## BOLASHAK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME ONLINE MEETING



An online meeting was held with Meruyert Adylgazina who is the representative of the Bolashak Scholarship Programme of the Republic of Kazakhstan, on 20th July 2023. In the meeting issues of cooperation within the framework of Bolashak Scholarship Programme were discussed. Also Akdeniz University was represented by Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan, Coordinator of International Relations Office and Emel Kahraman,

Coordinator of International Scholarship and Opportunities from the IRO.

The Bolashak Programme (the Bolashak International Scholarship) is a scholarship which is awarded to high-performing students from Kazakhstan to study overseas all-expenses paid, provided that they return to Kazakhstan to work for at least five years after graduation. Since its implementation in 1993, more than 10,000 students have been awarded the scholarship. Most of these students travel to elsewhere around the world.



## BOLASHAK SCHOLARSHIPS FROM KAZAKHSTAN STARTED THEIR EDUCATION AT AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY



Students and lecturers who want to join to our University in the scope of the Bolashak International Scholarship Programme of the Republic of Kazakhstan come to Akdeniz University.

Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan, Coordinator of IRO stated that they attach importance to promotional activities in order to increase the international recognition of Akdeniz University and host more guest researchers at the University.

He also stated that they are working to ensure that more Bolashak Scholars choose Akdeniz University with the Bolashak Scholarship, which is one of the most prestigious scholarship programs in its geography



## VISIT FROM URAL FEDERAL UNIVERSITY/RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Ural Federal University from Russia Federation visited our Office to discuss possible bilateral collaborations, joint and double degree programs and other academic partnership opportunities.



## COOPERATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TYUMEN/RUSSIAN FEDERATION



Akdeniz University has signed a Cooperation Protocol with the University of Tyumen in Russia Federation. The protocol covers exchanges for students, academic staff members, as well as joint scientific activities.



## VISIT FROM /"CIPFP LUIS SUÑER SANCHIS" CONSORTIUM in SPAIN



The group, consisting of academicians from different universities within the "CIPFP Luis Suñer Sanchis" Consortium in Spain visited our Office under the chairmanship of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zuhul Gök Demir who is a member of Faculty of Communication in Akdeniz University. At the meeting discussions were held regarding possible bilateral collaborations and other academic partnership opportunities.



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



Within the scope of the Cooperation Protocol between our University and L.N.Gumilyov Eurasian National University two incoming students will study in the Institute of Science, Department of Zootchnics and in the Faculty of Tourism, Tourism Management Department in the Fall Semester of the 2023-2024 Academic Year. We would like to welcome to our University to students.

## VISIT FROM FREE MOVER STUDENT

Ana Sofia Estrada Diaz who is studying as a guest student within the scope of the Free Mover Programme at our University visited our Office and thank to Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan who is the Coordinator of IRO and Bahar Şahin who is the Coordinator of Free Mover Programme. She stated that she had a successful term and were satisfied with the courses of Akdeniz University which she has attended in. We wish success to our student in her future life.



## INTERNATIONALIZATION MEETING



In accordance with the Internationalization activities of our University, a meeting was held in our Office on July 13, 2023 under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan, who is the Coordinator of IRO with the participation of heads of International Student Clubs in order to discuss the issues related to international students studying at our university.



## INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY PROJECTS (KA171) PROJECT MANAGEMENT MEETING

Dilek Hale Aybar and Şükran Sözen Özdamar participated to the "International Credit Mobility Projects (KA171) Project Management Meeting" organized by the National Agency at Atatürk University in Erzurum on September 14, 2023.



## INFORMATION MEETING FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS

An online information meeting was held on July 14, 2023, at 14.30 for our students who were awarded a grant for study and internship mobility during the 2023 KA 131 Project period within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. İrfan Turhan who is Coordinator of IRO and Erasmus+ Programme. made a presentation about the Erasmus Programme. During the meeting Our Erasmus Staff gave information related to mobility.



## WELCOMING LUNCH FOR ERASMUS+ INCOMING TRAINESHIP STUDENTS



Within the scope of the 2022-2023 Academic Year Erasmus+ Programme, a Lunch Event was organised on 28.07.2023 by the International Relations Office for incoming traineeship students..



## INFORMATION MEETING FOR ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME PERSONNEL TRAINING MOBILITY



We organized an orientation programme for the KA 131 Personnel Training Mobility candidates for the 2021 project period within the scope of the Erasmus + Programme.



## VISITS OF ACADEMIC STAFF FROM ERASMUS+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



Maria Rodica Harşan from the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology Targu Mures came to Akdeniz University within the scope of the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 05.07.2023 to 11.07.2023 at the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences and the Department of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations..

Lilia Petriciuc from the Ion Creanga State Pedagogical University of Chisinau came to Akdeniz University within the scope of the Erasmus+ KA107 Project Staff Mobility for Training in the 2022-2023 Academic Year between the dates 10.07.2023 to 14.07.2023 at the Department of International Relations of Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences of Akdeniz University. We would like to thank Lilia Petriciuc for her visit.





Ahmed Chehloul from Djilali Bounaama Khemis Miliana University completed his studies at International Relations Office of Akdeniz University, between 18-24 July 2023 within the scope of the Erasmus+ KA107 Project.

Bozena Bednarikova, Daniela Bednarikova, Juliana Minarikova, and Miroslava Lukacovicova from the University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava arrived to Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 11.09.2023 to 15.09.2023 at the Faculty of Communication in the Department of Radio, Cinema, and Television of Akdeniz University.



Nikola Popovic from the University of Belgrade arrived to Akdeniz University to complete his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 11.09.2023 to 15.09.2023. We would like to thank Nikola Popovic for his visit.



