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AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONALIZATION POLICY*

Internationalization Policy

Akdeniz University has defined the Internationalization Policy in line with its mission as “... Increasing the recognition of our country and the university in the academic field by doing bilateral agreements, international cooperative projects and qualified publications”.

Akdeniz University which aims to become an attraction center not only for international students and lecturers but also exchange students and lecturers, carries out issues such as strengthening education, research-development, social contribution, entrepreneurship and improving institutional capacity with in the frame of the internationalization purpose

Akdeniz University provides support for comprehensive and budgetary research-based projects through bilateral/multilateral cooperations with leading international universities in order to increase its recognition and competitiveness. It greatly contributes to the visibility of the State of the Republic of Türkiye, the Higher Education Area in Türkiye, Akdeniz University and Antalya Province with its internationalization policies.

Akdeniz University maintains its internationalization activities equally spread in all academic units, regardless of whether the academic units are located in the center or at different districts and/or without any discrimination of the level of education (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th levels in National Qualifications Framework For Higher Education in Türkiye/ NQF-HETR). It encourages the participation of the administrative units in the internationalization activities of the university.

Priorities of Internationalization Policy

- In line with the strategic aim of “improving research activities”;

Increasing the number of outsourced projects, The Council of Higher Education (CoHE/YÖK) Doctorate Research Scholarship (YÖK-YUDAP) scholarship holders, the number of scientific publications within the international index (WOS);

- In line with the strategic aim of “increasing entrepreneurship activities”; Increasing the application numbers of international patent, utilitarian model, industrial design, breeder's right, etc.;

- In line with the strategic aim of “developing education and training activities”; Completion of the Bologna information packages/Course Catalog at all education levels;

- In line with the strategic aim of “increasing social contribution”;

Raising awareness about adding an international dimension to national activities;

- In line with the strategic aim of “development of institutional capacity”;

Increasing the number of incoming/outgoing exchange students, incoming/outgoing lecturers through Exchange programmes, international students, international bilateral agreements signed with universities which are among the universities listed in international top 1,000 universities in the World ranking institutions (THE, QS and ARWU).

Implementations of Internationalization Policy

- Commission and Working Groups for Turkish Higher Education Quality Council (THEQC)
- International Relations Office
- Academic Units’ Internationalization Coordinators (Erasmus, Mevlana, Free Mover etc.)
- Erasmus Student Network

* Accepted by the Decision of Akdeniz University Senate Committee dated 24.03.2022 and numbered 04/20 has been done.



AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY ACCELERATED ITS INTERNATIONALIZATION STUDIES

Akdeniz University aims to sign international bilateral agreements with universities which are among the universities listed in international top 1,000 universities in the World ranking institutions (THE, QS and ARWU).

Within the framework of this strategic goal, a cooperation protocol was signed between our University and Satbayev University (Kazakhstan), which is ranked 501-510 in the 2022 QS World University Rankings.



In this context, Our Office Coordinator Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın thank Ayça Altay, the International Cooperations and Promotion Coordinator for her efforts.

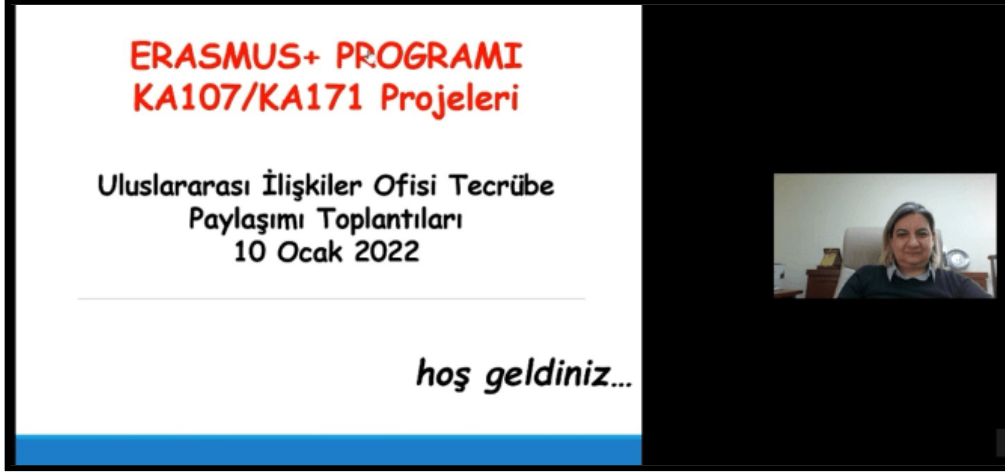
AKDENİZ YÖS-2022 APPLICATION HAS BEEN STARTED!

