



Univerza v Novem mestu

Fakulteta za ekonomijo in informatiko

Erasmus Policy Statement

The vision of the University of Novo mesto Faculty of Economics and Informatics, (below referred to as “Faculty”) is to become a well-known and respected top-quality faculty member in the field of business, management and business informatics in the wider international area, capable of creative cooperation with regional, national and international economic and non-economic entities. Its aim is to become an established and socially responsible educational institution that transfers knowledge to its environment.

The Faculty offers three accredited higher education programmes, as follows:

- First-cycle professional study programme:
 - Business and Management,
 - Business Informatics
- Master’s programme:
 - Business and Management.

Based on the Strategy 2020–2024, the following key strategic goals of the Faculty's internationalisation and modernisation are set:

- Build a network of strategic partnerships with selected faculties in the EU and beyond;
- Strengthen the existing cooperation in international education and research networks;
- Increase applications and cooperation in international projects;
- Increase student exchange with the aim of offering each student the possibility to study for one semester;
- Increase the number of enrolled foreign students;
- Increase staff exchange with foreign higher education institutions;
- Increase the number of foreign staff at the Faculty;
- Strengthen the quality of mobility activities with an emphasis on non-discrimination, transparency and inclusion.

Mobility is the key tool in implementing the strategic goals of internationalisation and modernisation. Through participation in the Erasmus + program, the Faculty established partnerships with many higher education partners and other partners. Due to the vicinity, fewer language barriers, the familiarity of the culture and a very similar study programme, we have established partnerships with higher education intuitions in the South-east European countries that are not EU members but have already obtained the ECHE Charter and in Croatia. Now, we are focused on establishing partnerships with higher education intuitions in other EU countries to expand our cooperation with faculties in the Northern and Western EU countries.

To achieve our goals, we intend to:

- Focus on identifying mobility preferences for students and staff mobility;

- Establish internal mechanisms for supporting research within international cooperation;
- Prioritize educational and research activities that will be included in the international network;
- Work more closely with research and other economic and non-economic entities in the EU;
- Search for new mobility with international partner institutions;
- Create environments for knowledge transfer and cooperation with foreign partners in their development and co-creation of activities;
- Enhance incoming and outgoing exchange of students and staff;
- Promote our study programme and enrol foreign students;
- Promote our research programme and participation of foreign researchers in joint projects;
- Introduce the necessary steps to implement digital mobility management in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative;
- Promote environmentally friendly practices in all mobility activities;
- Encourage participation in mobility activities of individuals with fewer opportunities;
- Promote civic engagement.

To ensure the visibility of the Erasmus programme, we will prepare various events and activities, such as roundtables, meetings, workshops, conferences, ‘open day’, ‘international summer school’, media and social networks items. The international mobility office will provide all necessary administrative support, and transfer applicable information to students, staff members, other interested individuals and the public. The information concerning student and staff mobility will be presented on the Faculty's website.

The expected impact of our participation in the Erasmus Programme on the modernisation and internationalisation of the Faculty's education and research activities:

1. *Increase in the achievement level of graduates and lecturers/researchers that Europe needs:*

- Students gain educational, linguistic and cultural experiences from their learning in one of the participating countries;
- Greater understanding and responsiveness to social, ethnic, linguistic and cultural diversity;
- Improved competences related to professional profiles;
- Strengthened initiatives and entrepreneurship;
- Improved levels of employability and new business start-up skills;
- Increased digital competence;
- Increased capacity and expertise in EU/international work;
- Increased competence in foreign languages;
- More active participation in society;
- A more positive attitude towards the European project and the EU values.

2. *Improved quality and relevance of the teaching and research process:*

- Introduced innovative approaches to teaching and research;
- A more modern, dynamic, committed and professional environment within the Faculty;
- Comparability with the international environment.

3. *Improved quality in mobility and cross-border cooperation:*

- Integrated Erasmus programme priorities, such as full and automatic recognition, digitization of mobile activities, promotion of environmentally friendly practices at all levels of mobility, promotion of common values and inclusive education.

4. *Implementation of the knowledge triangle:*

- More integrated education, research and entrepreneurship for excellence at the regional, national and international levels;
- More developed research, innovation and entrepreneurial knowledge and skills at the Faculty through more interactive learning environments and enhancement of the knowledge transfer infrastructure.

5. *Improved governance and funding:*

- Development of individuals and groups focused on international research and teaching;
- Improved revenue management;
- Improved system of performance reward to attract the best teaching and research staff;
- Improved introduction of new study and research approaches and programmes.