Diana Karwowska from Lublin Technology arrived to Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 11.09.2023 to 15.09.2023 at the Faculty of Engineering in the Department of Machinery Engineering of Akdeniz University. We would like to thank Nikola Popovic for his visit and thank Prof. Dr. H. Erdem Çamurlu, Erasmus Department Coordinator for his support in this mobility period..



Marta Bucewka from the University of Jagiellonian arrived to Akdeniz University to complete her Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 18.09.2023 to 22.09.2023. We would like to thank Marta Bucewka for her visit..

Eugenia Loginova and Dainis Lesins from Art Academy of Latvia have visited our university under the scope of Erasmus+ staff mobility.





Marko Peric from University of Rijeka visited to Akdeniz University to complete his Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 27.09.2023 to 28.09.2023 at the Serik Faculty of Business Administration in the Department of Tourism Management. We would like to thank Marko Peric for his visit. We would like to thank Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Çetin for his support in this mobility period.

Marina Jovanovic, Svetlana Kostic, and Tamara Topalovic from the University of Belgrade came to Akdeniz University to complete their Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training in the 2023-2024 Academic Year between the dates 25.09.2023 to 29.09.2023. We would like to thank the precious Staff for their visit.



### **INCOMING ERASMUS+ STUDENTS**

2023-2024 Academic Year Fall Semester Erasmus+ Programme students started to arrive at Akdeniz University. We wish all our precious students success in their study period for the Erasmus Programme and thank them for being part of our Akdeniz University family

## ERASMUS+ TOYS "THINK OUTSIDE OF YOURSELF" YOUTH EXCHANGE PROJECT MEETING

The mobility of our Erasmus+ TOYS "Think Outside of Yourself" Youth Exchange project was held in Baia Mare (Romania) on 11 October- 17 October 2023. A total of 42 young people and seven group leaders participated in the mobility with seven participants from six different countries.



The project was hosted by Romania- Centru Pentru Dezvoltare Durabila Greentın. Participants from Turkey- Mediterrenian Youth Club, Portugal- Associação Inspira! - Intervenção Juvenil E Ambiental, Poland- Regionalne Centrum Wolontariatu, Macedonia- Association For Sustainable Development Sfera International Bitola, Italy- Scambieuropei and Malta-Proutist Universal Malta.

The aim of the mobility is to approach sustainable development from a comprehensive perspective, starting from individuals to local communities, nations and cultural levels. In order for the participants to benefit equally from the activities, it was important that they were in the same age group (17-21).

Akdeniz University students participated in the project under the group leadership of İlkyaz Akdemir through the Mediterrean youth Club founded by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramazan Eren.



During the project, various safe space and self-discovery activities were organized and the European Union and its sustainable development goals were taken into consideration. The project owners also included cultural nights and gave young people a chance to get to know different cultures.



Visits to Baia Mare's valuable and important museums and archaeological sites were also organized. For more information about the project owner "Centrul Pentru Dezvoltare Durabila Greentín", please visit <http://centrulgreentin.blogspot.ro>



### TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING OF DIGI-GASE PROJECT IN BERLIN



The Transnational Project meeting within the scope of our project was hosted by EACE, our partner from Germany, 25-26 October 2023. DIGI-GASE "Development of Digital Education Competencies of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Departments in Higher Education Institutions" project, coordinated by

Akdeniz University, is gradually coming to an end. Our innovative and technology-oriented path that we set out on has been made the most successful model so far. Our partners who came together in Berlin made the final arrangements on the project.

The helpful guidebook is now ready to come to your aid, but there is more. At the same time, all of our project partners, with their own teams, have produced videos to support our helpful guidebook. The supporting videos convey the contents of our booklet in more detail and in a more imaginable way. Based on previous experiences, it is quite possible to say that our DIGI-GASE "Development of Digital Education Competencies of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Departments in Higher Education Institutions" project is trying to provide maximum benefit.

The transnational project meeting in Berlin focused on videos. The videos recorded by Akdeniz University as an example were reviewed and notes were taken for necessary arrangements. At the meeting, the final checks of our project outputs, which we call IO1 and IO2, were carried out and the edits were reviewed. Ideas were



discussed for the final version of the booklet. Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramazan Eren mentioned the social media accounts set up for our project. If you wish, you can access "<https://www.digigase.com>", and if you wish, you can access the social media accounts of our project on Facebook "<https://www.facebook.com/people/Digi-Gase-Project/100075897711764/>" and Instagram "<https://www.instagram.com/digigaseproject/>".

## FOURTH MANAGEMENT MEETING AND MULTIPLIER EVENT OF ERASMUS+ KA201 "INSIDE- INTEGRATING SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS INTO DIGI-HOLISTIC EDUCATION" PROJECT

### Inclusive Education in Special Education: International Workshop



The fourth management meeting and multiplier event of the Erasmus+ KA201 "INSIDE- Integrating Special Needs Individuals into Digi-holistic Education" project, which is carried out by Antalya Provincial Directorate of National Education and partnered by the "Psychology and Special Education" departments of our University, was held in University College Dublin in Ireland between 4-7 September 2023. Within the scope of the multiplier event held after the two-day management meeting, Irish special education and general teachers were trained on the project

outputs of the Digi-holistic learning/teaching module, digital content for special education students, e-learning platform and academic studies.



The meetings were hosted by University College Dublin. The project coordinator Antalya Provincial Directorate of National Education, project coordinators and teachers from the project coordinator Antalya Provincial Directorate of National Education, and project partners, University of the Basque Country faculty members from Spain, AIJU Technological Institute officials and Akdeniz University institution coordinators participated in the events. Project coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Ece Varlık Özsoy from Department of Psychology and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nesrin Sönmez from the Department of Special Education, provided training on how to develop and use the "Diji-holistic learning/teaching module".





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