

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

MSU has been following an internationalization plan to sustain visibility in international arena since it was granted with Erasmus University Charter in 2008. MSU's main objective is to achieve internationalization and excellence in education and research. The university's strategic plan for internationalization includes; enhancing international competitiveness, promoting and publicising our strengths on the international stage, increasing the number of international student mobility, increasing the number of international staff mobility, increasing the number of international agreements, sharing good practices with international universities, and developing programmes that prepare students to succeed in the modern world.

To ensure international recognition, MSU has designed its educational programs, course competencies and learning outcomes in accordance with Bologna Process. The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) has been used in all programs offered by the university.

MSU aims to modernize its education and training system by promoting internationalization in Higher Education System. Also, it tries to extend the scope of its international cooperations to prepare students and staff for global environments. International cooperations provide our students and staff with opportunities to broaden their experiences. Also, MSU supports higher education institutes in Member States and beyond for the internationalization of their national education and training systems. Improving the quality of education and training systems through mutual learning, comparison and exchange of best practices are promoted by MSU. We adopt an inclusive and holistic approach and encourage our students and staff to participate as global citizens.

The university has already existing networks and partners from many Member States and various other countries. However, we aim to extend our partnerships in accordance with the needs of our students and staff. For that reason, international partners which can contribute to the quality development are chosen and sustaining long-term partnerships with them is of great importance for us. We build partnerships on the basis of maintaining continuity in student and staff mobility. Strategic partnerships are also important for the university as they enhances the possibility to participate in EU funded programs. Common aims and interests are also effective on our choice of partners.

MSU's priorities for modernisation strategy are:

- 1- To increase the number of higher education graduates.
- 2- To improve the quality and relevance of higher education; employability skills of students are supported through the programme. For this reason, MSU gives importance to curriculum update in accordance with market need.
- 3- To strengthen quality through mobility and cross-border co-operation; academic and administrative staff is going to be equipped with abilities to teach and train in a foreign country. Also, MSU aims to increase the number of mobile students.
- 4- To strengthen "knowledge triangle"; education, research and business are integrated to increase the employability of the graduates.
- 5- To improve governance and funding; MSU is looking for different funding sources and new alternatives.

Participation in Erasmus Program has enabled MSU to reach these priorities through implementation of EU standards into its education system. Also, international visibility and transparency of the university has been strengthened through mobilities.

2- The overall strategy, management and co