





## **ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT**

## Institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy

The Universidad Europea of Valencia has been authorized as a university in 2012, but our International program is not starting from zero. We started in 2008, with the opening of our Affiliated Center to the Universidad Europea de Madrid, member of Laureate International Universities network. During those years, our students have been able to benefit from the international mobility programs offered by the Laureate Network, the Erasmus program and the different agreements signed between Universidad Europea de Madrid and prestigious international universities.

Our recognition as a fully independent university is a splendid opportunity to start our own international project. Thanks to the experience gathered during the past few years and our partners trust, we are launching an independent project geared towards the internationalization of our classrooms and the international recognition of our teaching system. At the UEV we are convinced that it is only through training that success and the development of society can be guaranteed. That education should be global and adapted to our society's challenges. Hence why, an internationalization strategy is one of the main pillars of our University.

Our strategy will focus on signing agreements as an independent university with universities with which we have already collaborated, but also on enlarging our international platform in all the different fields. To participate to the Erasmus for All program will allow us to go on offering mobility programs to all our students, independently of their level, from Vocational Training Cycles to PhD programs, but it will also be the main tool to develop our Internationalization strategy for the years to come. Our objective is to increase the internationalization level and multiculturalism in our classrooms and among our staff bearing two things in mind: international contracting and the promotion of international mobility programs for students, teachers and administrative staff.

The Universidad Europea de Valencia, as an independent university is starting to operate with a high number of international students in its different faculties, especially in Health and Biomedical studies. The recruiting strategy will be based on stimulating mobility among students and international teachers from and to UEV to increase the internationalization content and multiculturalism in our classrooms and of our teaching staff. To become an attraction pole, we have three key assets: innovation and adaptation to the professional environment of all our studies, including full English or bilingual training courses; the search for new bilateral agreements with around the world universities and awareness raising campaigns about mobility through our own scholarship program offered in addition to the Erasmus program. Italy, the United Kingdom, Northern European Countries, Eastern European Countries, China and Latin America are the main countries of origin.

Students from Northern and Eastern European Countries are coming to UEV attracted by our academic quality and our global training system, but also by a privileged geographical location on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea and by the city of Valencia's climate.

Outside the European borders, our medium and long term internationalization strategy is mainly focusing on China. That country offers enormous recruiting opportunities, but also students exchanges opportunities. In the near future, it will become one of the preferred destinations for our students looking for an international stay.







Our international actions will never ignore Latin America either. That region of the world concentrates lots of Laureate Network partners with which we offer joint degrees and we enjoy a rich cooperation relationship. During coming years, we will explore new possibilities in order to enlarge and improve these ties for all the areas of study.

Apart from increasing internationality in our classrooms and among our staff, that cooperation will allow us to offer our students international mobility programs with an added value. We will explore new cooperation opportunities with more universities to offer more mobility programs and double diplomas to our students, but only if all the conditions required by our internationalization strategy are met.

This project will be developed thanks to our participation to the Erasmus for All program, in addition to our own scholarship program, designed to stimulate mobility and to guarantee the best international training for all students and teachers.

The Universidad Europea de Valencia will contribute to the enlargement and diversification of the new Erasmus for All program and will become a high quality academic destination in the Valencian and Mediterranean Regions.

## Institution's strategy for the organization and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training

The Universidad Europea de Valencia, during its existence as affiliated institution, participated to international cooperation programs in Europe and Latin America. In spite of being a new independent university, we already have plenty of experience in managing international programs. As a member of Laureate Network, we already have more than 65 partners all around the world with which we share the same objectives and values.

We participate to the international project Garcilaso, developed between Spanish universities and Latin American universities. The objective of this project is the cooperation between universities belonging to Laureate Network, mainly in Spanish speaking countries. In coming years, we will strengthen and enlarge our cooperation agreements inside that framework as that region of the world is one of our main focus in our internationalization strategy.

Apart from the Garcilaso program, our participation to Erasmus for All program is very important. That program is key for our competitiveness and for the development of our internationalization strategy. We want to become a reference destination in the Mediterranean Region and to do so, we need to participate to the Erasmus program as an independent university. Our small experience as an affiliated institution allowed us to gain the required knowledge and to sign the first cooperation agreements with prestigious European universities.

Thanks to the Erasmus program, we will have the possibility to participate to research and good practices exchange projects with other institutions. That is to say that we will not only promote students mobility but also teachers and administrative staff mobility for the Universidad Europea de Valencia to become a university offering a 100% international training.







## Expected impact of our participation in the Programme on the modernization of our institution.

- 1. The Universidad Europea de Valencia offers an academic training adapted to current and future challenges in Europe. We want to participate to the new Erasmus for All program offering our students but also visiting students coming through the program framework, academic quality and excellence required by the global world in which we all live. Thanks to that, we will contribute to the improvement and modernization of the academic training in Europe and we will also contribute to increase the number of graduate students and researchers that Europe needs.
- 2. Our objective is to permanently keep in touch with prestigious companies to make sure that the training we offer is adapted to the real world needs. We will promote the use of new technologies and we will progressively adapt our plans of studies to make sure they are always fitting the needs of the labor market. Thanks to the Erasmus program, we will be able to offer our students the possibility to do professional internships in prestigious companies and to supply them with theoretical knowledge but also with the practical knowledge they need to successfully achieve positions demanding high qualifications and responsibility.
- 3. The university internationalization strategy's objective is to make sure all students can benefit from an international mobility program. We even plan to introduce compulsory international exchanges in some of our academic programs. In coming years, we will promote the signature of quality agreements with a double aim: to offer our students the international training they need and to increase the internationality level in our classrooms and among our staff.
- 4. Being in touch with companies and universities from all over the world will allow us not only to organize students exchanges but also knowledge transfer, good practices and skills exchanges to reach a permanent state of renovation for all our plans of studies. Thanks to international cooperation, we will be able to offer our students a cutting-edge training, adapted to the global world needs and academic excellence requirements. Our ambitious internationalization strategy will also focus on the participation of our teachers to international research networks bringing added academic value to our students, the university and the region as a whole. Visiting students and teachers will also have a positive impact on the city of Valencia and its region, importing and transferring knowledge at the different levels of the society.
- 5. Thanks to the Erasmus for All program, we will be able to offer our students, teachers and administrative staff the possibility to stay in a prestigious international university with the help of European funds. Moreover, the Universidad Europea de Valencia will launch its own scholarship program to make sure students with less economic resources can have access to the university and can also benefit from international exchange opportunities.