



ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

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The main objective of the University Internationalization strategy is to improve all mobility projects in terms of quality and quantity. For this purpose Unitelma Sapienza University started an Erasmus Board with the task to coordinate all the international activities that the University is involved in, either in the field of teaching and in the field of research. Another objective of Erasmus Board is to spread among the interested students international programs and initiatives, propose provisional instruments and support all those who wish to be involved in this kind of initiatives.

In the internationalization strategy, the Unitelma Sapienza University gives particular attention to the selection of foreign partners, evaluating their interest in similar researches and teaching. In selecting international partners, our university considers the opportunity to be a reference for young or growing Higher Education Institutions on the basis of the variety of its degree courses and of its fields of excellence in terms of teaching and research. The intention is to balance the geographical distribution of countries interested opening new opportunities to the emerging countries as Eastern Europe countries and Mediterranean ones.

As to students mobility, particular attention has been given to that of 2nd and 3rd cycle considering that PhD is the closest to the labour market. In this view the university will try to encourage a policy of stages abroad, proposing meetings of students and teachers belonging to not yet active areas of study, with those already active in the action. In the field of PhD Courses, the University will go on stimulating international doctorates and increasing the number of places reserved to foreign candidates. In addition, though the great changes the academic Italian world is living at the moment particular attention will be dedicated to staff mobility (academic and non-academic mobility) in order to enlarge operational horizons and weave a set of connections able to ease every kind of mobility.

Our University is going towards stimulating these initiatives at any level, starting with an economic support to students involved in those few projects already working in our university. As an example, we have applied for new Erasmus Program launched last in 2014. In addition, the University Erasmus Board has, among its tasks, that of spreading among teachers and coordinators of courses of study the procedure to start double/multiple/joint degrees and provide specific operational support allowing them to share their experiences.

Coming years represent an important challenge to further overcome every existing barrier and start effective dialogues with new international partners. Our University is aware of the importance of the international activities for the growth and development of Higher Education Institutions.

Our University will go on with its policy to support the existing international activities and to implement new initiatives. All the international activities will be registered in a space on the web site in order to stress all the relevant activities that sometimes are not

adequately known. Every information will be also stored in a file constantly updated, available to be consulted either by university personnel and by external stakeholders, useful to ease the implementation of new staff mobility projects and opportunities. We will have to implement a systematic process of evaluation in order to concentrate resources on aspects and initiatives able to give interesting results.

Though the transition phase the academic sector is living in Italy, our university, aware of the role that a telematic institution plays in the territory, acts among the parties of the local, national and international society trying to stimulate the international mobility at any level; the intent is not to increase the brain drain but to allow our brains to train abroad and bring back to Italy a load of experience that can contribute to the growth and recovery of the territory. At the same time, attracting good students and researchers from abroad means stimulating the performances of the education process and introducing a positive competitiveness in every scientific sector.