

1.2 Erasmus Policy statement (EPS): your strategy

Your Erasmus Policy Statement should reflect how you intended to implement Erasmus after the award of the ECHE. Should you wish to add additional activities in the future, you will need to amend your Erasmus Policy Statement and inform your Erasmus National Agency.

What would you like to achieve by participating in the Erasmus Programme? How does your participation in the Erasmus Programme fit into your institutional internationalisation and modernisation strategy?

(Please reflect on the objectives of your participation. Please explain how you expect the participation in Erasmus to contribute towards modernising your institution, as well as on the goal of building a European Education Area¹ and explain the policy objectives you intend to pursue).

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Universitatea Aurel Vlaicu din Arad este o institutie axata pe internationalizare, strategia UAV pentru modernizare si internationalizare pe termen lung adoptand cu prioritate mobilitatea internationala a studentilor si a personalului prin programul Erasmus+. Activitatile intreprinse de UAV in cadrul programului fac parte din strategia sa si permit o mai buna implementare a acesteia.

Ne straduiem sa asiguram o mobilitate internationala de inalta calitate studentilor, profesorilor, cercetatorilor si personalului administrativ in programul Erasmus+, prin parteneriate atat cu institutiile europene, cat si non-europene. Institutiile noastre au incheiat cele mai multe acorduri Erasmus cu parteneri din Uniunea Europeana, avand in vedere proximitatea geografica si compatibilitatea programelor de studii, dar in ultimii ani rețeaua de parteneriate Erasmus a fost extinsa si la tari non UE, din Balcanii de Vest, Asia si Orientul Mijloc, Africa, America Latina. Pentru cresterea vizibilitatii internationale, intentionam sa ne dezvoltam si sa diversificam participarea la actiuni si proiecte ale UE, fie ca solicitant, fie ca partener. Proiectele se vor concentra in principal pe oferirea de noi oportunitati pentru ca studentii sa dobandeasca experienta in a studia si a lucra in strainatate, sa se familiarizeze cu diferite culturi si sa-si dezvolte abilitati in medii noi.

Urmatoarele obiective sunt prevazute in strategia de internationalizare a UAV: cresterea numarului mobilitatilor pentru studenti si cadre didactice si nedidactice, atat outgoing, cat si incoming, prin oferirea de asistenta practica tuturor potentialilor beneficiari; oferirea de sanse egale tuturor candidatilor eligibili; dezvoltarea relatiilor cu partenerii existenti si cresterea numarului de parteneri straini in programul Erasmus+; dezvoltarea curriculum-ului universitatii prin armonizarea sistemului educational cu tendintele europene si adaptarea ofertei educationale la cerintele pietei fortei de munca regionale, nationale si internationale. In cadrul programului Erasmus+, UAV va acorda prioritate urmatoarelor aspecte: asigurarii recunoasterii complete a activitatilor desfasurate de catre studenti, astfel cum este stabilit in Acordul de invatare/Acordul de formare; permiterii accesului gratuit la inregistrare, laboratoare, biblioteci si alte facilitati pentru studentii si personalul incoming; promovarii universitatii la institutiile

¹ For more information on the priorities of the European Education Area, such as recognition, digital skills, common values and inclusive education, please consult the following website: https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-education-area_en

partenere pentru a stimula schimburile de studenti si personal; asigurarii unei stranse cooperari intre activitatile de cercetare si predare; integrarii universitatii in consortii ce cuprind universitati si institute de cercetare de prestigiu.

Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad is an institution focused on internationalization, our long term strategy for modernization and internationalization adopting with priority the international mobility of students and staff through the Erasmus+ program. The activities undertaken by the UAV within the program are part of its strategy and allow a better implementation of it.

We strive to ensure high quality international mobility for students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff in the Erasmus+ program, through partnerships with both European and non-European institutions. Our institution has concluded most Erasmus agreements with partners from the European Union, given the geographical proximity and compatibility of study programs, but in recent years the network of Erasmus partnerships has been extended to non-EU countries in the Western Balkans, Asia and Middle East, Africa, Latin America. In order to increase international visibility, we intend to develop and diversify our participation in EU actions and projects, either as an applicant or as a partner. The projects will mainly focus on providing new opportunities for students to gain experience in studying and working abroad, to become familiar with different cultures and to develop their skills in new environments. The following objectives are provided in the university's internationalization strategy: increasing the number of mobilities for students, academic and non-academic staff, both outgoing and incoming, by offering practical assistance to all potential beneficiaries; offering equal opportunities to all eligible candidates; developing relations with existing partners and increasing the number of foreign partners in the Erasmus+ program; developing the university curriculum by harmonizing the educational system with European trends and adapting the educational offer to the requirements of the regional, national and international labour market, increasing the visibility of the university within the international academic system, by participating in seminars, educational fairs, visits. Within Erasmus+ program, our institution will give priority to the following aspects: ensuring the full recognition of the activities carried out by students, as established in the Learning Agreement/Training Agreement; allowing free access to registration, laboratories, libraries and other facilities for incoming students and staff; promoting the university at partner institutions to stimulate exchanges of students and staff; ensuring a close cooperation between research and teaching activities; integration of the university in consortia comprising prestigious universities and research institutes.

Please reflect on the Erasmus actions you would like to take part in and explain how they will be implemented in practice at your institution. Please explain how your institution's participation in these actions will contribute to achieving the objectives of your institutional strategy.

