

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]

a. The selection of partners is carried out in accordance with objectives aimed at by internationalization policies and development strategies of faculties/departments. The goal is to create a space of dialogue and cooperation at international level which will allow a constant openness to European and international educational, scientific, cultural and moral values. This will have in view the consolidation and extension of existent cooperations as well the initiation of new agreements for an increased visibility of the university.

b. The priority geographical areas for the selection of partners are: Europe, North America, South America, Africa and Asia.

c. The main objectives of the internationalization policy of the University of Craiova are:

- to increase the quality of mobilities through careful monitoring of the impact on the academic and student environment and through constant monitoring of the professional evolution of the beneficiaries;
- to attract a larger number of incoming students from the geographical areas mentioned above;
- to intensify academic exchanges with similar foreign institutions;
- to intensify good practices exchanges with institutions which are highly competitive in international relations;
- to increase the number of joint study programmes;
- to increase the number and the quality of programmes in foreign languages;
- to intensify the implication of the institution in LLP programmes;
- to enhance institutional and inter-institutional communication with a view to increasing openness to governmental scholarships, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, Fulbright programmes, scholarships offered by foreign governments as well as Eugen Ionescu doctoral and post-doctoral programmes;
- to intensify the process of internationalization at home which will allow access of more Romanian students to partners educational offers (ex.: acknowledgement of best practices in the field, internationalization of the curriculum, etc.)

Target groups will be students in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd years of study and placement, academic staff for teaching and training mobilities and administrative staff for training mobilities.

One of the strategic directions of the internationalization at the University of Craiova is the development of double/multiple/joint degrees.

The following actions are being carried out to this purpose:

- The doctoral school aims at increasing the number of joint doctoral diplomas through the development of international academic collaborations and the large broadcasting of the University's educational offer.
- Starting with the academic year 2012-2013, the University of Craiova has been carrying out the joint degree "Arts du spectacle" in collaboration with Bourgogne University from France.
- The University of Craiova is a member of the consortium formed by University of Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3, University of Geneva, the Polytechnics University of Bucharest which organizes, under the patronage of Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, starting with academic year 2013-2014, the Master programme "Didactics of French and foreign languages". This Master programme is hosted by the Polytechnics University of Bucharest and the graduation diploma will be issued by University of Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3.

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)

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One of the strategic directions of the internationalization policy at the University of Craiova is the intensification of participation to international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training implemented under the Programme. The University's participation to these projects is carried out in a pro-active way and it is based on the analysis of specific institutional needs with a view to developing strategic partnerships in top priority domains. The focus is on participation to projects which may lead to sustainable results for the development of international cooperation. The university offers its support to staff and students who take part in international cooperation projects, considering that their involvement in such projects represents an important aspect of the modernization process of the institution and a way through which the quality of education and research activities may be increased. Another strategic direction of the internationalization policy of the University of Craiova is given by the the exploitation of projects outcomes for increasing their impact on the academic community and intensifying the dialogue between partner institutions. This aims at proficient informative actions for the academic and local community through increased visibility of projects and their outcomes, having as a main objective the identification of complementary funding which may lead to other similar projects.

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)

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Priority 1 - Increasing attainment levels to provide the graduates and researchers Europe needs

The University of Craiova focuses on adapting its study programmes to the needs of employers from the country and from abroad in order to facilitate and to improve employability of graduates and university researchers.

From a strategic perspective, by participating in the Programme, the University of Craiova aims to train both academic and administrative staff members in order to increase their performance level.

The Programme consists of numerous and varied mobility activities, providing the appropriate framework for the modernization and internationalization of academic activities through experience and best practices exchanges that can be then implemented at the University of Craiova.

Priority 2 - Improving the quality and relevance of higher education

One of the main objectives of the University of Craiova is to reorganize and to renew its study programmes and the curricula of the degree programmes.

By participating in the Programme, the university has the opportunity to cooperate with EU and non-EU partners, which leads to the improvement and development of academic programmes, in terms of structure and content of the courses, of formal and non-formal activities.

Priority 3 - Strengthening quality through mobility and cross-border cooperation

The University of Craiova's strategy focuses on the improvement of the quality of its academic activities and the increase of the institution's international visibility.

The participation in the Programme enables the professional development of the academic staff through inter-institutional mobility and also leads to the development of new practices that allow internationalization at home to the benefit of the academic staff as well as of the students.

Priority 4 - Linking higher education, research and business for excellence and regional development

The University of Craiova is an important pole in South-West Oltenia region, with strong relationships with the socio-economic and cultural environment.

It strives at linking academic and research activities with regional development directions, while constantly undertaking the necessary steps to implement training sessions or internships and career counseling programs in order to develop skills and to increase the number of graduates employed on the labour market.

Priority 5: Improving governance and funding

The participation in the Programme allows the development of strategic abilities of the institutional leadership and the enhancement of the autonomy and accountability of the University of Craiova. There will be an increase in terms of the involvement of wider stakeholders in decision making processes. Moreover, the involvement in the Programme will also enables the development of the institution's capacity to draw in funding and to correctly manage resources and will contribute to the diversification of funding and to the increase of its efficiency.

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