

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The UNWE vision could be defined as ongoing, future-oriented, multidimensional, interdisciplinary, leadership-driven that involves many stakeholders working to change the internal dynamics of the university to respond and adapt appropriately to an increasingly diverse, internationally focused, ever-changing external environment and prepare successful graduated entrepreneurs with digital and creative skills, and more importantly young adults who can easily adapt to changes, to new technologies and to socially engaged and responsible environment.

University of National and World Economy aims to address and achieve its institutional priorities interrelated with the national and European ones of the higher education in order:

- To further modernize its educational and research activities in order to respond to the requirements of the labour market and to prepare graduates for the new skills and new jobs.
- To expand its cooperation with partners in other countries, according its targets and priorities stated in its strategy for internationalization and thus to contribute to the goals of the renewed agenda for higher education to increase international competitiveness of the European higher education as laid down in the communication on “ Strengthening European identity through Education and Culture” from 2017.
- To reach its main objective of internationalization for transformation of the university into an attractive educational and scientific center for foreign students, teachers and researchers, which forms professional competencies and personal qualities and develops research and innovations that lead modern society to a more perfect and humane world.

The above laid goals will be reached by achieving the following four strategic objectives:

1. Improve the institutional ecosystem of internationalization by developing a culture in support of the internationalization process, strengthening administrative capacity, improving infrastructure and expanding international cooperation. Participation in the European University Initiative.
2. Intensifying the process of internationalization in educational activities by increasing student and teaching mobility, including participation in international academic networks and educational projects, improving the international profile of Bachelor and Master’s degree courses and attracting more foreign students.
3. Intensifying the process of internationalization in research and development by increasing the mobility of doctoral candidates and researchers, including participation in international scientific networks and research projects, and attracting more foreign PhD students and researchers.
4. Promote the internationalization process aimed at creating added value for society by incorporating international public commitments and knowledge transfer and innovation.

UNWE will take part in the three Key Activities of the Erasmus Programme.

Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility:

The mobility of higher education students and staff is a priority for the internationalization of UNWE.

The Selection procedure and grants award are transparent, coherent and properly documented in line with the requirements of the Erasmus Programme rules and the provisions of the contracts with the National Agency. The criteria set for selection of students and staff are set respecting in full the

principles of non-discrimination in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. UNWE gives the option to apply for mobility to all its students and staff.

To provide more options and opportunities for mobilities UNWE expands its university partner network and currently signs Inter-Institutional Agreements with Programme and Partner countries.

The ECTS system is applied at UNWE since 2004. UNWE ensures full recognition of the Erasmus students' mobility periods as agreed in the Learning Agreements, signed before the mobility. The final recognition is based on the results in the Transcript of Records issued by the receiving universities, including the credits and grades gained based on the learning outcomes. University Committee is responsible for the Recognition.

Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Cooperation among organisations and institutions:

UNWE would like to continue its participation in the activities of **Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2)** in order to develop projects for cooperation and exchanges of practices, to build Partnerships for excellence and innovations, as it is stated in its strategy for internationalization, to reach structural, systematic and sustainable impact on institutional level and thus bring to the development of the European Higher Education Area aiming at best education and training of the young people and enhanced employability across Europe. UNWE aims:

- To further develop joint master and PhD Degree Programmes; To develop flexible and personalized European curriculum with embedded mobility leading to a European Degree; To develop Innovative, problem-based and project-based transdisciplinary methods and approaches to foster entrepreneurial mindsets and civic engagement; To enhance staff mobility between partner institutions to teach/do research/work and equip students with broad range of forward-looking skills; To participate in the European Universities Initiative. UNWE is a partner in a consortium during the second call for European inter-university campuses; To enhance transparency and automatic mutual recognition; To bring to the introduction of the European Student Card through sharing its experience and best practice more than three years of Digital Student Card.

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3):

UNWE aims to participate in projects for support to policy development and cooperation for co-creation of governance models and contribute to build European Education Area.

All the activities are scheduled to benefit from the synergy of the results. In order to measure the impact on UNWE a set of assessment tools and indicators, which will monitor the on-going effectiveness and sustainability of the proposed results is established. A database will be created, where all the foreseen activities with the respective indicators will be listed with a timeline for implementation monitoring. This database will be updated and enriched as the activities of the Erasmus+ actions continue, an element which will also ensure the sustainability of the results after completion will be included. The monitoring of the implementation and impact of Erasmus+ Programme will be conducted by the Rector, Vice-Rector of the Educational Activities, the Institutional Erasmus Coordinator, the General Secretary for International Relations and the University Erasmus Committee, established with the order of the Rector.

As a final measure, the Quality Assurance Strategy of the University Erasmus Committee will safeguard that the impact is continuously measured, both during Erasmus+ activities milestones and the finalization of important activities.