

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

UEMC'S international (EU and non-EU) strategy.

The aim of the UEMC is to offer the students a wide range of destinations so they are open to different cultures and Universities. The International Affairs Office actions are intended to secure a balanced offer to all degrees according the destination but also looking into the hosting Universities academic offer to assure the academic recognition of our students.

Most of our students and staff member prefer English speaking countries as destination. While a few years ago Great Britain was highly demanded by the students, nowadays destinations such as Romania or Poland have been increasingly demanded due to economical reasons.

UEMC's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Programme.

Generate knowledge in collaboration with international partners. Focus will be on international collaboration that supports the university's core activities and results in added value by exchanging knowledge and talent.

- UEMC wishes to strengthen the international dimension Hence, the ambition is clear: internationalization must be embedded within all academic environments and the university must create optimum conditions to enable all parts of the university to seize opportunities for international collaboration.
- The university will apply a flexible and reasoned language policy. A limited number of Bachelors programmes will be developed in English to ensure a balance in exchange programmes. At the Master's level a number of programmes will also be offered in English. Decisions regarding the language of instruction will be based on possibilities of attracting talent from abroad and providing Spanish students with international competencies. Of course, subjects offered in English must comply with the same quality standards regulated by the law in Spain. The university has therefore begun to support lecturers in developing the necessary language and intercultural skills.
- Increased international collaboration regarding the content and planning of the degree programmes. In the coming years, the university will focus on developing new, research-based Bachelors and Master's programmes in collaboration with one or more international

universities. UEMC will endeavour to create closer international collaboration about matters such as joint degree programmes.

Expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of UEMC

This university will adopt a proactive approach to internationalization and its ambition is to seize the opportunities that globalization presents for developing knowledge and talent, and influencing the international development in research and higher education.

High-priority goals:

1. Strengthening cooperation between researchers:

- Review of international collaboration agreements. A review will be undertaken of all centralised and decentralised international collaboration agreements at UEMC to give priority to agreements of strategic importance and a satisfactory level of activity.
- Strong involvement in key university networks. Possible focus areas include a further extension of the collaboration within the CRUSOE Group (leading to stronger research development in RIS3 areas). UEMC wishes to develop international contacts and research networks in order to strengthen the university's position. The university will therefore seek to include international partners in research projects where research groups see an added value in the form of knowledge, talent and higher quality.
- Increased international research funding. The University's Research Vice-Rectorate will contribute to the preparation and quality assurance of applications and help manage complex international projects. In addition, UEMC will focus on creating solid partnerships with international elite institutions to develop joint project applications targeting European and North American research funds.
- International publication of research results. UEMC will make large parts of its research available via internationally ranked journals. This peer-review is a seal of quality that makes the university's research visible and underpins efforts to establish new working relations with foreign research groups.

2. Increasing mobility potentials:

- Strategic use of scholarships. It shall be easy for international students to access information about all types of financial support at UEMC University. The university will also ensure that its scholarships attract the most talented students.
- Arrival and support system for incoming international students. To attract and retain international students, UEMC will develop service packages with clear standards that cover all

types of international students: accommodation, assistance with residence permits, a mentor programme, introductory courses, Spanish lessons.

- Alumni network for international students. An alumni network with relevant offers for international graduates will therefore be developed and integrated with similar offers for Spanish students.
- Increased number of Spanish students going abroad. UEMC wishes that its students develop a global outlook, intercultural understanding and language skills. All students at the university should have an opportunity to include in their study programme a period of study or training abroad that provides full credit transfer.

