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The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy 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]

Istanbul Esenyurt University (IESU) is deeply aware of fast developments of globalization in the world, and is taking every possible steps with the vision of being a world-class university. Cooperation with European and non-European institutions under the framework of EU Programs and other international programs pave the way to reach this goal. The Turkish Government is also giving great support for cooperation at the European level, focusing on student and staff mobility and the internationalization of curricula.

During the "Erasmus for All" Program (2014-2020) IESU internationalization policy is to focus on spending much efforts to have as many as bilateral cooperation agreements to increase student and staff mobility. Also, proposed agreement for partnerships from all over the world going to be approved by the relevant Faculty and Department Erasmus Coordinators. Beside this, as a recently established university, IESU has had a chance to begin with nearly equivalent curricula of a few well known European or American university for internationalization and joint programs.

The International Academic Relations Office has a highly experienced academic committee to coordinate student, academic and administrative staff exchange under ERASMUS+ program and Dual and Joint Degree Programs with universities in Europe, America, Asia, Australia and Africa.

For mobility, Istanbul Esenyurt University will begin to write and make bilateral cooperation agreements with as many as universities in Europe and in other continents. In addition to mobility activities, IESU will seek possibility to participate in European and non-European research and educational projects. In regulation every Turkish higher education institutions has a right to practice double-multiple degrees in their educational programs. Istanbul Esenyurt University will certainly be on track to participate in development of double/multiple/joint degrees.

Istanbul Esenyurt University's mission includes providing the best education for all students without discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, religion, gender and disability, and the International Office undertakes this mission in the international context

IESU provides a high level of support to incoming erasmus students as for all students registered in Istanbul Esenyurt University. The Istanbul Esenyurt University offers a mentoring program for incoming and outgoing students and staff. The Peer Mentoring activities are carried out by International Academic Relations Office. Staff and the local students voluntarily give guidance, advice and assistance to incoming students and staff to settle in. Incoming students have also an opportunity to get information about the environment, culture, social life, transportation and history of Istanbul. Office is also assisting incoming students and staff for their accommodation

Residence Permit of incoming students they must apply to Istanbul Police Foreigners Department for which we will guide and help them. The International Academic Relations Office offers a special Turkish Language Course free of charge for incoming students each semester at beginner level. In this way, international students can adapt easily and quickly to the daily life in Turkey. The Office also provides language support for incoming staff upon request. We inform mobility participants about all the necessary language and cultural matters and guide them so that there will be no misunderstandings

Please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme.

If not applicable, please explain (max. 2000 characters)

Original language [EN]

Since internationalization is one of the main objectives of Istanbul Esenyurt University, Istanbul Esenyurt University strongly supports and encourages university staff to take part within the EU and non-EU projects as a coordinator or partner. Participation in international cooperation projects is considered to be one of the promotion criteria since the quality of education and researches will be improved at our university

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on the modernisation of your institution. Please refer to each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda *and explain which are the policy objectives you intend to pursue.(max. 3000 characters)

Original language [EN]

Participation of IESU in the Erasmus+ Program, will give an opportunity in higher education areas to begin with modern education as a first step and then inevitably continues further modernization process in the future. The participation of IESU to the Program on Modernization Agenda will have Positive impacts as they are indicated below

- First of all, exchange of knowledge and experiences between European, non-European universities and IESU will have great positive impact on internationalization and modernization under the Erasmus+ Program.
- Since internationalization is one of the main objectives of Istanbul Esenyurt University. The Erasmus+ Program creates international and multicultural educational environment for students and staff and definitely improves IESU's all educational programs.
- IESU well aware of the benefit of mobility program. Mobility of student will improve overall qualifications of IESU students, Since they have education in the multicultural environment
- With mobility of staff, staff will not only improve their teaching but also become aware of high scientific and technological researches project
- During mobility, academic staff will be in contact with academic staff of host institution to develop collaboration and cooperation under the Program. These collaboration and cooperation have an opportunity to develop joint Projects and research projects and double/multiple/joint degree programs

* COM (2011) 567 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0567:FIN:EN:PDF>)

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Endorsement of the application

I, the undersigned, legal representative of the applicant institution,

certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. All Programme activities will be implemented on the basis of written agreements with the relevant authorities of the partner institutions;

agree to the content of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) application outlined above and commit my institution to respect and observe these obligations;

agree to the publication of the Erasmus Policy Statement by the European Commission

Place: Istanbul

Name: Prof.Dr. Cuma BAYAT Date (dd/mm/yyyy): 21.05.2014

I have read and accept the Privacy statement

Original signature of the legal representative of the Institution (as identified in section A.2 above)



Original stamp or seal of the Institution