AKDENİZ YÖS-2022 (International Student Admission Exam) Exam, which is organized for the international student candidates who want to study at Associate and Undergraduate programs of our University, will be held online on May 25, 2022 at 13:00 (Turkish Local Time). The AKDENİZ YÖS exam, which attracts great interest from international student candidates, will be held online through ASOS software. Applications are accepted on our address yos.akdeniz.edu.tr between 21 March and 15 May 2022.



The banner features a globe with a network of lines, the Akdeniz University logo, and the text: **YABANCI ÖĞRENCİ SINAVI** | **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXAM** | **YÖS**. Below this, it states: **AKDENİZ YÖS-2022 Başvuruları Başladı !!!**, **Başvuru Tarihleri: 21 Mart - 15 Mayıs 2022**, and **Sınav Tarihi: 25 Mayıs 2022 Saat: 13.00 (TSt)**. The website yos.akdeniz.edu.tr is also mentioned.


INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY (KA171) INFORMATION WEBINAR



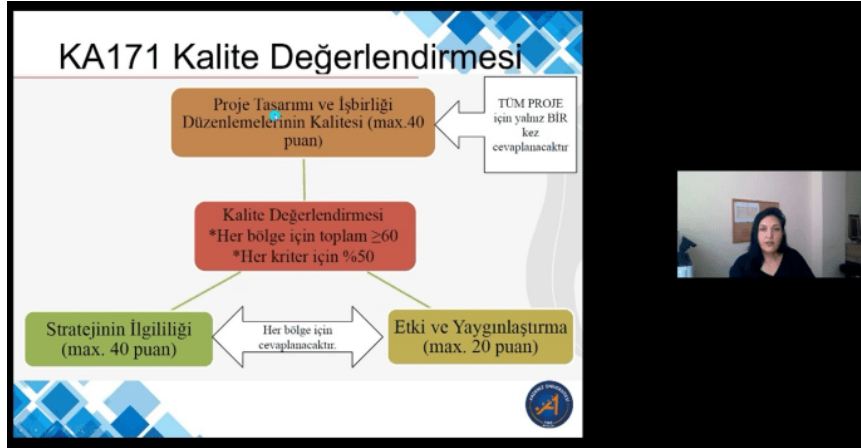
ERASMUS+ PROGRAMI
KA107/KA171 Projeleri

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International Credit Mobility (KA171) Information Webinar was held on 10 January 2022 by IRO. Assoc. Dr. Rabia Vezne informed the participants about the project application process. Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner was the moderator of the program.



KA171 Kalite Değerlendirmesi

Proje Tasarımı ve İşbirliği
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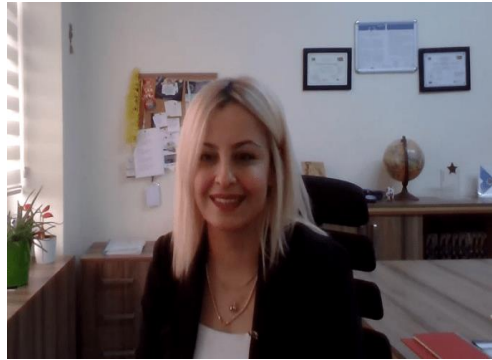

TUM PROJE için yalnız BİR kez cevaplanacaktır

Kalite Değerlendirmesi
*Her bölge için toplam ≥ 60
*Her kriter için %50

Stratejinin İlgililiği (max. 40 puan)

Etki ve Yaygınlaştırma (max. 20 puan)

Her bölge için cevaplanacaktır.

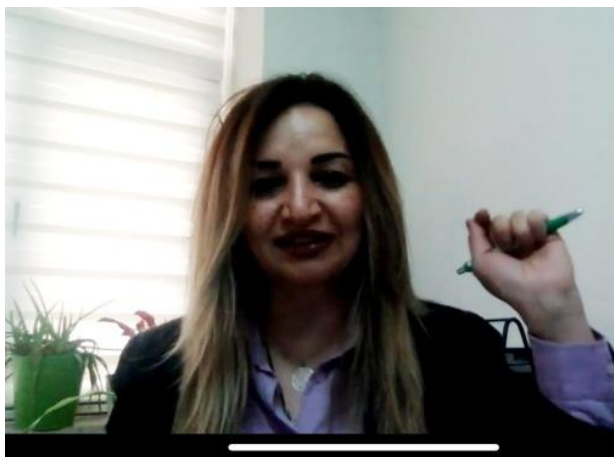


**ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER'S DEGREE (EMJM/EMDM)
PROJECTS WEBINAR**



"Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degrees (EMJM/EMDM) Projects Webinar" was held on January 5, 2022, aiming to increase the quality of higher education through academic cooperation.

