

In the following sections of the application form, you will need to explain how your institution will fulfil the ECHE principles if the Charter is awarded. You are encouraged to consult the [ECHE Guidelines](#) for support in completing this application.

Please note that your Erasmus+ National Agency will monitor your Erasmus Policy Statement and your answers to the questions given in the application. The Erasmus+ National Agency reserves the right to request more information on your activities and propose supplementary measures, for the purposes of monitoring and implementing the Charter principles by your institution.

1. ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS)

1.1 Erasmus activities included in your EPS

In this section, you need to tick the Erasmus activities covered by your Erasmus Policy Statement. Please select those activities that your HEI intends to implement during the entire duration of the Programme.

Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility:

The mobility of higher education students and staff ☒

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

Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices ☒

Partnerships for Excellence – European Universities ☒

Partnerships for Excellence - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees ☒

Partnerships for Innovation ☒

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3):

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3) - Support to policy development and cooperation: ☒

1.2 Erasmus Policy statement (EPS): your strategy

Your Erasmus Policy Statement should reflect how you intended to implement Erasmus after the award of the ECHE. Should you wish to add additional activities in the future, you will need to amend your Erasmus Policy Statement and inform your Erasmus National Agency.

What would you like to achieve by participating in the Erasmus Programme? How does your participation in the Erasmus Programme fit into your institutional internationalisation and modernisation strategy?

(Please reflect on the objectives of your participation. Please explain how you expect the

participation in Erasmus to contribute towards modernising your institution, as well as on the goal of building a European Education Area¹ and explain the policy objectives you intend to pursue).

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RO:

Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara (UVT) are o abordare de tip bottom-up in strategia institutionala de internationalizare, dezvoltata printr-un proces de consultari la nivelul Facultatilor, ce reflecta astfel caracterul multidisciplinar al universitatii. In acest context, strategia UVT este un produs al intersectarii disciplinelor cu potential particular de internationalizare, cu strategiile facultatilor privind internationalizarea educatiei, cercetarii si creatiei artistice, reflectand astfel aspectele comune ale internationalizarii educatiei si cercetarii in UVT, precum si favorizand interdisciplinaritatea in cadrul facultatilor sale.

Odata cu acordarea ECHE, UVT isi propune sa puna in aplicare toate componentele programului Erasmus pentru a inainta obiectivele sale de dezvoltare institutionala, precum si pentru a contribui la aprofundarea proceselor de integrare la nivel educational in Uniunea Europeana, Spatiul European de Educatie si nu numai. Scopul nostru este sa participam la programul Erasmus, in calitate de beneficiari si contributori, din punct de vedere al diferitelor resurse si rezultate.

Strategia UVT privind internationalizarea si extinderea globala include un domeniu strategic specific, dedicat activitatilor care urmeaza sa fie implementate sub umbrela Erasmus: cresterea calitatii si numarului tuturor tipurilor de mobilitati pentru studenti si personal, cu accent pe mobilitatile virtuale; participarea la competitii pentru proiecte de colaborare in toate sub-programele sale, cu accent pe proiecte care vizeaza dezvoltarea de programe intensive si Universitati Europene. Prin urmare, obiectivele participarii UVT la programul Erasmus se concentreaza pe continuarea si aprofundarea schimburilor universitare pentru dezvoltarea profesionala si personala a studentilor si personalului.

In primul rand, UVT se angajeaza sa contribuie la cunoasterea si practicarea valorilor comune ale educatiei in Spatiul European de Educatie. In plus, prin implementarea programului Erasmus, universitatea isi propune sa sprijine digitalizarea in predare si invatare, cu un accent clar pe digitalizare ca instrument pentru imbunatatirea accesului la educatie, mai degraba decat crearea de bariere discriminatorii suplimentare, precum si pentru recunoasterea rapida si automata a creditelor si diplomelor in cadrul Spatiului European de Educatie.

In acest scop, participarea la programul Erasmus este esentiala pentru implementarea cu succes a acestor obiective. Participarea UVT la programul Erasmus implica o conexiune intre educatie si piata muncii, o dezvoltare a dimensiunilor digitale si internationale ale educatiei si cercetarii, un accent mai puternic pe dezvoltarea de programe educationale online predate in alte limbi decat limba romana, o imbunatatire a tuturor serviciilor administrative pentru organizarea mobilitatilor virtuale, precum si o crestere a numarului de proiecte de colaborare implementate in domenii mult mai largi, alaturi de universitati comprehensive din Uniunea Europeana, Spatiul European de Educatie, dar si din afara acestora.

