

Erasmus+ Days – 2021 14-15-16 October



ErasmusDays is three days of celebration of the Erasmus+ Programme in Europe and beyond. It's a unique opportunity to organize an event, share Erasmus experience or spread the word about projects. International mobility and European citizenship are once again at the heart of the #ErasmusDays 2021.

In 2020, more than 5000 events were held in 84 countries! An alumni of the programme can share his/her experience and organize an event. Young people who want to study or train abroad can learn about the Erasmus+ Programme and talk with the programme's alumni who will be happy to share their experiences. Many countries organize a multitude of actions like exhibitions, concerts, contests, seminars, partner networking, open days, distribution of Europass Mobility documents, digital events for the #Erasmusdays. We organized seminars on Erasmus opportunities and shared Erasmus experiences. Erasmus+ Institutional Vice Coordinator Levent Demir shared his experiences with students who want to participate in Erasmus study or internship programs. Also, our current Erasmus student Gökrem Kemal Şahin talked about his Erasmus internship experience in Portugal on Zoom.

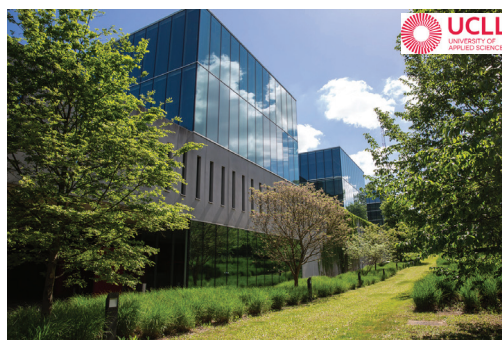
Coffee Talks

ERASMUS+ Coffee Talks event was held at AGU Campus on December 16, 2021, between 14.00-16.00. In this event, organized in partnership with Kayseri Chamber of Commerce and AGU Youth Factory, a few of our Erasmus students voluntarily participated and informed the other students regarding their Erasmus study and internship experiences. Also, they answered the questions of the participants. Likewise, AGU Youth Factory informed the audiences as regard to their youth exchange and training courses. In addition to this, Cengiz Leblebici informed the students about the activities of the EU Information Centre of Kayseri Chamber of Commerce.



New Partnerships

Abdullah Gül University has increased its partnerships by signing new Erasmus agreements with UC Leuven-Limburg and The University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague. UC Leuven-Limburg (UCLL) is one of the major universities of applied sciences in Belgium with over 15,000 students and 8 campuses. They focus on health, social work, management, technology and teacher education. They have 18 professional bachelor's programmes, 14 one-year advanced bachelor's programmes and 33 postgraduate certificate training programmes with 1,700 staff members and 300 researchers. They have been constantly involved in over 45 international projects. The University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague is a natural centre of first-rate study and research in the area of chemistry in Czechia and is one of the country's largest educational and research institutions focused on technical chemistry, chemical and biochemical technologies, material and chemical engineering, food chemistry, and environmental studies.



The 5th International Higher Education Studies Conference (IHEC 2021)

The whole world has been going through a difficult time. The break-out of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020, has not only overwhelmed national health systems, but also resulted in border closures, lockdown of people at home, suspension of public services and severe economic contractions across the world. This has inevitably impacted the way we engage in higher education. Still, engagement or participation has always been one of the foci of higher education studies.

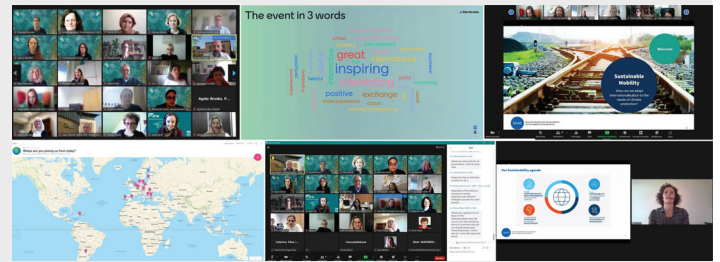
The members of higher education participated this conference in order to reflect on their participation before, during and after the pandemic regarding teaching, research, community service and the administration of universities. AGU International Office also attended this conference and presented the paper on "Cultural Match in Norm Creation: The Impact of Erasmus+ on EU Integration Process" and the participants discussed the effects of COVID-19 on international exchange programs.



International Best Practice Day: the Future of Mobility

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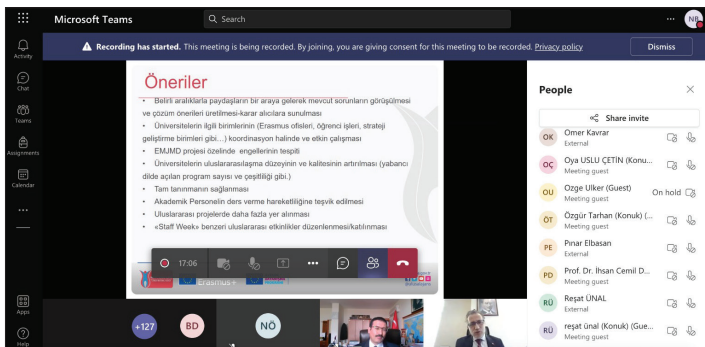
Kaiserslautern University of Applied Sciences organized International Best Practice Day and 30 people from 17 different countries attended this event. Information on the topics of blended intensive programs, virtual mobility and sustainable/green mobility were discussed during this best practice day.



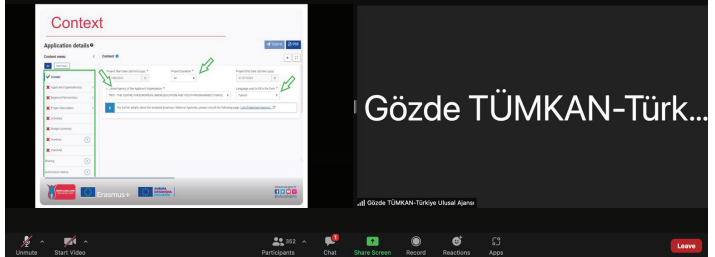
Internationalization Workshop

AGU International Office attended Internationalization Workshop organized by the Turkish Fulbright Commission and Izmir Institute of Technology on online portal.

In the workshop, the policies, strategies and practices of Turkish regulatory institutions were discussed. Innovative approaches to the internationalization of higher education institutions, insights, international office and international student experiences were also shared with the participants.



National Agency's Meetings



Abdullah Gül University Erasmus Office attended the meetings organized by Turkish National Agency. In this meeting, the implementation of KA131 Project in the new term was presented by the specialists of the National Agency. In addition to this, KA171 International Credit Mobility and KA220 Strategic

Partnership meetings were organized by the National Agency to inform the beneficiaries about the new opportunities and recent developments in the new term.