

ERASMUSUS POLICY STATEMENT

The development of internationalization is key for us to favor our students as well as our staff members employability, experience, culture, and competence. We are seeking the internationalization and modernization of our programs, environment, and education tools.

In our international strategy and more generally, innovation is in the heart of our strategy that is why it is essential for us to develop relationships with other Higher Education Institutions, members of the European Union, to learn, build and share our experiences. We strongly believe that a team will always be stronger, well-informed and at the forefront of innovation whereas it would be more difficult for a single individual. The same principle applies for Institution and that is the reason why we choose as a strategy, to develop the mobility of our staff and our students which will, hopefully lead in medium term to international cooperation projects in order to always improve the quality of our programs and student experience by sharing our knowledge and collaborating.

The internationalization strategy is by far our key strategy. Of course, a lot of development and research have been made since the beginning of the year, to make accessible the mobility for our students and staff. We are currently signing partnership conventions with several partners in other countries such as, Spain, China, Morocco, Senegal, Ghana, and Canada. We will also participate via the Embassy of France in China to the next Conference for Higher Education, thanks to the Foreign Cooperation Division of the French Chinese Institute. Therefore, we are implementing ECTS credits to have a homogeneous procedure and to record a student's international mobility in a transparent way.

Furthermore, we have several partnerships in France, over 20 national partners and we are currently member of the Federation for Education in Europe.

As we strongly believe that transnational teaching is one of the best ways to improve and ensure innovation and modernization of our pedagogical programs and improve our student's employability and experience, the aim of those cooperation is to build, in a long-term point of view, double degrees and joint courses to push diversification, mobility and of course once again, innovation to develop for both the students and staff skills beyond the formal education setting. To fulfill this strategy and objective, the first leverage is to start student's and staff's mobility.

Furthermore, mobility of our staff members and students is a great opportunity for our institution to increase its notoriety through the sharing of our partnerships but above all through the mobility experience sharing of students and staff members. T

o achieve those objectives, it is crucial to implement and monitor a qualitative organization, legible and perennial, which guaranty strong ties between the pedagogical department and the administration in order to monitor international projects such as student and staff mobility as well as the development of strategic partnerships.

EIMP is already applying ethical principles of non-discrimination, transparency, legibility, equity in communication, in the transmission of knowledge as well as in educational actions. It fully intends to maintain this qualitative policy and to expend actions related to students and staffs' mobility, to the development of strategic partnerships in the respect of all the dispositions preconized by the Erasmus Charter 2021 – 2027.

The participation to the Erasmus+ program would be an opportunity for EIMP to both open-up to modernization and internalization. It is the occasion to develop quality partnerships and propose great working, studying and human experience for our staff members and students.

Indeed, our short-term strategy tends to develop mobility for our staff members and students to guaranty fully open-minded programs and promote cultural engagement and awareness.

This first step to our internalization strategy is the development of mobility which will hopefully lead in medium term to international cooperation projects with the aim of always improving the quality of our programs and student experience by sharing our knowledge and collaborating with other institutions.

Through this participation, we aspire to develop at least 20 partnerships within two years and in a mid to long-term perspective, we have the objective to develop collaboration, joint courses, double degrees, common projects with different partners, including civic and environmental engagement.

Participation in the Erasmus+ program is an opportunity to be part of a European educational community where each participant has the chance to learn from other institutions and most of all allows to contribute to the sharing and collaboration with other institutions with international perspectives.

Since the Covid-19 crises, our institution started immediately a blended learning method without any difficulties. We are currently putting the blended learning method in place for our students and with our international partners and we will do so, if accepted, for all our partners.

Furthermore, we know that all of our students and staff members doesn't have the same facility to work or study remotely, and that it can be very difficult for them, for personal reasons also, we provide to all the students who need, a computer and IT equipment. Also, they can work in dedicated spaces in our Campus, as we try to make a comfortable working environment. Our professors also have the option to borrow computer equipment from the institution and have a dedicated space, what we call "Virtual Rooms" to deliver courses. It is a way for both the student and the teacher to experience differently the blended learning teaching method and it also helps them to stay focus longer, according to the feedbacks we collected since last year.

We strongly believe that our international strategy and the objectives set will have a positive impact on students, staff members and more largely for our contribution to our city's recognition in terms of education, culture, sociability and environmentally friendly.