ERASMUS+ KA 171 CALL FOR
INCOMING STUDENT MOBILITY FOR STUDIES (SMS)

CALL INFORMATION	
Call Title	Erasmus+ Student Studies Mobility Call (SMS)
Action Type	KA171 (Third Countries not associated to the Programme)
Project Year	2022 and 2023 KA171 Projects
Project Number(s)	2022-1-TR01-KA171-HED-000069445; 2023-1-TR01-KA171-HED-000167459
Call Date	04.10.2024

Please read the call document carefully before applying.

Kastamonu University (KU) Erasmus Institutional Coordination Office has announced the call for incoming student mobility for studies within the framework of Erasmus+ KA171 (Third Countries not associated to the Programme).

The applications will be accepted through the Application System of Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator within the dates stated in the **CALENDAR** section.

The student mobility for studies must be realized during the **Spring** semester of **2024-2025** Academic Year from **17 February 2025** to **13 July 2025**.

MOBILITY INFORMATION

The Student Mobility for Studies Call is open to all students studying in ISCED-coded fields specified in the **QUOTA** table. Please see the detailed quota table for the list of ISCED-coded fields. The students from fields that are not included in the **QUOTA** table are ineligible for this mobility.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- The applicant has to be a full-time enrolled student (Bachelor, Master, or PhD) at the sending institutions that are given in the detailed quota table.
- The applicants are required to have a course load equivalent to 30 ECTS in the programs they are registered in.
- The Cumulative General Point Average (CGPA) of the applicant has to be at least:
  - for undergraduate students (Bachelor) **2.20**/4.00
  - for post-graduate students (Master or PhD) **2.50**/4.00
- The English language level of the applicant must be at least B2 according to CEFR levels.
- The total duration of the mobility within the same study cycle (Bachelor, Master or PhD) **cannot** exceed 2 months.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The applications will be made through https://applyerasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr during the application period specified in **CALENDAR** section.

The applicants should upload the required documents listed below to the application system during their application. The documents must comply with the conditions as specified below. More information about the conditions supportive documents must meet can be found in the **SELECTION CRITERIA** section.

Required documents:

- **Application form with photo** (must be signed by the applicant student and Erasmus/IRO coordinator before uploading)
- **Biometric Photo**
- **Proof of Enrolment** (official document showing
- **Copy of National ID Card**
- **Copy of International Passport**
- **Proof of Educational Degree** (only for Master and PhD applicants)
  - o for Master applicants last Bachelor Diploma
  - o for PhD applicants both Bachelor and Master Diploma
- **Official Transcript of Records in English** showing CGPA score (if not available in English, an officially signed and stamped document by the university declaring CGPA is also accepted along with the original document.)
- **Europass CV** (Click here to create your Europass CV)
- **English Language Proficiency Level** (for details on how language proficiency score will be calculated, please see Language Proficiency and Language Exam section.)
  - o **University English Language Exam Result** (you can upload this after the application process ends if your Institution will hold an exam specifically for this call. If you have an English proficiency exam score conducted by your university in the 2023-2024 academic year, you can use that score in this application.)
  - o **eu|academy Placement Test in English**
- **Valid certificate for disabled students** (Certificate can be any document authorized by the applicant's home country's officials.).
- **Certificates of attendance of the participants' previous Erasmus+ mobilities.**

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND LANGUAGE EXAM

Applicants have to prove their current language level in English. In order to obtain a current language score, the applicant has to take a language certificate by attending a placement exam on eu|academy. The certificate's PDF file must be uploaded to the application system within the application dates. The second step is to attend the language proficiency exam of the sending university (the applicant's university). The sending university may organize a new exam specific to this call or allow the applicants to use the scores of the previously made exams (only exams held during the 2023-2024 academic year are accepted). Details of the calculation of the language proficiency score are given below.

EXAM	PERCENTAGE
Language Proficiency Exam of the Sending University	75%
eu|academy Placement Test in English	25%

DEFINITIONS

Definition of Student Mobility for Studies (SMS)

- This mobility activity is carried out within the framework of existing inter institutional agreements of the higher education institution.
- The activity consists of the project coordinator and the student, who is registered in partner higher education institutions, to carry out a part of his education in the higher education institution that is partnered with an inter-institutional agreement.
- Students are expected to be sent/received to follow the program corresponding to 30 ECTS credits for one semester in order to do the work required by their diploma/degree.
- The minimum duration for mobility is 2 months. Mobilities less than 60 days will be ineligible, and the student will refund all grants.
- Students who meet the application requirements can benefit from the activity without a grant.

