







Erasmus+ KA171 Project Proposal Form

Project Details (English Translation of the Turkish Form)

University: Dicle University

Coordinator: Faculty of Theology – Department of Basic Islamic Sciences

Project Title: Intercultural Reflections on Mevlana: A Dialogue between Turkey and Pakistan

Project Introduction

This project proposal aims to strengthen academic and cultural cooperation between Turkey and Pakistan through the shared heritage of Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi, a prominent figure in Islamic thought and Sufism. It focuses on the University of Sialkot, located in Pakistan, which conducts notable academic research on Mevlana within its Faculty of Social Sciences. The proposed initiative seeks to explore how Mevlana is perceived, studied, and interpreted in the Pakistani context, and to create sustainable intellectual bridges between both countries. Through joint seminars, research activities, and academic mobility, the project will contribute to intercultural understanding and foster new partnerships in the fields of theology, Islamic studies, and social sciences.

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4. Name of the Proposed Partner University

University of Sialkot

5. Country

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6. Contact Person or Unit at the Proposed University

Prof. Dr. Navid Jamil Malik – Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences

9. E-mail Address of the Contact Person or Unit

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10. Existing Collaboration or Previous Connection (if any)

Prof. Dr. Navid Jamil Malik visited our faculty during the current academic term. He has conducted academic work on Mevlana and expressed his interest in offering an online course titled *Readings from the Mawlana* in the spring semester of 2024. Our faculty welcomed this

request and approved his participation in two seminar sessions during the term. This contact is considered an important first step in institutionalizing collaboration and establishing a foundation for future joint academic activities.

11. Field of Planned Mobility / Cooperation

Social Sciences

12. Type of Planned Mobility

- Academic staff mobility is planned.
- Student mobility
- Administrative staff mobility
- Other: **Student mobility may also be considered within the scope of this project.**

12. Justification for Cooperation with this Institution and Expected Outcomes (max. 1000 characters)

Pakistan is one of Turkey's key strategic partners in Asia. The University's Faculty of Social Sciences and its Department of Islamic Studies are notable for their academic work on Mevlana's thought. In this department, there are academics who research Mevlana's historical influence, perception, and relevance in contemporary Muslim society in Pakistan. This project aims to academically examine how Mevlana is understood in Pakistan and to establish new intellectual connections between the two countries through this shared cultural legacy. A multidisciplinary analysis of how Mevlana's message is interpreted in a different cultural context will contribute to cultural diplomacy. Furthermore, the project will lay a foundation for sustainable academic and cultural collaboration between the two countries.

13. Additional Notes / Existing Agreements or Planned Collaborations (optional)

Direct communication has been established with the University of Sialkot, and areas of mutual academic interest have been identified with faculty members from relevant departments. A positive basis has emerged for developing academic collaboration focused on Mevlana studies. In the medium term, cooperation is planned in areas such as student and staff exchange, joint symposia, and academic publications. In addition, we aim to develop thematic research projects between our Faculty of Theology and the Department of Islamic Studies.