As one of the leading research universities of Turkey, KU strives to be part of projects in the new Erasmus term of 2021 - 2027. As it was with the Erasmus+, KU would like to continue sharing best practices and cooperating for innovation. This is also in line with the KU’s Strategic Internationalization Plan (KUSIP), that aims to strengthen KU’s international presence. The past projects of the Erasmus+ 2013 - 2020 term contributed to this objective and we are eager keep integrating the Erasmus projects as an important component of this effort.

KU will be a reliable partner and has the academic capacity and management knowledge to participate in these kind of projects. If you are interested in future collaborations, we kindly ask you to fill the Project Partner Form. Mrs. Oya Özer Kurt, Global Programs and Projects Specialist at the Office of International Programs will contact you for an online meeting. We are looking forward to expanding our capacity and sharing best practices by collaboration!
**New KA2 Projects of 2020**

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**The Art of de-Biasing**

**Grant category:** Erasmus+ KA204  
**Project period:** 01/09/2020 – 31/08/2023  
**Project partners:** Bash Art Creative Ltd (Scotland - Project Coordinator), Koç University (KU), Natsionalen uchebtsentar (Bulgaria), Institute for Contemporary Education (Serbia), Artevelde University of Applied Sciences (Belgium), EduLin (Netherlands), Delft Digital Learning (Portugal), and Drawing to Health (Netherlands).

The project addresses the lack of a comprehensive approach to teaching educators about biases, building resilience among learners, promoting critical mindsets. Hence one of the key objectives is to improve teacher-learner communication via increased awareness and understanding of the nature, number and impact of cognitive biases.

The kick-off meeting took place virtually on October 19th and 20th. Administrative, financial issues as well as the review of project were some of the agenda items.

**Website:** [https://dbias.eu](https://dbias.eu)

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**The European University of Post-Industrial Cities**

**Grant category:** Erasmus+ KA230  
**Project period:**  
**Project partners:** University of Deusto (Spain), Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), University College Cork (Ireland), Koç University (Turkey), University of Liège (Belgium), University of Oulu (Finland), University of Zagreb (Croatia) and Erasmus University Rotterdam (the Netherlands, coordinator).

Koç University became a "European University" as a part of the European University of Post-Industrial Cities (UNIC) Consortium, with a 3-year start-up grant of €5 million, provided by the "European Universities" instrument of the European Commission. The European Commission proposed the European Universities initiative as part of an overall vision for the creation of a European Education Area by 2025.

**Website:** [https://www.unic.eu](https://www.unic.eu)

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*Kick-Off Meeting, October 2020*  

*The UNIC Board (the rectors) signed the mission statement of UNIC, Erasmus University Rotterdam, February 2020*