EN:

West University of Timisoara (WUT) has a bottom-up approach for the institutional strategy on internationalisation, developed through a process of consultations at Faculty level, that reflects the multidisciplinary character of the university. In this context, WUT's strategy is the product of intersecting the particular disciplines' potential for internationalisation with the Faculty's strategies for internationalisation of education, research and artistic creation, thus reflecting the common grounds for the internationalisation of both education and research at WUT, as well as fostering interdisciplinarity within its faculties.

Upon being awarded the ECHE, WUT aims to implement all components of the Erasmus programme in order to advance its institutional development objectives, as well as contribute to the deepening of the integration processes at educational level within the European Union, European Education Area and beyond. It is our goal to participate in the Erasmus programme as beneficiaries, as well as contributors, in terms of various resources and results.

WUT's strategy on Internationalisation and Global Outreach includes a specific strategic area dedicated to activities to be implemented under the Erasmus umbrella: increasing the quality and number of all types of mobilities for

¹ For more information on the priorities of the European Education Area, such as recognition, digital skills, common values and inclusive education, please consult the following website:

https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-education-area_en

students and staff, with a focus on virtual mobilities; participating in competitions for cooperation projects in all its sub-programmes, with a focus on projects aiming to develop intensive programmes and European Universities. Therefore, the objectives of WUT's participation in the Erasmus programme focus on continuing and deepening university exchanges for professional and personal development of students and staff, as well as international collaborative projects, but also on modernising our university in the direction of online/virtual education, in a potentially multi-campus international/European university.

First and foremost, WUT is committed to contributing knowledge and practice towards the common values of education in the European Education Area. Additionally, through implementing the Erasmus programme, the university aims to support digitalisation in teaching and learning, with a clear focus on digitalisation as a tool for enhancing access to education rather than creating additional discriminatory borders, for rapid and automatic recognition of credits and diplomas within the European Education Area.

To this end, participation in the Erasmus programme is essential for a successful implementation of these policy objectives. WUT's participation in the Erasmus programme implies a successful bridging of the education and labour market division, a development of both digital and international dimensions of education and research, a stronger focus on developing online educational programmes taught in languages other than Romanian, an improvement of all support services need to foster exchange of virtual mobilities, and an increase in implementation of much wider collaborative projects alongside comprehensive universities within the European Union, European Education Area and beyond.

Please reflect on the Erasmus actions you would like to take part in and explain how they will be implemented in practice at your institution. Please explain how your institution's participation in these actions will contribute to achieving the objectives of your institutional strategy.

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Programul Erasmus continua sa fie o initiativa emblematica in UE si, in mod similar, o parte semnificativa in cadrul proceselor si activitatilor de internationalizare in UVT, intrucat Strategia de Internationalizare si Extindere Globala identifica Erasmus ca zona strategica. Activitatile exacte ale universitatii care urmeaza sa fie desfasurate sub umbrela Erasmus sunt clar identificabile, fiind in stransa legatura cu actiunile Erasmus la care ne propunem sa participam.

Participarea la **Actiunea Cheie 1 (KA1) - Mobilitati de invatare**: *Mobilitatea studentilor si a personalului din invatamantul superior se afla in stransa conexiune cu urmatoarele 3 mari obiective si activitati specifice:*

Obiectivul 1. Cresterea numarului si a calitatii mobilitatilor outgoing (studii, plasament, predare si formare)

Activitatea 1.1. Revizuirea regulamentelor existente si imbunatatirea/ modificarea acestora daca este necesar pentru selectarea participantilor pana in vara anului 2020.

Activitatea 1.2. Sedinte periodice ale Biroului Erasmus+ cu coordonatorii si secretarii facultatilor desemnati responsabili cu studentii Erasmus (minim o data pe semestru).

Activitatea 1.3. Campanii de promovare continua cu sprijin din partea ESN, cu un accent puternic pe dimensiunea digitala.

Activitatea 1.4. Sesiuni de pregatire si incheiere a mobilitatilor studentesti: oportunitati pentru studenti, oferte de cursuri intensive de limba straina de scurta durata, precum si consiliere individuala la nivel de facultate si Birou Erasmus+.

