

Erasmus Policy Statement

The main objectives of Partium Christian University are to educate well-trained and internationally competitive experts and to promote scientific research in the fields of study present at our university, also through partnerships among staff and community. The 'Christian' element in our name indicates not only one of our departments but most importantly the system of values we promote. Also, our activity is defined against a multicultural background specific to the region and the whole country. This also implies a careful study of the implications of contact between the various cultures.

Therefore, it is evident for us, that international cooperation and participation in the LLP sub-programs are fundamental elements and goals of our University's development strategy. This implies, that we continuously support internationalization, especially by facilitating (1) the mobility of outgoing students and academic staff in Erasmus activities, (2) the study and research activities of incoming students and academic staff, as well as (3) the prospective active participation in multilateral projects or thematic networks.

We continuously increase the number of inter-university agreements on both national and European/ international levels regarding bilateral research, exchange or joined publications and stimulate the improvement of our academic staff.

Our partners are from different geographical areas throughout Europe, including countries such as Denmark, Spain, Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary. Cross-border relations with the neighbouring countries have become of great importance and resulted in projects that help our nations think and work together in different fields. One of our most successful project is the Erasmus Intensive Programme with Hungary and Slovakia, a programme that has brought together students and teachers from three countries having very useful and creative results. Turkey has also become an important partner as many students choose our university to study, or the academic staff to teach, and it works both ways.

At our university, among the most important objectives of the Erasmus programme are the student mobilities, to give our students the possibility to learn and practice their future profession abroad. Through this experience they can broaden their minds, get to know other cultures and practice their foreign language knowledge. As mentioned before it is very important for us to offer our students competitive knowledge to have equal opportunities on the European labour market, and the Erasmus programme helps us reach this aim.

The main target groups of our mobilities are the first and second cycle students. Our strategy includes the increase of the number of mobilities, that so far we have succeeded every year. A huge interest can be observed in the placement mobilities as students have realised the importance of this experience in their future carrier. It is useful for them to try the practical side of what they study.

Outgoing and incoming staff mobilities are also popular at our institution. These mobilities often lead to further cooperations between colleagues from different countries.

Participation in other sub-programs of Lifelong Learning Program, such as Grundtvig and Leonardo, is a further objective.