The webinar was moderated by Lecturer Emel Kahraman. While Rabia Vezne made her presentation on "Information about the Erasmus Mundus Projects Application Process", Karadeniz Technical University Forest Engineering Department Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Ertuğrul Bilgili shared his experiences with the Mediterranean Forestry and Natural Resources Management (MEDfOR) Project, of which he is a member of the Erasmus Mundus project team.



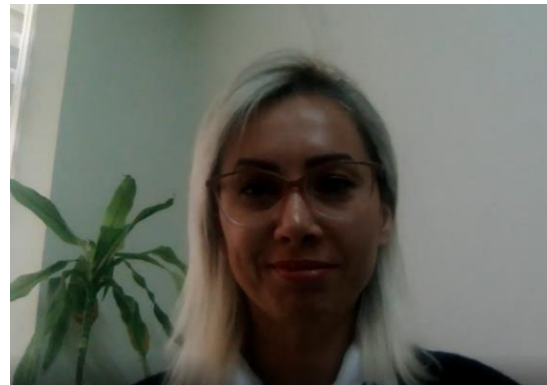
WEBINAR ABOUT "COLLABORATION PARTNERSHIPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION"



International Relations Office organized an information meeting which presents the details of the 'Cooperation Partnerships in Higher Education (KA220 Projects)' within the scope of the Experience Sharing Meetings.

Akdeniz University International Relations Office Coordinator Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın in her opening speech, said that the KA220 Projects, which leads the establishment of cooperation and partnerships between institutions and organizations in the program member countries, aim to create an environment conducive for the participating organizations to gain experience in international cooperation, strengthen their capacities and produce high quality innovative outputs. Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykın also pointed out, "Digitalization, environmental sustainability, inclusion and diversity are becoming increasingly important within the scope of the 2021-2027 Erasmus+ Programme. Innovative approaches, peer learning, open access to project outputs, dissemination of the obtained outputs, and continuation of the developed learning methods are important in KA220 projects."

The webinar was moderated by Lecturer Bahar Şahin, Akdeniz University International Students Coordinator, Free Mover Program Coordinator and also KA2/KA3 Projects Responsible. Assoc. Dr. Rabia Vezne, Erasmus+ Program KA107 and KA171 Projects Coordinator provided information on important issues related to project writing and the application process, and shared her experiences through previous project examples.





ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME INFORMATION MEETING

On 31 March 2022, an information meeting was held for the students who would like to benefit from the Erasmus+ programme.

Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator H. Nuran Caner and the staff responsible for the Erasmus+ Rukiye Budak presented information about the programme.

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAM

On 8-9 and 10 February 2022, Erasmus+ Programme Foreign Language Exams in French, German and English Language for the 2022-2023 academic year were held online. The results of the exam were announced in March 2022 on the official website of our university.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS

On 24 February 2022, within the scope of the Erasmus+ programme, an orientation programme was organized for incoming students who came to study at Akdeniz University in the spring semester of the 2021-2022 academic year. All the necessary information was provided to the students by ESN members and Rukiye Budak who is responsible staff for Erasmus+ incoming students.



KA107 ICM PROJECT MOBILITY

Within the scope of the KA 107 ICM Projects carried out by our office, staff mobility from the Faculty of Dentistry to Montenegro University and from the Faculty of Education to Jordan Mutah University were made within the scope of training and teaching.

Erasmus+ KA107
International Credit Mobility

**IRO TEAM SUPPORT TO YOUTH
AT THE SCOPE OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH YEAR**



The EU declared 2022 the European Year of Youth as a recognition of the sacrifices that young people have made during the pandemic. It is an important milestone in acknowledging young people's expectations, rights, and needs. 2022 is the European Year of Youth, shining a light on the importance of European youth to build a better future – greener, more inclusive and digital.



In our office, there are part-time students, internship students, etc. We support our young people who want to take part in such a way.

*“My name is **Gabija Balčiūnaitė**, I am from a small country named Lithuania. I am studying at Vilnius University, Middle Eastern studies. Usually people are very confused about my studies but principally it means that I am studying Turkish language and history, and culture of all Middle Eastern countries. I also have minor studies: Spanish language and culture.*



The last year of my studies, I decided to do my internship at Akdeniz University’s International Relations Office. The first reason was that one of my classmates did her internship there as well and she said that it was a good internship. After almost three months I can agree with her. The second reason was that it was a really good opportunity to improve my Turkish and English skills.

I expected that my Erasmus mobility would be a nightmare but it turned out to be the best experience of my life. I am very happy that I choose to do my internship at the International Relations Office because the enviroment was really welcoming, I improved my language skills, met a lot of new people from so many different countries. Thank you for giving me the opportunity.”