QUOTA

Detailed Quota Table

COUNTRY	UNIVERSITY	QUOTA		Mobility Duration (months)	Grant			Departments and Degrees for application at KU
		Main	Reserve		Individual Support	Travel Support	Total Grant	
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	University of East Sarajevo	1	2	5	4000	275	4275	0111, 0114, 0714, 0715
KOSOVO	International Universum College	1*	2*	5	4000	275	4275	0212, 0412, 0413, 1015
AZERBAIJAN	Lankaran State University	1	2	5	4000	275	4275	0111, 0114, 0311, 0413, 0821, 0841, 1015
GEORGIA	Georgian Technical University	1	2	5	4000	275	4275	0211, 0222, 0312, 0313, 0321, 0414, 0613, 0714, 0715, 0721, 0722, 0732
GEORGIA	L.E.P.L Apollon Kutateladze Tbilisi State Academy of Art	1	2	5	4000	275	4275	0211, 0212, 0214
UKRAINE	Ukrainian National Forestry University	1+1*	2+2*	5	5250	275	5525	0413, 0821
NEPAL	Kathmandu University	1	2	5	4000	820	4820	0313, 0312
GHANA	Central University	1	2	5	4000	820	4820	0211, 0414, 0321, 0413, 0613, 0732, 0913

*Numbers with asterisk on the quota table represent the remaining quota from 2022 KA171 Project.

ISCED CODES	Programs and Departments Available at Kastamonu University		
	Bachelor Programs	Master Programs	PhD Programs
0111		-Instructional Technologies (Master's) -Curriculum and Instruction (Master's)	
0114	- Pre-school Education - Elementary Mathematics Education - Guidance and Psychological Counselling	-Physical Education and Sports (Master's) -Guidance and Psychological Counseling (Master's) -Elementary Mathematics Education (Master's) -Science Education (Master's) -Pre-school Education (Master's)	- Science Education (PhD) - Elementary Mathematics Education (PhD)
0211	-Radio, Television and Cinema	-Radio, Television and Cinema Master's	
0212		-Art and Design (Master's)	-Art and Design (PhD)
0214		-Ceramic and Glass (Master's)	
0312	-Political Science and Public Administration -International Relations	-Political Science and Public Administration (Master's) -International Relations (Master's)	
0313	-Psychology		
0321	-Journalism	-Journalism (Master's)	
0412		-Financial Reporting and Audit (Master's)	
0413	-Business Administration -International Trade and Logistics	-Business Administration (Master's) -International Trade and Logistics (Master's) -Service Design and Management (Master's) -Management and Organization (Master's)	-Business Administration (PhD)
0414	-Public Relations and Advertising	-Public Relations and Advertising (Master's)	
0613	-Computer Engineering	-Computer Engineering (Master's)	
0714	- Electrical-Electronics Engineering	- Electrical-Electronics Engineering (Master's)	
0715	-Mechanical Engineering	-Mechanical Engineering (Master's)	
0721		-Food Engineering (Master's)	
0722		-Material Science and Engineering (Master's)	
0732	-Civil Engineering	-Civil Engineering (Master's)	
0821	-Forest Engineering	-Forest Engineering (Master's)	-Forest Engineering (PhD)

	-Forest Industry Engineering	-Forest Industry Engineering (Master's)	-Forest Industry Engineering (PhD)
0841	-Veterinary Medicine	-Veterinary Biochemistry (Master's)	
0913	-Midwifery -Nursing		
1015	-Tourism Management	-Tourism Management (Master's)	-Tourism Management (PhD)

SELECTION CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria have been determined by Kastamonu University Erasmus Institutional Coordination Office within the scope of the Erasmus+ Handbook for Higher Education Institutions published by the Directorate for EU Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye (Turkish National Agency), the Directive of International Relations Office, and Directive of Erasmus Program of the Kastamonu University, Republic of Türkiye

Criteria	Score
Academic achievement level (Cumulative Grade Point Average)[1]	50% (out of 100 points)
Language proficiency level[2]	50% (out of 100 points)
Disabled students (with a valid certificate)[3]	+15
Students who have previously benefited from Erasmus+ programme within the same education level, with or without a grant (for each activity previously benefited)	-10
Failure to participate in the mobility without giving a timely waiver notice despite being selected for the mobility	-10
Participating in mobility in the country of citizenship	-10

Explanations:

[1] Converting CGPA grades into 100 point scale will be made based on suggestions of the applicant's home institution

[2] at least B2 level of English according to CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is required. The language score will be converted to a 100-point scale based on the reference table below to calculate a total point.

