

ERASMUS+ Policy Statement

VITT ERUDIO is committed to the principles of the Programme, intending to achieve the objectives of the EU modernization and internationalization agenda in higher education by participating in the following activities:

1. Student and staff mobility (within Europe and/or to/from Third Countries), which may also include the development of joint degrees
2. Strategic partnerships, knowledge alliances and capacity building with neighboring countries, capacity building with Third Countries
3. Networks and policy support measures

According to ERASMUS charter, we abide by the following principles:

- Respect in full the principles of non-discrimination and ensure equal access and opportunity,
- Ensure full recognition for satisfactorily completed of study mobility, and where possible, traineeships in terms of credits awarded,
- Charge no fees, in the case of credit mobility, to incoming students for tuitions, registration, examination or access to laboratory and library facilities.

Since its establishment VITT ERUDIO has concluded around 8 Understandings with universities and faculties from Romania, Poland, Croatia, Czech Republic, Turkey, Portugal, and Macedonia. Choosing the partners is based on the following main criteria: 1) The quality of the institution of higher education, particularly in terms of the established rankings of the academic institutions; 2) The thematic focuses of the institution of HE in terms of compatibility of the study programs and research interests with the ones at VITT ERUDIO; particular emphasis is given to the institutions with the strong emphasis on social sciences and interdisciplinary orientation; 3) The mutual interest of institutions of HE to provide high quality mobility program to both students and staff in both directions.

VITT ERUDIO is making connections with countries that are mostly located in Central and South-Eastern Europe. In the new 2015-2020 Strategic plan, we defined the following strategic goals that we believe are closely linked to the EU agenda for modernization of higher education:

- Professional and R&D excellence,
- Study excellence.

Within those two goals, we set the following objectives:

- To develop the system of various ERASMUS+ partners from across member states,
- Increase mobility of students and staff, which we hope to achieve with internationalization of our curriculum and greater number of host foreign experts that will have a chance to teach at our institution.

Based on our goals we defined target groups and set key priorities, that include:

1) Staff mobility is the necessity for all the academic staff and a highly recommended option for the support staff. The options of staff mobility significantly contributes not only to their competences, social and cultural capital but also to their work satisfaction. Due to new criteria, only internationally mobile academic staff will be able to be elected to the positions associate and full professors based on the new criteria of VITT ERUDIO. Staff mobility is also highly recommended because with that we will be able to modify our learning outcomes, make them more international, and with that improve their teaching methodology.

2) Student mobility should be provided at all cycles. Students' mobility is seen as significantly contributing to the satisfaction of the students with their study. The priority is given to internationalization and joint programs. It is expected that students would gain more intercultural awareness and understanding, which we believe is extremely important and compatible with the Strategic Plan 2015-2020.

3) Because of the nature of most of the study programs at VITT ERUDIO the key priority has been given to study related mobility and less so the training related mobility. Due to the development of new - more practically and training related study programs at VITT ERUDIO



- the need for training related mobility is expected to increase at VITT ERUDIO. We expect that the training related mobility should interest students because of their possibility to gain new skills that would help them with their future employments. We are working on establishing a network of partners where students can work.

By taking part in the Erasmus+ programme, VITT ERUDIO aims to maximise the opportunities for our students to develop international academic and professional competences and internationally orientated career opportunities; to further internationalise our curricula and classrooms; and to continuously adapt to the dynamics of the internationally developing labour market. Finally, we believe that our institution has in the past already operated in accordance with the priorities of the European Modernisation Agenda, and we will continue to do so.