Activitatea 1.5. Prezentarea in cadrul comunitatii a rezultatelor mobilitatilor de predare si formare.

Obiectivul 2. Cresterea numarului si a calitatii mobilitatilor incoming (studii, plasament, predare si formare)

Activitatea 2.1. Revizuirea regulamentelor existente si imbunatatirea/ modificarea acestora daca este necesar pentru selectarea participantilor pana in vara anului 2020.

Activitatea 2.2. Sedinte periodice ale Biroului Erasmus+ cu coordonatorii si secretarii facultatilor desemnati responsabili cu studentii Erasmus (minim o data pe semestru).

Activitatea 2.3. Imbunatatirea procesului de aplicarea online si a prezentarii pachetului de oferte de curs.

Activitatea 2.4. Organizarea a doua evenimente anuale de cate o saptamana pentru activitati de predare si formare, unul adresat personalului academic, iar celalalt adresat personalului administrativ, organizate in colaborare cu facultatile, creand astfel perioade de timp dedicate organizarii mobilitatilor de personal incoming. Mobilitati individuale de predare si formare pot fi organizate si in afara acestor doua evenimente, dar numai daca aduc valoare adaugata extinsa comunitatii noastre.

Activitatea 2.5. Organizarea evenimentelor de initiere, sectiune website dedicata Erasmus@UVT unde studentii incoming pot impartasi din experienta lor la UVT, precum si o sectiune dedicata initiativei ambasador

Erasmus@UVT pentru toate tipurile de mobilitati.

Obiectivul 3. Sprijinirea mobilitatilor virtuale in perioade de criza si nu numai

Activitatea 3.1. Identificarea partenerilor si a resurselor financiare pentru un proiect pilot privind cadrul interinstitutional de organizare a mobilitatilor virtuale (studii si predare).

Activitatea 3.2. Dezvoltarea si depunerea unui proiect privind mobilitatile virtuale cu un numar limitat de parteneri, intr-un numar limitat de domenii: oferta de curs, numar de mobilitati acceptate, logistica tehnica (platforme care vor fi utilizate, tipuri de evaluare, limba etc.).

Activitatea 3.3. Implementarea proiectului pilot (finantat din surse externe, daca rezultatul actiunii anterioare este pozitiv, sau finantat din surse interne de catre consortiu).

Activitatea 3.4. Colectare feedback despre proiectul pilot, ajustari si continuarea acestuia.

Participarea la Actiunea Cheie 2 (KA2) - Cooperare intre organizatii si institutii: *Parteneriate pentru cooperare si schimb de bune practici; Parteneriate pentru excelenta- Universitati Europene; Parteneriate pentru excelenta- Programe comune de master Erasmus Mundus; Parteneriate pentru inovare*, precum si participarea la Actiunea Cheie 3 (KA3): *Actiunea Cheie 3 (KA3) - Sprijin pentru elaborarea si cooperarea politicilor*, se afla in stransa conexiune cu urmatorul obiectiv si activitati specifice:

Obiectivul 4. Alte proiecte Erasmus si proiectul Universitati Europene

Activitatea 4.1. Asigurarea unui numar constant de aplicatii pentru diferite tipuri de proiecte finantate sub umbrela Erasmus, la nivelul fiecarei facultati, pe parcursul fiecarui an universitar, nu numai ca parteneri, ci si ca institutie coordonatoare..

Activitatea 4.2. Continuarea depunerii de aplicatii pentru proiectul Universitati Europene pe baza obiectivelor, capacitatilor si politicilor noastre institutionale, in cadrul consorțiilor care impartasesc aceleasi obiective, capacitati si politici specifice.

EN:

The Erasmus programme continues to be a flagship initiative in the EU and, similarly, a significant part of WUT's internationalisation processes and activities, as the university's Internationalisation and Global Outreach Strategy clearly identifies Erasmus as Strategic Area. The university's exact activities to be pursued under the Erasmus umbrella can clearly be identified there and linked to the Erasmus actions we aim to participate in.

Participation in Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility: *The mobility of higher education students and staff* is strictly linked to the following 3 major objectives and activities within:

Objective 1. Increasing the number and quality of outgoing mobilities (studies, placement, teaching and training) *Activity 1.1.* Review of existing regulations and improvement/change where needed for the selection of participants by summer 2020.

Activity 1.2. Regular meetings of Erasmus+ Office with appointed faculty coordinators and secretaries responsible with Erasmus students (minimum one per semester).

