

D**Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)*****D. Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)***

The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy (all three parts) on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees. (max. 5000 characters)

Original language [EN]

The overarching priority of the University's strategy for internationalization is to aim at realising the objectives of the Bologna process, ET 2020 and contributing to the European Union's modernization and internationalization agenda in higher education. To this end, the University aims to modernize and further develop its educational and research capacity in an international context, by inter alia active participation in new EU programmes including the 2014-2020 EU programme for education, training, youth and sport, Horizon 2020 and other programmes.

Within this context the objectives of the University until 2020, based on the internal monitoring of European and international mobility and cooperation activities to date, will be in particular:

- 1 to further promote and support student mobility (also blended mobility) for studies - both credit and degree - and traineeships as well as staff mobility within Europe and to/from third countries so as to increase the flow numbers and improve the quality of the mobility
 - 1.1 to increase the mobility numbers of students of all cycles (in particular third cycle students by broadening current agreements), from all backgrounds as well as disabled students
 - 1.2 to enter into new agreements with non-participating countries to open up new possibilities for mobility under the Programme
 - 1.3 to sign new agreements for home departments with hitherto lower mobility performance in order to increase their internationalization
- 2 to increase the number of international degree students and mobile credit students
 - 2.1 to significantly increase the number of degree programmes/courses offered in English and other foreign languages
 - 2.2 to enhance the academic offer and further improve the administrative, logistic and cultural services for incoming students and staff
 - 2.3. to enhance promotion activities worldwide targeted at foreign potential students
3. to increase participation in international cooperation projects
 - 3.1 to support the participation of staff in international cooperation projects by offering wider recognition to the staff involved (e.g. points in staff evaluation schemes, financial incentives, specialist administrative back-up)
 - 3.2 to capitalize more on the staff mobility with regard to developing cooperation projects as a follow-up of their mobility
- 4 to stimulate and expand international research cooperation of the staff within Horizon 2020 and other international research programmes
 - 4.1 to capitalize more on the experience and cooperation contacts from both mobility and cooperation agreements for developing research projects
 - 4.2 to support the participation of staff in international research projects by offering wider recognition to the staff involved (like in 3.1)
- 5 to improve the quality and attractiveness of education
 - 5.1 to better attune curricula to current and emerging labour market demands and offer employability and transversal skills (through developing active cooperation with partners from outside the University e.g. enterprises, professional organisations, local/regional bodies)
 - 5.2. to increase the number of invited staff from foreign enterprises providing trainings/workshops to students to make programmes more practical and business-oriented
 - 5.3 to carry out regular evaluation and quality control of all its current study programmes and to aim to have all of the programmes awarded accreditation
 - 5.4 to increase the number of joint/double degree programmes, joint curricula/modules offered together with international partners
 - 5.5. to support further development of distance learning, e-learning tools and methods
6. to continue modernisation of information and communication technology facilities to support teaching, research, administrative services and governance.

In pursuing to accomplish the above objectives, the University will continue to enter into inter-institutional agreements with both participating and third country partners, based on a comprehensive understanding of the partner institution, compatibility of academic profiles (levels/programmes considered adequate for mobility activities) and mutual interests. As regards international cooperation and research projects, the University will cooperate in the first place with the partner institutions with which it has signed agreements to date (be it Erasmus or other agreements). Apart from EU and non-EU EEA partners (Norway, Iceland within EEA grants), given the geographical location of the University close to the Eastern border of the EU, the natural partners of the University are also neighbouring countries (Ukraine, Russia and Belarus) with which the University has a tradition of cross-border cooperation and aims to strengthen cooperation under the new Programme, as well as with other Central and Eastern European countries. The University will continue to sign strategic agreements with overseas partners, in particular in the USA, Canada, Latin America, China.

If applicable, please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Programme. (max. 2000 characters)

Original language [EN]

The University aims to participate both as a coordinator and a partner in European and international EU and non-EU cooperation projects in teaching and training in a pro-active way, based on the objectives and conditions for its participation, its role in a project and the expected results. The University's participation in the projects will be in line with its internationalisation strategy, taking into account geographical and subject area priorities and will be carried out in the first place with the hitherto partners with which the University has signed cooperation agreements/Memoranda of Understanding. The implementation of the cooperation projects will be carried out by departments/university units with the support of administrative unit at a central level responsible for coordination of European/international projects. The University will endeavor to enter into cooperation with regard to e.g. the provision of a comprehensive set of joint activities, new learning and teaching methods, the design and delivery of new multidisciplinary curricula and innovative courses, with partners in education, training and business both from the participating and neighbourhood countries (strategic Erasmus partnerships and Knowledge Alliances). In seeking partners, the University will also try to draw upon the regional cooperation of Lublin Province and the cooperation between Lublin and its twin towns. The cooperation with neighbourhood countries will be mainly through capacity building and transnational mobility to support the modernization and internationalization of higher education there, in which case our University will be able to offer its organizational and educational expertise. The University will also endeavour to take advantage of Jean Monnet activities, in particular Jean Monnet Chairs. The eventual scope of the University's participation in the above cooperation projects will depend on the details of the Key action 2 of the Programme once adopted by the EU.

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda*) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve. (max. 3000 characters)

Original language [EN]

The participation in the Programme will play a crucial role in accomplishing institutional modernisation and internationalisation objectives. By participating in learning mobility of individuals action, in particular student mobility for studies and traineeships as well as mobility of invited staff from enterprises to provide training/workshops to home students, the University's graduates will be equipped with foreign language skills and new competences which will help them operate successfully on the labour market and boost their career prospects. Furthermore, traineeships will offer complementary international experience and expertise to students alongside the placements within their study programmes at the home university. Opening to a larger number of international degree and credit mobile students will result in an increase in the overall number of graduates and will also contribute to greater internationalisation of university services and administration. Their influx will be also conducive to increasing the number of degree programmes and courses offered in English or other foreign languages as well as to developing joint/double degree programmes offered with foreign partners. In turn, staff mobility will provide better opportunities for staff to gain international experience both in teaching and research activities and will be a kick-off for possible participation of staff in international cooperation and research programmes, thereby improving the quality and relevance of teaching and researcher training. Due to the internationalization of research, the University will gain internationally recognized researchers carrying out their research activities in an international context and at the same time better prepared and eager to engage in university cooperation and innovation projects both with local and foreign enterprises. It will further stimulate and strengthen the knowledge triangle between education, research and business. Thanks to international cooperation projects, the University will have an opportunity to broaden beyond mobility action its overseas and cross-border cooperation, thereby strengthening its international position in the European Higher Education Area. International cooperation will also help develop competence, practical skills of its staff and internationalise governance and funding mechanisms. Through participation in the Programme, the University will be able to receive substantial funds to develop its capacity, international potential and to better adapt to the dynamically changing competitive global education market.

* COM (2011) 567 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0567:FIN:EN:PDF>)

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Endorsement of the application

I, the undersigned, legal representative of the applicant institution,

certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. All Programme activities will be implemented on the basis of written agreements with the relevant authorities of the partner institutions;

agree to the content of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) application outlined above and commit my institution to respect and observe these obligations;

agree to the publication of the Erasmus Policy Statement by the European Commission

Place: Lublin

Name: ANTONI DEBIŃSKI Date (dd/mm/yyyy): 07/05/2013

I have read and accept the Privacy statement

Original signature of the legal representative of the Institution (as identified in section A.2 above)

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