

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education – 2021-27

Erasmus Policy Statement

Our institution-wide internationalisation and modernisation strategy is contained in the current Strategic Plan 2017-2020. The end date of the current plan will be extended to 2021. During that period, the results of the current plan will be evaluated and a new plan will be drawn up for the coming policy period. Core elements of the current plan are:

- The (further) development of education, guidance and programmes that actively support the student in self-discovery, talent development, digital skills and a general international mindset.
- An increased international & interdisciplinary outlook among staff as well as more co-creation and innovation.
- An increased embedding of the institution in the regional and international world and strengthened partnerships with public, industrial & private stakeholders.
- The further development of research, the practice of the arts and services and their transfer to education.

From the outset, the Erasmus programmes have supported us in the roll-out of our various strategic plans. This was done in particular in terms of general international awareness, international exchange of expertise, international cooperation, international benchmarking and the development of networks. This allowed us to continue to improve our teaching, achieve better learning outcomes in our students and bring the international and European perspective increasingly to the fore.

Where the first mobility programmes were mainly introductory by offering our students and staff interesting opportunities for training and enrichment, we now wish to embed the programmes more and more structurally in our curricula and educational professionalisation. As part of the ongoing strategic plan, all study programmes are currently going through the same internationalisation process: (often implicit) international competences must be made visible in the learning outcomes and then operationalised throughout the programme so that students can acquire them.

This movement goes hand in hand with an extensive programme of educational professionalisation.

A preliminary assessment of our current strategic plan objectives compared to a first assessment of our future ambitions leads us to conclude that internationalisation will continue to be developed along the same path. Digitalisation, innovation and involvement in the broader local and international society will undoubtedly remain important ambitions in the next plan. Participation in Key Actions 1, 2 and 3 of the new Erasmus programme will be indispensable in realising these ambitions.

