

## **Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS) 2021-2027**

The International Office at Kırıkkale University was founded in 2004 and is in charge of determining, implementing and accelerating the policies of internationalization. It helps the University form international partnerships to create opportunities for increasing the international experience of the students and the academic/administrative staff. Among its aims is also to create an international, multicultural and inclusive campus environment.

The International Office helps all international students and coordinates all related work. The department develops and follows various projects in order to help increase the interaction between international students and local students.

As a member of the European University Association, Central Asian Universities Association and Eurasian Silk Road Universities Consortium, Kırıkkale University has made several bilateral agreements with various national and international universities and increased the number of exchange programmes for both students and academic and administrative staff.

Kırıkkale University is constantly improving teaching methods, strengthening research competences and international relations and developing an entrepreneurial and innovative culture. Kırıkkale University applies entrepreneurial management, academic leadership, university-business cooperation principles, key competences for lifelong learning, digital skills, common values, virtual and distance learning and inclusive education, as well. Kırıkkale University pays attention to the importance of university-industry cooperation. Through research and development projects, it aims to contribute to the economic and technological development of the region. Kırıkkale University will continue contributing to humanity in all aspects by improving the experience, potential, and dynamism that it has and will go on improving its capacity through starting new departments and programmes.

The Internationalization objectives set in the Kırıkkale University Strategic Plan are:

- Improving the quality of the education process by bringing the programmes in line with the principles within the framework of national and international qualifications and raising the quality assurance system to international standards in education, opening international partner programs, and increasing the activities that support the continuous development of the students,
- Providing internship opportunities for the students within their field in national and international organizations,
- Increasing participation in student exchange programs at undergraduate and graduate levels,
- Increasing the number of students participating in international student exchange programs,
- Producing scientific publications and projects at national and international levels by improving the quality of research and development,
- Developing cooperation with partners at regional, national and international levels and increasing international recognition.

We are constantly looking for new cooperation opportunities with esteemed universities around the world from EU, America to the Far East. Kırıkkale University is experienced in Erasmus KA2 strategic partnership projects and other international programmes. Kırıkkale University has also recently applied for Erasmus+ KA107 International Credit Mobility “ICM”. Kırıkkale University believes in the importance of the international programmes and projects to build fruitful cooperation between universities.

In conclusion, Kırıkkale University follows its internationalization policies with determination.