

**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]

a) While choosing a partner university there are some criteria that should be taken into account before accepting or inviting a partnership. first, our university pay attention to language opportunities for both our staff and our students. So, We want to be in relation with an English-speaking country, hence both our staff and students will find a chance of improving their language, which is in fact a cost to be covered by our university. Second important issue is the subject. Would studying in a specific location benefit your degree? You could practice Japanese in Japan, study earth science in Iceland, or see original renaissance art in person. The departments that our university have should find a right partner where the subject improvement will be fast. Our agriculture department will find a right chance if it have a partner in the netherands or spain but not in Finland. Findland will be useful if the education department wants to have a partner because Finland is marvellous in education. So we care subject area in choosing a partner.

b) For those universities who want to expand their effect internationally, it is inevitable for them to face the cultural challenge. so, it is important to reach a wide range of geographical area. On the other hand, Security is an essential for us, especially for exchanges. A country which is not reliable, or do no provide a secure living conditions will not be applicable to have a partnership. What make an area superior than others is its nature beauty, life-style diversity, residents' feeling towards foreigners, and city life.

c) Because we are a young university we pay attention mostly to first and second cycles. the basement of the education is second cycle for us so we try to do utmost to comfort them.

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 Siirt University, through bilateral partnership, aims to support policy dialogues with international partner countries and regions; increase coherence in international research activities with and amongst the European Member States; disseminate information about international cooperation opportunities ; and provide information on the cooperation opportunities offered by third countries' research programmes.

But, what our University most wish is to increase the cooperation especially with European countries. So all the project calls are followed by the Project office.

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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1) Increasing attainment levels to provide the graduates and researchers Europe needs:

The Siirt University aims to increase the number of qualified people in the light of science. The qualified people will undoubtedly add contributions to business and industry world, which is needed badly.

2) Improving the quality and relevance of higher education:

As together with Bologna process under the programma of Erasmus, The Siirt University aims to improve higher education quality. The University has already started its modernisation process and done all the necessary things that is required. Issues like ECTS, Diploma supplement, and additional support even after graduation are dealt with attentively.

3) Strengthening quality through mobility and cross-border co-operation:

The Siirt University aims to improve bonds with other institutions through student and staff exchanges. It is open that these mobilities will add new thing to our institutions and let the institutio free from being stable and unchanging.

4) Making the knowledge triangle work: Linking higher education, research and business for excellence and regional development

The Siirt university has already started a linking programma which aims to reinforce the collaboration between University and Business world as well as local producers. The Siirt University believes that higher education feed the local business and the research centers and vice versa. So, the university hold regular meetings with regional institutions and visit the industrial zones together with both student and university staff.

5) Improving governance and funding

The Siirt University aims to support up-and-coming research leaders who are about to establish a proper research team and to begin conducting independent research in Europe. The maximum amount of funding granted to a single project changes according to the project type and magnitude.

At the same time, the office of Research and Project Administration help and administers government grants and sponsored research and is responsible for compliance and regulatory matters related to the research. The office also reviews, approves and submits all sponsored research proposals as well as cover the deficiencies in the prospect project to avoid any funding.