Activity 1.3. Continuing promotion campaigns with support from ESN and with a strong focus on the digital dimension.

Activity 1.4. Workshops for mobility preparation and after-mobility blues/opportunities for students, foreign language intensive short-period course offer and individual counseling at faculty and Erasmus Office level.

Activity 1.5. Community presentation of mobility outcomes for teaching and training mobilities.

Objective 2. Increasing the number and quality of incoming mobilities (studies, placement, teaching and training)

Activity 2.1. Review of existing regulations and improvement/change where needed for the selection of participants by summer 2020.

Activity 2.2. Regular meetings of Erasmus+ Office with appointed faculty coordinators and secretaries responsible with Erasmus students (minimum one per semester).

Activity 2.3. Improving the online application process and course offer package presentation.

Activity 2.4. Organizing two Erasmus+ Staff Teaching/Training Weeks, one for academic staff and one for administrative staff, each year, with the cooperation of faculties in the first case, creating, thus, periods of time dedicated extensively to incoming staff mobilities. Teaching and training mobilities can be organized outside these dedicated weeks, but only if they bring extensive added value to our community.

Activity 2.5. Organizing welcome events, Erasmus@WUT dedicated website section where incoming students share their experiences and an Erasmus@WUT ambassador initiative for all types of mobilities.

Objective 3. Supporting virtual mobilities in times of crisis and beyond

Activity 3.1. Identifying partners and funding resources for a pilot project concerning an inter-institutional framework for virtual mobilities (studies and teaching).

Activity 3.2. Developing and submitting a project regarding virtual mobilities with a limited number of partners, in a limited number of subject areas: course offer, number of accepted mobilities, technical logistics (platforms to be used, types of evaluation, language, etc).

Activity 3.3. Implementing the pilot project (financed by external sources if the outcome of the previous activity is

positive or by the consortium from internal sources).

Activity 3.4. Feedback on pilot project, adjustments and continuation.

Participation in Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Cooperation among organisations and institutions: *Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices; Partnerships for Excellence – European Universities; Partnerships for Excellence - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees; Partnerships for Innovation*, and participation in Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3): Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3) - *Support to policy development and cooperation*, are linked to the following objective and activities within:

Objective 4. Other Erasmus projects and European Universities

Activity 4.1. Ensuring a constant number of applications for various types of projects financed under the Erasmus umbrella in all faculties, during each academic year, not only as partners, but also as the coordinating institution.

Activity 4.2. Continuing to pursue European Universities project applications based on our institutional objectives, capacities and policies, within consortia that share those specific objectives, capacities and policies.

What is the envisaged impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on your institution?

Please reflect on targets, as well as qualitative and quantitative indicators in monitoring this impact (such as mobility targets for student/staff mobility, quality of the implementation, support for participants on mobility, increased involvement in cooperation projects (under the KA2 action), sustainability/long-term impact of projects etc.) You are encouraged to offer an indicative timeline for achieving the targets related to the Erasmus+ actions.

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Strategia de Internationalizare si Extindere Globala a UVT se concentreaza pe perioada 2020-2024, dar actiunile Erasmus la care intentionam sa participam se vor baza pe activitatile anterioare, implementate in cadrul Programului Erasmus+ anterior, ce vor deveni cu siguranta temeiul pentru actiunile care urmeaza sa fie intreprinse dincolo de aceasta perioada de timp. Continuitatea este cheia in implementarea proiectelor de mobilitate si cooperare internationala si suntem constienti de faptul ca impactul implementarii programului Erasmus in universitatea noastra se bazeaza exact pe aceasta continuitate si pe un mod durabil de punere in practica a actiunilor Erasmus la nivel institutional.

Indicatorii cantitativi, precum si indicatorii calitativi pentru participarea UVT la programul Erasmus, pot fi identificati in cadrul strategiei noastre, de la numarul de mobilitati pe care le organizam, atat fluxul incoming cat si outgoing, pana la crearea unei initiative ambasador Erasmus@UVT pentru a creste vizibilitatea programului, diseminarea rezultatelor mobilitatilor in cadrul comunitatii si transferul cunostintelor dobandite prin intermediul mobilitatilor in cadrul retelelor de studenti si personal UVT. Practic, din perspectiva cantitativa, UVT isi propune sa creasca participarea la toate actiunile Erasmus, precum si sa creasca numarul si sa imbunatateasca accesul la program in ceea ce priveste beneficiarii activitatilor organizate de universitate sub umbrela Erasmus. Din perspectiva calitativa, obiectivele noastre se concentreaza pe cresterea calitatii activitatilor organizate sub umbrela Erasmus in jurul ideii de comunitate: contribuind la Spatiul European de Educatie, la o comunitate Erasmus europeana si chiar globala, sustinand procesele de construire a comunitatii prin proiecte de mobilitate si cooperare, creand comunitati studentesti si de personal in cadrul UVT care sa contribuie la procesele de dezvoltare institutionala.