*“I’m **Barış Çeltek**, a 2nd year student at the Department of Plant Protecting at the Faculty of Agriculture. Since I have an aim to going to Poland with Erasmus in 2022-2023 academic year, I decided to become a member of ESN Akdeniz and after seeing that ESN treats incoming students hospitably and helps them adapt to their education life here, I started to focus on office and then worked part-time in International Relations Office.*

I am very happy to try to ensure that incoming student have a good experience here. I really appreciate how the International Relations Office and ESN Akdeniz are very kind in helping incoming students adapt to the city and the problems they experience here as a student who would like to participate in Erasmus+ study mobility in Poland upcoming year.”

*“I am 4th Grade English Language Teaching Student, **Burak Çetinkaya**. Upon the completion of my Erasmus experience back in 2018, I decided to be a volunteer in ESN (Erasmus Student Network) Akdeniz in Turkey. As ESN, we help the students adapt to the city and the university and experience a flawless and great process. After a certain time has passed upon my ESN volunteering, I had the opportunity to start working in Akdeniz University International Relations Office as part time student. Office working closely with ESN, the working area being appealing for me and with the thought of that the office can contribute to me and the other way around, I started working here.*



I am happy to work at Akdeniz University IRO; I can say that I started to work at the Office to invest both in myself and in my future rather than financial income. It makes me happy to constantly spend time with the exchange students. I am glad to help ESN and the Office keep in touch and assist Erasmus students solve their problems by establishing cooperation with the Office. While all these are happening, I also get to have the opportunity to learn something new every day and develop myself.

Happily Akdeniz University IRO!”

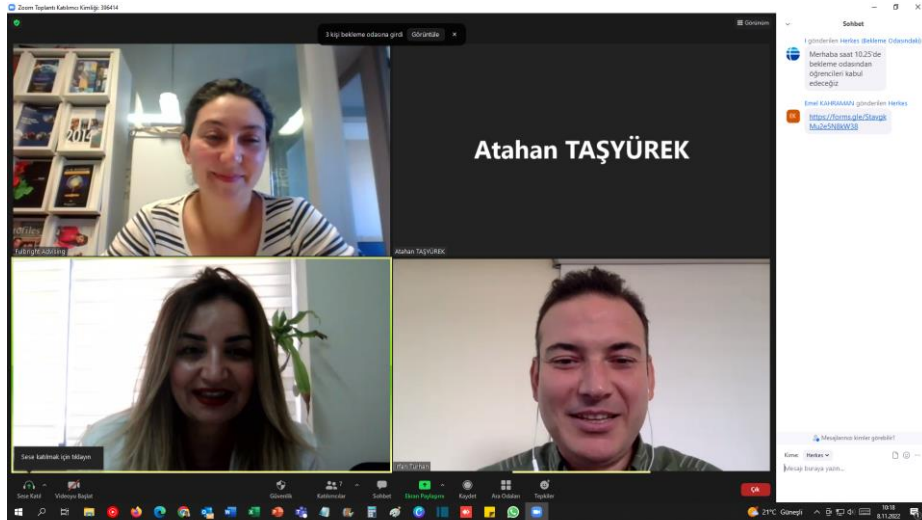


*“My name is **Zahide Feyza Tarhan**. I’m a 3rd year English Language Teaching student at Akdeniz University, Faculty of Education. I have been working as a part-time student at International Relations Office for 5 months. The reason of mine to choose that department was my thought that it can be the most beneficial place for me which locates in the campus.*

Thanks to that department I acquire lots of different skills in numerous fields. At the same time, since this department is relatable with my own profession, it makes a great contribution to me, I think. From communication with foreign students to documentation, I have had experience and knowledge in numerous fields. I would like to thank the whole team for contributing me with all the sub-departments in it. I have no doubt that the experience I gained here will help me in my future business life.”

WE ORGANIZED A WEBINAR ON FULBRIGHT MASTER&DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP and EDUCATION IN THE USA

An information webinar was held dealing with Fulbright grants including details of master's and doctorate levels grants and educational opportunities in the USA. Under the coordination of the IRO, the information seminar was held online on 25 February 2022 by the Turkish Fulbright Education Commission to introduce and promote Fulbright grants.



NEWS FROM THE IRO



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rabia Vezne was presented a plaque of appreciation for her contributions to our Office during her term as the Erasmus+ KA107 and KA171 projects Coordinator of our Office by Our Office Coordinator Prof. Dr. Sibel Mehter Aykm.

As the International Relations Office, we would like to thank Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rabia Vezne and wish him success in his new duties.



* Dr. Nazlı Tekin started her duty as Erasmus+ Outgoing Student and Erasmus+ Outgoing Personnel in our International Relations Office. We would like to wish her success in her new appointment.



* Kerime Peçen Kaya started to work in our International Relations Office on a contractual basis to carry out Budget (Erasmus+, Mevlana, Youth) and Erasmus+ Bilateral Agreements. We would like to wish her success in her new appointment.



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