

**Osmaniye Korkut Ata University**  
**International Relations Office**  
**2023-2024 Academic Year**

Announcement for Erasmus+ ICM (International Credit Mobility)  
(KA171) Program for Staff Mobility with Non-European Countries

Dear Staff;

Project applications of Osmaniye Korkut Ata University (OKÜ) within the scope of the KA171 projects called as Erasmus+ Mobility with Partner Countries Program in the field of International Relations with Thailand- Prince of Songkla University

were evaluated as eligible and entitled to receive grants. OKÜ, as the coordinator institution, has started its mobility activities with the aforementioned countries and universities. Since the project covers only the department listed below, the personnel of the relevant departments can apply within the quota given in the table. It is not possible to move to a country or institution that is not included in the table, and it is not appropriate for departments other than those not included in the table to apply.

Country	University	Field	Mobility Type	Staff Training	Teaching Staff
Thailand	Prince of Songkla University	International Relations	Outgoing Staff		
			Incoming Staff	1	
			Total		

**General Information about KA107 (ICM)**

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program (ICM) Erasmus+ extends beyond Europe, allowing for mobility from and to other parts of the world (between 33 Program and 84 Partner Countries). Program Countries are those countries participating fully in the Erasmus+ program. Turkey is one of the 33 Program Countries. Partner Countries cover the rest of the world outside the European Union.

**General Information About Mobility Types**

➤ **Staff Mobility for Teaching Assignments (STA);** is a mobility activity that allows academic staff of a Higher Education Institution (HEI) to teach and carry joint academic/educational activities at a partner HEI in the program countries around the globe. Erasmus+ KA107 Staff Mobility for Teaching Assignments might include a variety of activities such as lecturing, hands-on teaching activities, giving a seminar and organizing a workshop.

**Who Can Apply?**

- Applicants must be a member of (Prince of Songkla University)Thailand and they must actively work at the time of application,

- Applicants must be employed for teaching and lecturing at **Prince of Songkla University** (i.e. staff who works as Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor).

### **Duration of the Activities;**

According to KA171 program rules, duration of training mobility ranges from 5 days to 2 months (max.) excluding travel time. However, as the Program budget allocated to OKÜ changes every year, the maximum duration of the teaching mobility is 5 days and travel days won't be included. For one-week (5 working days) participation, the teaching activity has to comprise a minimum of 8 hours of teaching per week.

### **Important Notes**

- If the teaching activity/teaching hours last less than the minimum requirements, the activity is considered as void by the funding body and the grant payment will not be made for the related activity.
- The activity must take place until the end of related project term, which will be announced by OKÜ.

**Staff Mobility for Staff Training (STT);** is a mobility activity that supports the professional development of administrative staff in Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in the form of training events abroad (excluding conferences) and job shadowing/observation periods/training at a partner HEI, or at another relevant organization in the program countries.

Erasmus+ KA107 (Non-European Countries) Staff Mobility for Training (STT) might include a variety of activities such as job shadowing and International Staff Weeks organized by the partner universities (Important Note: Conference participations are not accepted as training activity within the framework of Erasmus+ KA171 Staff Mobility for Training).

### **Who Can Apply?**

- Applicants must be a member of Prince of Songkla University and they must actively work at the time of application,
- All academic and administrative staff such as Res. Asst. Officer, Lecturers who are not officially obliged to teach at university can apply.

**Duration of the Activities:** According to KA171 program rules, duration of training mobility ranges for 7 days (5+2 (travel days)). However, as the Program budget allocated to OKÜ may vary in each project, the maximum duration of the training and teaching mobility is 5 days and travel days won't be included.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Applicants are expected to get in touch with the preferred HEI and receive an acceptance letter and teaching/training program with signed and stamped prior to the application deadline.
- The acceptance letter needs to be submitted together with the Application Form and Language Proficiency document prior to the application deadline.

- The staff who do not have any of these language certificates must get a petition to the International Office that they do not have a language certificate.
- All applicants must hand-deliver the application documents to the International Office till 30.04.2024.
- All the mobility activities must be completed by 31.05.2024.
- All the forms must be filled in completely electronically.

### **OKÜ Erasmus+ KA171 Staff Mobility Selection Criteria:**

**During the evaluation, the following scoring system will be applied by taking into account the issues determined by the Center for European Union Education and Youth Programs and Turkish National Agency;**

**✓Foreign language knowledge is prioritized (15%),**

**✓Those who have not previously benefited from the mobility programs**

**✓Administrative staff are prioritized in Training Mobility,**

**✓Disabled staff (must be certificated),**

**✓Veterans and the spouses and children of veterans and martyrs are prioritized,**

**✓Those who choose to visit countries and institutions that previously have not been visited, or rarely been visited are prioritized,**

**✓Staff working as Faculty and Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator (+5) OKÜ was awarded with Erasmus+ University Charter in 2010.**

**In this frame;**

**✓Applicants who have participated in the program in the projects of 2011-2012, 2012- 2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016; -5 point will be applied while those who have participated in the academic year of 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019- 2020 and 2020-2021 stated as -10 point.**

**✓Those who made Erasmus+ agreements between 2011-2016 will have +1 point for each agreement and those who made Erasmus+ agreements between in 2016 and other years will be evaluated as +3 points for each agreement,**

**✓ Staff who carry out the Erasmus+ Project cycle and contribute directly to the program (+10)**

**✓Applicants who have applied in the previous years and withdrawn due to a cause except the force majeure and health issues will receive 10pts penalty.**

### **2022-2023 Erasmus+ Grant & Travel Payments:**

In addition to daily grants, participants will receive a travel support as well. The travel support is a fixed amount, independent of the price of plane tickets. The travel amount is calculated by using the “Distance Calculator” below:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en)

Sending Country	Receiving Country	Daily Grant Amount (Euro)
Turkey	Program Country	180
Program Country	Turkey	140

Even if the travel days exceed 2 days, it is not possible for beneficiaries to receive daily grants for more than 2 days of travel. In order to provide Erasmus+ funding for the travel days, the travel should take place outside of the teaching days. Except travel days, no daily grant is paid for weekends (even if the program is for more than 1 week), if there is no officially proven teaching activity.

### **Obtained “km” value Travel Support (Euro)**

**10-99 Km; 20 Euro**

**100 - 499 km;180 Euro**

**500 - 1999 km; 275 Euro**

**2000 - 2999 km; 360 Euro**

**3000 - 3999 km; 530 Euro**

**4000 - 7999 km; 820 Euro**

**8000 km and more; 1.500 Euro**

The distance calculator is used to determine the distance between the location where the staff is residing and the place of activity. The kilometers in distance calculated by the distance calculator corresponds to the round-trip and the amount does not get multiplied by two.

### **A Sample of Grant Calculation:**

A visit to Turkey for 1 week (5 days of teaching/training):

Total grant =  $140 \times 5$  (mobility days) + 360 (travel support) = 1340 €.

### **Deduction in Payment:**

Unless the participants submit the documents (certificate of attendance, boarding cards) providing participation of the mobility, activity is deemed invalid and the previous paid grant is returned.

### **Additional Grant for Disabled Participants:**

For disabled participants, it is possible to receive additional grants to meet their specific needs. In order for the disabled staff to be given additional grants, OKÜ is required to request additional grants from the Turkish National Agency. The applications for additional grants should be made during the term of the contract, but in any case up to 60 days before the contract end date. The Turkish National Agency will evaluate each application specifically and determine whether the additional grant can be granted, and if so, the appropriate grant amount. In order to learn more about the application forms, you may contact OKÜ IRO.

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