

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).

Original language (and translation into EN, FR or DE if the EPS is not in one of these languages)

KTUN supports student and staff mobility as a means for professional and educational development. Internationalisation and modernisation are two important factors for the success of KTUN among the universities all around the world. After the award of ECHE, KTUN will continue,

To increase in the number of bilateral agreements.

To increase the mobility of students of all levels and fields of study.

To increase the teaching staff mobility of variety of academic disciplines.

To increase the administrative staff mobility working at different positions, and

KTUN will take part in projects that are supported by Erasmus Programme so the number of applications for Erasmus+ Projects will increase for the next years. In order to increase this number, KTUN will inform all the students, academic staff and administrative staff about the applications in advance, and will arrange meetings/webinars to give details.

KTUN strongly believes that all these activities will fit into our institutional internationalisation and modernisation strategy that each participant and actors of the programme will learn from each other mutually, and the new knowledge obtained will be used accordingly after blending the pros and cons in terms of culture.

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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International collaborative partnerships are a core element in our strategic objectives in regard to teaching, learning and research. We plan to make agreements with other Higher Education institutions to enable students/staffs to participate in exchange, and also establish connections in terms of multi-dimensional, multi-disciplinary, cross-cultural

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



and futuristic contribution.

As a result of cooperation, staff and students can gain experience and knowledge to share with the others and create a mutual understanding environment.

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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KTUN encourages international co-operation to increase higher education performance and as such works on building new, strong and active international partnerships with EU and non-EIJ universities in the area of mobility of staff teaching / training, student study / training and research.

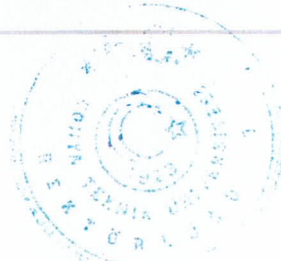
KTUN also aims to strengthen the education, research and business. We are aware that close cooperation with enterprises is important as they are essential for students to gain experience in the area of their future professions and careers.

KTUN has established a centre with the purpose of further developing the cooperation between our university, industry, businesses and non-governmental organisations. Within the existing agreements with some enterprises, these enterprises guarantee employment to our graduates. Also, it is in the interest of Konya Technical University to achieve the full potential of education and culture as drivers for job creation, economic growth and social fairness as well as a means to experience European identity in all its diversity. The goals are;

- spending time abroad to study and learn the standard;
- school and higher education diplomas that are recognised across the EU;
- knowing two languages in addition to one's mother tongue should become the norm;
- everyone should be able to access high quality education, irrespective of their socio-economic background; and
- everyone should have a strong sense of their identity as Europeans, or Europe's cultural heritage and its diversity.

In monitoring all the mentioned expected impacts, KTUN will follow up some steps such as:

- Holding at least one meeting every month to share the latest updates about the agreement and mobility numbers, and the issues encountered by exchange incoming and outgoing students and staffs.
- Being in contact with the students and staff through social media, meetings, etc.
- Emailing partners once a month to ask about the latest updates
- Holding meetings at least twice a year to introduce students and staff to the other students and staff to promote experience share.
- Writing a report after each mobility activity to keep record of personal experience outcomes of students and staff.



2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

2.1 Implementation of the new principles

Please explain the measures taken in your institution to respect the principles of non-discrimination, transparency and inclusion of students and staff. Describe how your institution ensures full and equitable access to participants from all backgrounds, paying particular attention to the inclusion of those with fewer opportunities.

We will demonstrate our strong institutional commitment to equality of opportunity, offering additional assistance to those from disadvantaged backgrounds. We will make arrangements with partner institutions to enable students with disabilities to participate in Erasmus exchange through emphasizing that we are supporting them. We will build on our experience to enhance and develop inclusive policies and practice in regard to all aspects of mobility. Also, participants from all backgrounds and inclusion of those with fewer opportunities will be encouraged to participate indicating that we all deserve to be treated equally.

Please explain what measures your institution will put in place to implement the European Student Card Initiative, and promote the use of the programme's Erasmus+ mobile App to students. Please refer to the timeline indicated on the European Student Card Initiative website².

