Dear Colleague,

I am …, currently an academic staff member in the Department of …  at Kastamonu University (KU), Turkiye.

As the Faculty/Department of …, we are seeking new Erasmus+ partners for academic cooperation and mobility activities. After examining your website, we found out that the University of …, Faculty/Department of … has suitable academic departments which we wish to initiate Erasmus-based cooperation for both students and staff members. You can find the courses offered at our Department/Faculty on … If you need more information about the courses, please do not hesitate to contact me.

To this end, if you agree, we would like to send the required documents or hold an online meeting with you to introduce our Department/Faculty and discuss the details of an Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement (IIA) at a mutually agreed upon time.

I hope this message would lead to the beginning of a new relationship towards a productive and delightful cooperation between our universities. Feel free to contact us in case of further questions.

Below you may find brief information about our university and some useful links.

KU international ranking:

<https://bologna.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/uluslararasilasma>

KU Erasmus website: <https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/>

KU Erasmus Policy Statement: <https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/images/2023/dokumanlar/Erasmus_Genel/KU-EPS-21-27.pdf>

KU Bologna Course Catalogue: <https://ubys.kastamonu.edu.tr/AIS/OutcomeBasedLearning/Home/Index?culture=en-US>

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**Brief Information about Kastamonu University**

*Kastamonu University (KU), established in 2006, is one of the public universities in Turkey. Currently, KU carries out its education and research activities within its 14 faculties, 16 schools of vocational education, 3 graduate institutes and more than 20 research centres with around 30000 students and 810 teaching staff members. KU offers about 200 undergraduate and graduate programmes, in the fields of education, forestry, tourism, engineering, architecture, health sciences, sports, economy, communication, humanities, aviation, theology and fine arts.*

*As is highlighted in its strategic plan, KU aims to promote scientific and critical thinking, problem solving and creativity and to raise awareness of individual differences (disabilities and cultural diversities). KU aims at becoming an innovative and respected university at national and international level, playing a pioneering role in the development of the region by conducting qualified research and collaborations. To this end, KU focuses on internationalization and inter-institutional cooperation in its institutional strategic plans since 2010, and sets realistic and fruitful goals for its future.*

*With its green campus area surrounded by forests, KU works ambitiously to produce sustainable development both within and outside Turkey, with projects ranging from cultural integration to ecotourism.*

*In addition to previous and current EU-funded and international projects conducted with other institutions mainly in Europe and Asia, KU envisages further project activities with institutions from all around the world. Currently, KU has signed 81 agreements within Erasmus+ programme, 50 agreements within Mevlana programme (an exchange programme similar to Erasmus only with counties other than European ones), and around 90 other bilateral agreements signed with other institutions outside Turkey for exchange and scientific collaboration.*