

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]

Internationalization has become a key parameter for universities worldwide. It is beneficial in the fields of research and higher education. The strategy for internationalization at KBU lays down a systematic approach for strengthening the international dimensions of education and research at KBU. It is governed by a vision, strategic goals, priorities, and criteria for future efforts. Through student and researcher exchange as well as other forms of scientific cooperation the quality of re-search and teaching is improved, cross-cultural understanding and global orientation is enhanced and new potentials for growth are established. KBU graduates find work in the public and private sector as search specialists, information specialists, knowledge managers, architects, engineers, cultural communicators and educators among others. KBU has had a significant degree of international cooperation especially with EU countries. There have been a good number of visiting professors at KBU as well as KBU staff visiting other universities, and also international conferences organizing, co-organizing, and in general participating in such contexts. International agreements have mainly been based on contacts between individual researchers. This may often have been meaningful, but the form of agreements and especially the partners with whom to establish such agreements should in general be governed by a vision, strategic goals, criteria and in so far as possible a common framework comprising the institutions in question. A great number of EU agreements concerning cooperation and especially exchange of students and researchers have also been conducted. Critically, the number of KBU students going abroad for a term or longer has so far been very high but the number of exchange students studying at KBU has been somewhat lower.

The availability of European exchange programs such as Erasmus strongly facilitates student exchange, administratively as well as financially. Above all, the establishment in 2007 of full English-language bachelor engineering programs which can be followed at KBU should be mentioned in this context. In addition, more MSc and Ph.D. students from Turks Abroad and Related Communities, Middle East Countries and African Countries have been enrolled at KBU. Finally, KBU is a partner in a number of international researches projects and networks.

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 working out of project applications is known to be a highly demanding task. Therefore, it is a great advantage when the partners applying are well acquainted with each other before the process starts. Moreover, the scientific strength of a project proposal of course depends on a number of strong partners being in the proposal. In particular, the combination of different points of strength at the various institutions is essentially important, a point which is also greatly aided by strong mutual relations being in place well before the process of application.

Up to now, the University has undertaken projects both at the graduate and undergraduate levels and staff mobility studies in Leonardo da Vinci and Erasmus Programmes.

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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It is crucial that Karabuk University involve in cooperative activities with universities having EUC to improve and innovate the quality of its education. Major objective of the university is to become an integrated institution with the international curriculum in accordance with the principles of ECTS. In this respect, Karabuk University has been awarded an Extended Erasmus Charter since 2008 and its Erasmus ID is: TR KARABUK01. As a result of its strenuous effort to be internationalized, moreover, Karabuk University has been awarded Diploma Supplement (DS) 2011-2014 by European Commission.

The vision of International Relations Office of KBU is to:

make the academic programs of KBU as internationally accredited.

increase the international participation to the courses and programs offered by LLP of EU.

increase cross-cultural awareness.

develop a new joint international master's and PhD program at KBU.

encourage researchers to engage and participate in research projects and networks as well as joint applications. This can be initiated at the institutional level or by the researchers themselves.

attract highly qualified students, teachers and researchers for recruitment from academic institutions of high standard worldwide.

attract more qualified students to enroll the full international masters' program, and more qualified exchange students for a term at KBU.

ease the use of the KBU website, fact sheets and presentations of the master's and PhD programs at relevant conferences, and qualified network of alumni.

present the International standards for curriculum followed in accordance with the Bologna process facilitating transparency between curricula at the home institution and at KBU and support the process of decision making.

increase and strengthen the mobility and exchange of students, teachers and researchers between KBU and other international institutions of high standard in Higher Education .

ease mobility for students with regard to regulations and structure of syllabus, curricula planning and course concession.

promote, encourage, and strengthen the intercultural and international qualifications of students and staff .

encourage and support the staff's professionalism in speaking, teaching and writing English.

foster competent candidates and researchers who are attractive employees, entrepreneurs and innovators in a global setting .

strengthen the candidates' qualifications in a global market through a goal-oriented career counseling and guidance at KBU. encourage the students to plan their career in terms of a reflective approach to their choice of courses at KBU and abroad. encourage the students to consider a trainee position in an international context.

* 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

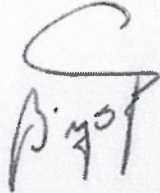
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Date (dd/mm/yyyy): 08/05/2013

I have read and accept the Privacy statement

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



Original stamp or seal of the Institution

