

Erasmus+ Policy Statement (2014-2020)

Danubius University strives to accomplish its mission as the university of cultural, professional and personal growth, the university of international research and didactics, a responsible, transparent and sustainable university, the university of dynamism, enthusiasm, participation and inclusion.

The aim of Danubius University is to reach the convergence of research and didactic activities along with international openness, premises that can lead to a high level of quality needed by today's society.

Danubius University blends harmoniously and balanced the teaching and learning with the scientific research and it is involved in the global society projects through the services brought to the local, national and European community.

Danubius University values are confirmed by the appreciation and feed-back of the stakeholders. Our academic activity is guided by seriousness and consistency, nurturing the accomplishments of students, the continuous collaboration between eminent teachers and young assistants, integrity in all undertaken projects and non the less the potential to adapt rapidly and completely to changes.

Danubius University chooses its partners taking into consideration aspects such as: common goals, common interests, spatial proximity, partnership potential, the challenge of the partnership, the benefits of interculturality. Due to the dynamics of its development, Danubius University is interested in permanently development according to specific and complex demand of high quality services in the academic field locally, and also at the regional, national and international level. Academic and scientific research connections of Danubius University cover North America, Europe and Asia and meet a steadily upward trend all over the world.

The main strategic objectives of Danubius University are:

- Timely implementation of the European dimension in the education process, in order to support the fulfillment of a European Higher Education Area.
- Development of scientific research and the creation of specific research structures of performance higher education, to strengthen the contribution of higher education and advanced vocational education to process of innovation.
- Human resources development.
- Increasing academic mobility.
- Improving the university management.

The relevant objectives regarding the mobility activities for Danubius University students and staff are:

- enabling students to benefit educationally, culturally and linguistically from the experience of learning in other countries;
- promoting the permanent collaboration between higher education institutions and enhancing the educational environment quality, improving the teaching staff quality and enlarging the horizon of academic cooperation;
- contributing to the growth of a team of qualified and internationally experienced young people and also experts and teaching professionals;
- facilitating the transfer of credits and also the recognition of mobility abroad, using ECTS.

Our objectives for mobility activities include the development of Erasmus bilateral agreements with more universities, especially from the European countries that are currently underrepresented in our agreements list, the increase in the number of student mobility, especially in the area of work placement, the increase of participants in teaching mobility and also the development of university staff participation in training mobility. In order to ensure fair chances and access to mobility activities, priority will be given to first time participants in mobility and participation will be encouraged among students from disadvantaged social groups and students with disabilities.

Another core objective of Danubius University internationalization strategy is to further develop the mobility program and the cooperation under the Erasmus program by participating in intensive

programmes, academic networks and multilateral projects and developing our participation in Leonardo da Vinci, Grundvig projects and also in Erasmus Mundus and Tempus programs.

Danubius University promotes international programs in which is already partner as for example Lifelong Learning Programs - Erasmus and Leonardo da Vinci, also providing information and establishing contacts with different organizations and enterprises.

Danubius University offers support and advice to international students and staff before leaving home, upon arrival in Galati and during their stage in the area, helps to facilitate their accommodation, offers cultural and social counselling to the newcomers in Galati and Romania.

Danubius University provides full information to students, academic staff, researchers and administrative staff about opportunities to participate in international cooperation projects offered by different national and international institutions and permanently contributes to the organization of seminars and conferences and organize schedule for visiting potential partners.

Through its specific departments in charge with international cooperation, Danubius University ensures the establishment and development of international partnerships with universities abroad. The representatives of these departments participate in various national and international conferences, educational fairs and events that can lead to partnerships with universities and enterprises from other countries.

Through improving the quality and increasing the volume of student and teaching staff mobility, Danubius University will contribute to the improvement of education quality and also will increase the volume of multilateral cooperation between higher education institutions.

The process will augment the degree of transparency and compatibility between higher education and advanced vocational education qualifications. As a result Danubius University expects to increase the volume of cooperation with other institutions and enterprises thus facilitating and assisting the development of innovative practices in education and training and the transfer of such results for the benefit of the international community.

In terms of increasing attainment level in higher education, Danubius University expects to design and develop more attractive degree programs, adapted to the educational needs in the market and to offer more flexible study programs, specially created for adult students (over 26 years old, already working).

In order to improve the quality and relevance of higher education we engage in providing human resources development programs, such as team coaching and skills development resulting in better prepared and more appreciated teachers.

Danubius University fosters the use of digital learning platform and tools increasing the participation and interaction of students and academic staff.

Danubius University is promoting excellence and innovation, consistently promoting a connection between the University and the labor market. Above all, the expectations are connected to the relevance of the researchers training in order to prepare the ground for the industries of tomorrow. We are also striving to increase the involvement of companies in financing research and to participate in projects of interregional development initiated by local public institutions such as the development of the metropolitan area. The main expected impact is to provide the graduates with the sufficient knowledge and core transferable competences they will need to succeed in their area of occupation.

The University tends to provide more opportunities for students to gain additional skills throughout study or training abroad, and to encourage cross-border cooperation to heighten higher education performance and to fortify the knowledge, relating education, research and business in order to create effective governance and offering the practical endowment mechanisms in support of brilliance, quality and value for tomorrow.