Mai jos gasiti o lista de indicatori si posibilele termene pentru realizarea lor.

Indicatori cantitativi:

- min 5% crestere progresiva anuala a numarului de mobilitati, atat fluxul incoming cat si fluxul outgoing
- min 5% crestere progresiva anuala a numarului de aplicatii institutionale pentru proiecte in cadrul Actiunilor Cheie KA2 si KA3 Erasmus
- crearea initiativei ambasador Erasmus @UVT incepand cu anul academic 2020-2021
- cresterea vizibilitatii programului prin organizarea de activitati semestriale periodice pentru a favoriza diseminarea rezultatelor mobilitatilor in cadrul comunitatii si transferul cunostintelor dobandite prin intermediul mobilitatilor in cadrul retelelor de studenti si personal UVT, incepand cu anul academic 2020-2021

Indicatori calitativi:

- creșterea calitatii activitatilor organizate sub umbrela Erasmus in jurul ideii de comunitate, prin contributia la comunitatea Erasmus europeana si chiar globala, incepand cu anul academic 2020-2021
- sprijinirea proceselor de construire a comunitatii prin proiecte de mobilitate si cooperare, incepand cu anul academic 2020-2021
- crearea comunitatilor de studenti si personal Erasmus in cadrul UVT, care sa contribuie la procesele de dezvoltare institutionala incepand cu anul academic 2020-2021

EN:

WUT's Internationalisation and Global Outreach Strategy focuses on the 2020-2024 period, but the Erasmus actions we intend to participate in are meant to build on the previous activities we have implemented within the previous Erasmus+ Programme, and will definitely become the ground for actions to be taken beyond this period of time. Continuity is the key in implementing international mobility and cooperation projects, and we are well aware that the impact of the implementation of the Erasmus programme in our university relies exactly on this continuity and on a sustainable way of putting Erasmus actions into practice at ground level.

Quantitative indicators as well as Qualitative indicators for WUT's participation in the Erasmus programme can be identified within our strategy, ranging from the number of mobilities we organize, for both incoming and outgoing flows, to creating an Erasmus@WUT ambassador initiative in order to increase the visibility of the programme, the dissemination of mobilities' results within the community and the transfer of knowledge acquired through mobilities within the WUT networks of students and staff. Practically, from a quantitative perspective, WUT aims to increase participation in all Erasmus actions, as well as to increase the number and to enhance the access to the programme overall in regards to beneficiaries of activities organized by the university under the Erasmus umbrella. From a qualitative perspective, our objectives focus on increasing the quality of activities organized under the Erasmus umbrella around the idea of community: contributing to the European Education Area, contributing to a European and even global Erasmus community, supporting community-building processes through mobility and cooperation projects, creating Erasmus student and staff communities within WUT and empowering them to contribute to institutional development processes.

A list of indicators and possible timelines for achieving them can be found below.

Quantitative indicators:

- min 5% annual progressive increase in the number of both incoming and outgoing mobilities
- min 5% annual progressive increase in the number of institutional project applications within Erasmus KA2 and KA3
- creating an Erasmus@WUT ambassador initiative beginning with the academic year 2020-2021
- increase the visibility of the programme by organising regular semestrial activities to foster dissemination of mobilities' results within the community and transfer of knowledge acquired through mobilities within the WUT networks of students and staff, beginning with the academic year 2020-2021

Qualitative indicators:

- increase the quality of activities organized under the Erasmus umbrella around the idea of community, by contributing to the European and even global Erasmus community, beginning with the academic year 2020-2021
- supporting community-building processes through mobility and cooperation projects, beginning with the academic year 2020-2021
- creating Erasmus student and staff communities within WUT and empowering them to contribute to institutional development processes, beginning with the academic year 2020-2021