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Intrucat internationalizarea educatiei este de neinlocuit, UAV doreste sa profite de program pentru a creste si pentru a diversifica mobilitatea. Lucram la proiecte atat cu tari ale programului, cat si cu tari partenere, colaborarea cu acestea din urma fiind considerata un mare avantaj pentru a spori mobilitatile. In fiecare an, UAV este angajata in mai multe proiecte Erasmus+, fie ca si coordonator, fie ca partener. Universitatea acorda importanta deosebita proiectelor de mobilitate, pentru studenti si staff, pentru fiecare domeniu de studiu fiind stabilite acorduri interinstitutionale care permit diferite tipuri de mobilitate. UAV functioneaza conform Sistemului European de Transfer si Acumulare a Creditelor (ECTS), perioadele mobilitatilor studentilor fiind pe deplin recunoscute, iar creditele dobandite echivalate de comisia de echivalare de la nivelul fiecarei facultati.

UAV se preocupa de asemenea de construirea de aliante strategice pentru o cooperare intensa, structurata, pe termen lung, cu parteneri cheie (institutiile de invatamant superior, institute de cercetare, organizatii din sectorul privat sau organizatii neguvernamentale) pentru a dezvolta proiecte care, alaturi de invatarea inovarii, vor spori angajabilitatea studentilor si viitorilor absolventi. Avem in vedere si dezvoltarea de programe internationale comune de licenta, masterat si doctorat, care vor duce la o dubla recunoastere internationala. Participarea universitatii in retelele de cooperare interuniversitara (European University Alliance) este un alt obiectiv cuprins in strategia de internationalizare.

Consideram ca participarea noastră la programul Erasmus+ este un beneficiu pentru universitate, punand in contact studentii, profesorii si personalul administrativ cu o larga comunitate internationala.

As the internationalization of education is irreplaceable, UAV wants to take advantage of the program to increase and diversify mobility. We work on projects with both program countries and partner countries, collaborating with the latter being considered a great advantage to increase mobility. Each year, UAV is engaged in several Erasmus + projects, either as a coordinator or as a partner. The university attaches special importance to mobility projects, for students and staff, for each field of study being established inter-institutional agreements that allow different types of mobility. The UAV operates according to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), the periods of student mobility being fully recognized, and the credits acquired equivalent to the equivalence commission at the level of each faculty.

What is the envisaged impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on your institution?

Please reflect on targets, as well as qualitative and quantitative indicators in monitoring this impact (such as mobility targets for student/staff mobility, quality of the implementation, support for participants on mobility, increased involvement in cooperation projects (under the KA2 action), sustainability/long-term impact of projects etc.) You are encouraged to offer an indicative timeline for achieving the targets related to the Erasmus+ actions.

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Prin participarea la program, UAV se asteapta sa obtina o mai buna recunoastere la nivel national si international. Cooperarea dintre UAV si universitati nationale, europene si internationale va fi dezvoltata, calitatea sistemului educational va fi imbunatatita, performantele profesionale ale cadrelor didactice si nedidactice vor fi sporite. Toate aceste fapte vor determina o crestere a numarului de studenti si, de asemenea, o crestere a finantarilor obtinute de universitate. UAV va fi un partener viabil pentru companiile din vestul Romaniei (dar nu numai), contribuind la dezvoltarea economica a regiunii prin furnizarea de specialisti din randul studentilor sai.

Pentru perioada 2021-2028 ne propunem o crestere anuala cu 10 procente a numarului mobilitatilor pentru studenti si cadre didactice si nedidactice. Vom face acest lucru asigurand curricule care permit studentilor sa fie mobili si vom asigura accesul la mobilitate a grupurilor subreprezentate (cu dizabilitati, proveniti din medii socio-economice defavorizate, componenta Roma) prin indrumare si sprijin. Personalul va fi incurajat activ sa participe la mobilitate pentru a preda sau a se instrui la institutiile partenere, pentru a impartasi bune practici si a deprinde noi initiative. In urmatoorii ani, UAV va continua sa extinda si sa consolideze reseaua de parteneri (in prezent avand peste 100 de acorduri bilaterale) cu alte universitati europene si non-europene, pentru a oferi studentilor si personalului o gama larga de destinatii in si in afara Uniunii Europene.

By participating in the Erasmus+ program, the university expects to gain better nationally and internationally recognition. Cooperation between our university and national, European and international universities will be developed, the quality of the educational system will be improved, the professional performances of academic and non-academic staff will be increased. All these facts will determine an increase in the number of students and also an increase in the funding obtained by the university. Our institution will be a viable partner for companies in western Romania (but not only), contributing to the economic development of the region by providing specialists among its students.

For the period 2021-2028 we propose an annual increase by 10 percent of the number of mobilities for students and teachers and non-teachers. We will do this by providing curricula that allow students to be mobile and we will ensure access to mobility for underrepresented groups (persons with disabilities, from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds, Roma component) through guidance and support. Staff will be actively encouraged to participate in mobility for teaching or training at partner institutions, share good practices and learn new initiatives. In the coming years, UAV will continue to expand and strengthen its network of partners (currently with over 100 bilateral agreements) with other European and non-European universities, to offer students and staff a wide range of destinations in and out of European Union.