

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

From the perspective of 2020 Erasmus+ Programme, Trabzon University (TRU) acknowledges institutional internalization and modernisation are one of the most important priorities for HEIs to contribute to the goals of the new Agenda set by Erasmus+ Programme.

In order to achieve these goals, the policy objectives TRU pursues to contribute towards institutional internalization and modernisation are:

- promoting international strategic collaborative partnership with other institutions with cross-border cooperation in the domain of higher education.
- supporting the implementation of digital mobility management in line with European Student Card Initiative and other online resources to improve the quality and the quantity of international collaborations.
- making innovative use of new Information Technologies to enrich teaching and enhance the student experience during mobility period abroad/a blended mobility.
- enhancing the potential of international staff mobility by catering for all their needs to increase their competence and motivation, and using the feedback from participants for the benefits of international staff mobility to become an integral part of professional development.

With the goal of contributing to building a European Education Area, TRU promotes the internalization of learning and teaching processes through good relationship and cooperation with international academic, scientific and economic structures and enhances the diversity of its students and faculty as a means to promote high academic standards.

TRU aims to reinforce mobility by providing its students with more opportunities to have learning experience abroad. Our institution ensures equal and equitable access and opportunities to current and prospective participants from all backgrounds, paying particular attention to the inclusion of those with fewer opportunities. Likewise, TRU aims to appeal international exchange students by developing integrated, transnational teaching and learning activities with online resources and study materials ready for their use. Moreover, TRU aims to internationalize its curriculum by increasing the number of study programmes taught in foreign languages, increasing the number of international faculty and researchers and improving the language competency of the local teaching and administrative staff.

In line with the Erasmus+ Programme fostering a positive attitude towards multicultural awareness and a stronger sense of European identity amongst mobile students, TRU takes action to promote civic engagement and active citizenship amongst outgoing and incoming students before, after and during mobility. To ensure this engagement, TRU facilitates the establishment of the nominated outbound students' awareness by encouraging them to participate in the orientation activities organized by the academic departments and Erasmus Office, and take an active part in the ESN Trabzon organization. Also, TRU intends to strengthen inbound mobile participants' integration in the

host society by organising activities with ESN Trabzon allowing them to be crucially engaged with, and develop their skills beyond formal education setting.

The participation of TRU in the Erasmus+ Programme has the envisaged impact of strengthening cross-border cooperation to boost higher education performance along with developing academic, social and cultural skills of mobile participants.

In order to develop international cooperation, TRU has made several bilateral agreements with other HEIs all around Europe, and is a member of a Consortium Project to support staff and student mobility, student recruitment, and capacity-building. Additionally, TRU intends to take part in KA2 and KA3 projects as well by acknowledging the importance of initiating research and educational projects and building partnerships to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, employability, knowledge exchange and/or multidisciplinary teaching and learning.