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Marko Marulić Polytechnic in Knin

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

Marko Marulić Polytechnic in Knin considers the participation in Erasmus+ Programme both as a privilege and an obligation to meet the requested programme criteria. Our higher education institution performs its activities in accordance with the Bologna Declaration Principles from the academic year 2005/2006. The participation in the previously mentioned programme is very important for the institution. This year the Polytechnic has provided the Development Strategy for Marko Marulić Polytechnic in Knin for the period 2020-2024. The previously mentioned document pointed out the importance of internationalisation and Erasmus+ Programme with specific objectives of improvement as follows

- support to the international Erasmus+Exchange Programme;
- promotion of international activities;
- encouraging increased student and staff mobility supported by the organisation, its resources and financial programme;
- development of international co-operation within Erasmus+ Programme and vulnerable and under-represented groups in accordance with the principles of human and professional integrity, freedom, tolerance and ethical behaviour;
- preparation of preliminary work for teaching of individual courses and student programmes in the English language;
- strengthening of existing co-operation with international entities;

Youth unemployment is one of the most significant problems both at the EU level and in Croatia. The latter problem can be solved through development of new skills and competencies while simultaneously providing new learning opportunities. Erasmus+ Programme is an ideal opportunity to tackle the latter issue.



The Polytechnic educates students at student programmes of the first (undergraduate professional study programme) and the second cycle (professional specialist study programme, the field of economics) offering professional programmes from the following scientific fields – Agriculture, Food Technology and Economics. The teaching staff of the Polytechnic is currently co-operating with researchers and experts from the following countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Turkey, North Macedonia, Poland and Portugal in meetings, workshops, conferences and seminars. The abovementioned strategy will provide the cornerstone for improved co-operation and international mobility in future Erasmus + projects. We will rely on the previously established contacts with universities and higher education institutions with which we have successfully co-operated thus far and with which we have defined and developed joint actions, methods and objectives. We will be striving to establish co-operation also with other higher education institutions that provide educational programmes similar to us. We are open for staff and student mobility also in non-EU countries, believing that co-operation will enable the implementation of interesting scientific projects and contribute to increasing cultural competencies of the participants, among other things. In our selection of partners, we will primarily focus on scientific and educational requirements and interests of both students and staff. The decision on signing and implementation of the contracts will be based on comprehensive analysis of benefits both in terms of teaching and science for both contracting parties. The target group of activities are students and staff of the Polytechnic. One of the major objectives that we set for ourselves in the programme is support to reciprocal staff and student mobility, which we believe will encourage knowledge and experience dissemination and exchange, as well as development of intercultural and language competencies. Participation in Erasmus+ Programme is of assistance in the development of a new lifelong learning programme and it adapts study programmes to meet labour market requirements. In addition, it contributes to the specific strategic objective of the Polytechnic. Academic staff mobility will facilitate the preparation of educational programmes taught in the English language at the Polytechnic. The specific objective concerning student mobility is to provide further opportunities for exchange of academic, practical and cultural experiences. Moreover, teaching methodologies will improve, which will result in gaining new skills and competencies, as well as in improved employment trends. In addition, we are planning to encourage our exceptional students to participate in



Erasmus+ Programme. The last of the considered objectives is to increase administrative staff mobility, which will facilitate adaptation of administrative and financial framework. Irrespective of the fact that the Polytechnic has been intensively working on allocation of new projects, it is also co-operating with the Economic Council and business entities, while the institution is striving to develop additional measures for fundraising from different sources through establishing new partnerships and through Erasmus+ Programme.



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