

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (OVERALL STRATEGY)

The Faculty of Law and Business Studies (FLBS) is a small and a young Faculty in an active development phase. In the last two years, we have moved to a bigger and more comfortable location with better facilities for our academic activities. The faculty has changed its name according to the project of improving the existent business studies program in order to look for interdisciplinarity.

The Faculty has numerous bilateral agreements with international higher education institutions from the EU. Since FLBS received ECHE charter, it has signed more than 15 Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreements, and it is constantly upgrading its network of partners. In 2019 it has started overseas collaborations with a partner in Chile: University Adolfo Ibáñez (UAI).

Some of FLBS partners are within the network of Catholic universities and institutes, and some others beyond Catholic origin. Our institution is open to collaborate with organizations which are looking at internationalization of their programs –logically, compatible with our own programs-, research collaboration and show professionalism and responsibility in their duties and communication with partners. So far we experienced Erasmus+ is fitting our agenda the most.

At the beginning, FLBS international partners were more from Alpe-Adria and Danube region, but now we have been expanded our network to west Europe. The reason why we cover these areas is that we have been meeting colleagues from these local areas in conferences and other academic events.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION 2017-2019

In this period FLBS has signed new Erasmus+ agreements. Erasmus+ program has given us the opportunity to strengthen the already existing relations with some of our partners to create successful cooperation not only between students but also between staff members and teachers. These are the following achievements:

1. With Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (UIC, Barcelona) we have a double degree cooperation at the level of Master Studies in the area of Entrepreneurship and also a memorandum of Understanding regarding the cooperation in the Doctoral program «Economics and Law». Two students have applied in the framework of this collaboration.
2. With the Catholic University of Valencia (UCV, Spain), we have fruitful student exchange mobility. Another of our students went to UCV Valencia. We are now studying to start a collaboration the doctoral level.

3. It was organized with the University of Thomas More Kempen (Belgium) an international winter school in the topic of Service design. Both students and professors came from eight different European countries.
4. We are collaborating with Edutus College (Hungary) every year in the organization of cultural and educational events plus staff mobility.
5. We have hosted Erasmus+ students from the Partium Christian University (Romania), Collegium Da Vinci (Poland), Universita di Parma (Italy).
6. For the first time, we had an outgoing student mobility for training; and an outgoing student mobility to Alba Iulia University (Romania).
7. We have started scientific research cooperation with Stefan cel Mare University (Suceava, Romania) and two staff teaching/training mobility.
8. As a result of staff mobilities and participation on academic conferences, we have started collaboration with UC Linburg-Leuven (Belgium), Universita Europea di Roma (Italy), Bilkent University (Turkey), FH JOANNEUM (Austria), Universita di Parma (Italy), University of Rijeka (Croatia), UNIR (Spain), among others. We are preparing two other Erasmus inter-institutional agreements with one partner from Madrid (Spain) and other, from Rome (Italy).
9. It is also in a study phase a collaboration at the doctoral level with a partner in Pamplona (Spain).
10. There are in preparation phase outgoing and incoming mobilities in our new KA107 project: from FLBS to UAI and vice-versa.

OBJECTIVES AND TARGET GROUPS IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION 2020-2022

Firstly, the Faculty recognizes the ECHE charter as one of the key instruments for the appropriate development of its programmes and international recognition. Secondly, the Faculty shall remain committed to the strengthening of its international recognition to become a credible and internationally respected education and intellectual centre, actively involved in scientific research and education initiatives with national and international partners. It shall choose and maintain its partners based on common interests both in education and research activities. In particular, it shall choose them based on the values of transparency, attitude with respect to fairness, efforts, patience, dedication and intellectual honesty. We do not discriminate based on geographic nor any other criteria that would have its source in matters which are within the scope of basic human rights. Having said so, cultural and geographical backgrounds make the EU countries and both Americas our geo-priority list.

As a holder of ECHE charter and ambassador of internationalisation at Home and/or internationalisation of Curriculum we are targeting to take an active part in the strategy of internationalisation of HEI for the next period.

We do not discriminate between target groups based on their contribution to the implementation of our modernisation and internationalisation strategy. We find them

equally important as we would like to expand our international presence and international recognition in all areas we cover.

In particular, the strategy for attaining a greater internationalisation should be the following objectives:

1. Increase the mobility of incoming and outgoing students and teachers, increase the mobility of researchers and internationalise curricula.
2. Offer more educational programmes with international lecturers.
3. Offer permanent international study programmes in English, i.e. international weeks, summer workshops for all three study-cycles and a fully fledged joint-degree programme in English.
4. Boost the participation of own lecturers abroad also in the neighbouring regions.
5. Facilitate joint-research within international networks of research partners.
6. Studying the possibility to apply for a KA102 project with a national partner.

Regarding the above-mentioned objectives, we consider the following Actions from the Erasmus+ Programme:

✓ Key Action 1

-KA 103: Higher education student and staff mobility within programme countries

-KA 107: Higher education student and staff mobility between Programme and Partner Countries

✓ Key Action 2

Knowledge Alliances; Capacity building in the Field of Higher Education

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