Reference Table for Conversion of CEFR levels to 100 point scale

CEFR Levels	Points (100 scale)
C2	100
C1	95
B2	75

The applicant's home university can hold a language competency exam for their students. If the applicants have an English proficiency exam score conducted by their university in the 2023-2024 academic year, they can use that score in this application. Documents of exam results must be signed and stamped by the officials of the applicant's university.

[3] Certificate can be any document authorized by the applicant's home country's officials.

***All documents provided by the applicant must be in English or translated into English. Documents translated into English must be approved by the university's Erasmus/IRO coordinator.

****In case of equality in the ranking, the following criteria shall be applied respectively until the equality is broken:

· Student with a higher language proficiency score

· Student with a higher CGPA

To ensure an objective and transparent selection the evaluation of applications will be made by an evaluation commission officially appointed by the Rectorate of Kastamonu University in accordance with the Erasmus+ Handbook for Higher Education Institutions published by the Directorate for EU Education and Youth Programs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey (Turkish National Agency), the Directive of the International Relations Office of the Kastamonu University and the Erasmus Program Directive.

The results will be announced on the website of the Coordination Office (https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr). Commissioners will not be able to benefit from this exchange program due to the rules of the National Agency.

Detailed information about the program can be obtained from the website (https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr) of the Erasmus Coordination Office, International Relations Office, Kastamonu University.

TRAVEL SUPPORT

Travel Distances	Standard Travel Grant Amount (€)	Green Travel Grant Amount (€)
Between 10 and 99 KM	23	-
Between 100 and 499 KM	180	210
Between 500 and 1999 KM	275	320
Between 2000 and 2999 KM	360	410
Between 3000 and 3999 KM	530	610
Between 4000 and 7999 KM	820	-
8000 KM or more	1500	-

*The Travel Grant amounts stated in the table above are for a round trip to/from Kastamonu University and will not be doubled for each trip. Participants will receive the Travel Grant only once.

Green travel is defined as the travel that uses low-emissions means of transport for the main part of the travel, such as bus, train or car-pooling. The participants will be asked to provide documents proving their way of travel to receive the Green Travel Grant amount. The Travel Grant and the Green Travel Grant will not be paid separately; the participants will receive only one of the travel grants.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
October 04, 2024	Call Date[1]
October 18, 2024	Start of the Applications
November 01, 2024, 23:59	Application Deadline[2]
November 04 – November 08, 2024	Language Exams for the qualifying applicants
November 11, 2024	Announcement of Results[3]
November 15, 2024	Declaration of Participation/Withdrawal[4]
December 9, 2024	Submission of Mobility Agreement[5]
Mobility Dates	17 February 2025 – 13 July 2025[6]

Explanation

[1] The announcement of the call on our website.

[2] The last day to apply for the mobility.

[3] The evaluation results will be announced on the website of our office.

[4] The last day to inform our office whether the applicant will participate in the mobility or not.

[5] The last day to submit the mobility agreement to our office.

[6] The dates the mobilities will be carried out.

DEDUCTION FROM THE GRANT

The higher education institution makes a grant deduction in the following cases, provided that it is announced before the mobility and stipulated in the contract:
1. If the documents proving participation in the mobility are not submitted, the mobility will be deemed invalid and the grant will not be paid to the personnel, and the initially paid grant will be collected. In addition, grant deductions are made for activities that occur less than planned or are not appropriate.
2. Except for technical reasons, personnel who do not fill out the participant survey will be deducted at the rate of 20% of the travel grant calculated according to the total number of activity days and distance band on which the grant is calculated.
3. If the mobility period is less than the minimum period, regardless of force majeure, the mobility in question will be deemed invalid and no grant payment will be made.

SITUATIONS FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS

On matters not included in this announcement text, the Erasmus+ Program Guide for the relevant call year published by the European Commission, T.R. Erasmus+ Handbook for Higher Education Institutions for the relevant call year published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate for European Union Affairs, European Union Education and Youth Programs Center (Turkish National Agency), T.R. Procedures are carried out within the

framework of Kastamonu University International Relations Office Directive and Erasmus Program Directive.

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