

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The European University Miguel de Cervantes (UEMC) is a modern University which, in recent years, has grown in number of students and degrees. Accordingly, the next challenge of our University is to improve its international dimension hence we are open to different cultures and institutions.

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. Among the University's strategy there are three priority objectives that are supported by internationalization: i) to promote research and cooperation between researchers - both international and national researcher -; ii) to upgrade the internationalization of our students and also iii) to position the University in an international environment.

At university level, The International Affairs Office (IAO) are the working group in charge intending all the international activities. Also, other services are supporting the activity of the IAO (e.g. UEMC Research Committee, UEMC Coordination of the Doctoral Program, UEMC Knowledge Transfer Office, UEMC Admissions Department, and UEMC Marketing Department).

UEMC will adopt a proactive approach to internalization. And its ambition is to seize the opportunities that globalization present for developing knowledge and talent, and influencing the international development in research and higher education. In this regard, we will apply for Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility (The mobility of higher education students and staff) and Key Action 2 (KA2) (Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices; Partnerships for Excellence - European Universities and; Partnerships for Innovation). At post-graduate programmes (limited Masters programmes and doctoral seminars) will also be offered in English. Decisions regarding the language of instruction will be based on possibilities of attracting talent from abroad 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 participation in these actions will contribute to achieving our goals. In particularity:

- 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 to strategic importance a satisfactory level of activity.
- Strong involvement in key university networks. Possible focus areas include a further extension of the collaboration in 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 project where research groups see and added value in the form of knowledge, talent and higher quality.

- Increased international research funding. The University's Rectorate, IAO and the other departments will contribute to the preparation and quality assurance of applications and help manage complex international project. 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.
- 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.
- International students' network. 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. UEMC will participate for the first time in the international credit mobility programme (KA107) which will help to achieve the internationalization goals beyond EU boundaries.

During the last years, the UEMC focused on developing new, research-based Bachelors and Master's programmes in collaboration with one or more international universities. UEMC created satisfactorily closer international collaboration improving the International network of the Institution (e.g. double international degrees, collaboration with international institutions such as IMFAHE or HACU or research activities with international research groups).

The qualitative aims regarding the Erasmus+ Programme to the next years are i) to increase the mobility of the student and the staff; ii) to promote the participation of projects by the staff and iii) to create/participate at least in one European University call.

During the Academic Year 2020-2027 the University will start to regulate and to proceed with the promotion of project applications, annually there will be an internal call to promote the participation of the staff. Likewise, the staff involved in activities related to Erasmus + activities will be encouraged. The quantitative targets by Erasmus activities are the next:

Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility. The mobility of higher education students and staff. The goal is to meet the targets in each of the projects.

- Budget compliance according to the project. Target: at least 95%.
- Compliance with the number of mobilities requested. Target: at least 80%.
- Promote the mobility in all degrees trying to reach a similar participation in all degrees. Target: 2% per degree.
- Promote the mobility for teaching in staff members of all degrees. Target: 2% per degree.
- Promote the mobility for training in all staff members. Target: 2%.
- Satisfaction in SMS mobility per degree among all participants: Target: 80%.
- Satisfaction in SMS mobility with the degree of recognition. Target: 80%.
- Satisfaction in SMP mobility with the degree of recognition. Target: 80%.
- Satisfaction in STA mobility with the degree of recognition. Target: 80%.
- Satisfaction in STT mobility with the degree of recognition. Target: 80%.
- Global satisfaction in SMS mobility with the experience. Target: 80%.
- Global satisfaction in SMP mobility with the experience. Target: 80%.
- Global satisfaction in STA mobility with the experience. Target: 80%.
- Global satisfaction in STT mobility with the experience. Target: 80%.
- Key Action 2 (KA2) - Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices and Partnerships for Innovation.

This is expected to increase the number of applications to, at least, four during this cycle.

- Key Action 2 (KA2) - Partnerships for Excellence - European Universities. The aim of the UEMC is to participate in, at least, one proposal of Partnerships for Excellence - European Universities during this period.