



ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT 2021-2027

Kazimiero Simonavičiaus universitetas

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The mission of Kazimieras Simonavicius University (KSU) is to develop high quality, contemporary and internationally competitive studies and research, advance innovativeness, creativity, and transfer of scientific knowledge. Development of international studies and research is the most important strategic priority of the University. Therefore, participation in the Erasmus+ programme is considered to be a necessary element of KSU strategy, which provides opportunity to increase internationalisation of the studies. The aim is to make spending time abroad to study and learn to become the norm. KSU provides all necessary administrative and academic support to all groups of participants – incoming and outgoing, students and staff. KSU in the period of Erasmus+ programme 2014-2020 developed international network which is the ground for continuous cooperation in a new Programme's period 2021-2027. Partner institutions are selected according to the following criteria: relevant study programmes (learning outcomes are the main aspect) and their expertise. Also, KSU seeks to create cooperation network not only in the region, but all over Europe and beyond. The University aims to take part in all activities supported by the Erasmus+ programme, first of all, in students and staff mobility, as well as in the cooperation with foreign higher education institutions, in multilateral projects and networks.

KSU strategy is focused on increasing international presence of the University through international study programmes, international faculty and research projects. Erasmus actions are integral part of the University's strategy significantly contributing to the University's international study and research cooperation activities. Participation in KA1 activities is one of the main measures aimed to increase internationalisation of the studies and improvement of the study quality at the University. Participation in KA2 and KA3 activities leads into the expansion of the knowledge at the global level and further research in relevant areas. The University's strategy is focused on expanding international partnerships with the European universities and other research institutions and active participation in international consortiums, study and



research projects. KSU aims to ensure that every study programme at the University would have international aspect through real or virtual mobility, international courses, international projects for students and staff.

The University's target is to participate in all actions of the Programme; however, the focus is put on students and staff mobility under the KA1 action. KSU aims to ensure that at least 50 % of students and at least 60 % of the teaching staff would have gained experience through international mobility, the number of teaching visits for invited staff from the enterprises would increase twice, and a number of outgoing students and staff would match a number of incoming students and staff till 2027.

KSU implements Erasmus activities in line with all requirements of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. KSU is committed to the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination. The University's Code of Ethics ensures that all students and staff are treated honestly, fairly, equally, regardless of gender, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age, sexual orientation or other differences. Students with fewer possibilities are encouraged to participate in international mobility by applying to various measures, e. i. top-up grants, blended intensive programmes etc. KSU has already started to implement the European Student Card Initiative and will continue this activity in a timeline of the Initiative. Also, the University continues to implement current practice of engaging incoming and outgoing students into civic activities.