The European Student Card Initiative will enable each exchange student to easily and safely identify and register themselves electronically at higher education institutions within Europe when moving abroad for studies, eliminating the need to complete onsite registration procedures and paper work so KTUN will take the necessary initiatives to implement the European Student Card Initiative as soon as possible in order to adjust the new policies and regulations on time. This process will start with the design of new student cards then a new student software system will be introduced to all students and staff. In order to promote the use of the programme's Erasmus+ mobile App all the students will be informed about the app, and advised to download it to get the latest news on time. Also, a link for direct download will be shared on KTUN Erasmus Office website.

Please explain how your institutions will implement and promote environmentally friendly practices in the context of the Erasmus+ programme.

In the context of Erasmus+ Programme, KTUN will implement and promote environmentally friendly practices through decreasing paper usage for formal procedures, arranging activities that will comprehend the importance of environment and environment protection like tree planting, nature walking, holding conferences on environment.

Please explain how you will promote civic engagement and active citizenship amongst your outgoing and incoming students before, after and during mobility.

Civic participation is a continuous activity, and we are responsible for our students and staff's beliefs and values. Civic participation requires active engagement, which is a combination of knowledge, skills, attitudes and actions to build a healthy society. So, KTUN is prepared to take action and participate to create a safe, healthy and sustainable education for students, and professional development system for the staffs.

With this aim, KTUN will integrate podcasts, videos and presentations into the lessons that invite civic participation, encourage students and staff to be active to share their experiences, initiate social groups, clubs and social responsibility projects, promote economic, cultural, social, political subsystems which will be recognised in society, coordinate a peer help system, and organize meetings, intercultural communication with other students and staff who are interested face-to-face and through social networks.

² https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative_en

2.2 When participating in Mobility Activities - After mobility

Please demonstrate your commitment to implement full automatic recognition in your Higher Education Institution.

Please describe the concrete steps you will take to ensure the full automatic recognition of all credits gained for learning outcomes achieved during a mobility period abroad/ a blended mobility, according to the Council Recommendation on Automatic Mutual Recognition³.

Full automatic recognition of earned ECTS credits (study and/or traineeships) is given to all achievements as defined and guaranteed by KTUN. After the mobility period, the recognition process starts automatically in correspondence to the original learning agreement. The achievements are recognised and counted towards the final degree made apparent in their transcript of records and Diploma Supplements. The students also have the right to object in case of any recognition problems after their mobility period. Transcripts including detailed information of the incoming students' achievements are given to them within 2 weeks after the end date of the mobility period.

Please describe your institution's measures to support, promote and recognise staff mobility:

Staff mobility is always encouraged by KTUN, as it helps to develop communication, and contribute international sharing of knowledge and expertise. Staff mobility is promoted among teaching and administrative staff for its positive influence on career prospects, and strengthens with partner universities. Mobility of staff is supported through personal counseling and cultural preparation by the Erasmus Office. University also welcomes visiting staff and the contribution they make to its teaching program.

Any short or long term staff mobility will also be recognised, rewarded and encouraged by KTUN with benefits such as: a letter of gratitude signed by the university rector, advantages in academic promotion etc.

2.3 For the Purposes of Visibility

Please provide the web link where you will host the Erasmus Policy statement in the future. Please reflect on how you plan to regularly promote the activities supported by the Programme.

(<http://ktun.edu.tr/Home/IdariBirim/84>)

All agreements, application processes and selection procedures will be announced on the web site link provided above, and to all departments with an official letter. The selection of students and staff and allocation of grants will be made in an objective, transparent, coherent and documented way.

The University undertakes to support students and staffs participating in projects under the Programme. The University provides administrative and academic guidance before and after the mobility. On the selection stage, University disseminates information on mobility opportunities (via email, info sessions, etc.). Erasmus Office will provide support related to organisational arrangements and offer administrative assistance related to financial management, recognition procedures, etc.

Please describe how you will ensure that the principles of this Charter will be well communicated and applied by staff at all levels of the institution.

Erasmus Office of KTUN is legal representative of the applicant University, and certify that the information contained in the Charter will be shared with the staff at all levels of the institution and meetings will be held to ensure the Charter is well communicated and applied.

³ The text of the Council Recommendation on Automatic Mutual Recognition may be found at: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1568891859235&uri=CELEX:32018H1210\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1568891859235&uri=CELEX:32018H1210(01))