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The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy (all three parts) on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees. (max. 5000 characters)

Original language [EN]

The University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Iași, with over one hundred years of academic activity, is a modern higher educational institution, strongly engaged to promote efficient strategy in education and training of the young generation in agricultural sciences and veterinary medicine. The European interuniversity cooperation, offered by Erasmus Programme, promoted and founded by the European Commission, was and is an excellent, the most efficient, opportunity for our university to participate in the European Area of Higher Education.

The Board of the university, by its strategy, is deeply awarded on the importance and noble mission of the Erasmus Programme and, therefore, the participants in this Programme have to be up expectations to this mission. In this respect, according to the fundamental principles of the European Commission on the higher education, our university will consequently promote total its engagement for a new quality in higher education, to get good professionals and European citizens. In accordance with our strategic objectives on the promotion the growth, transfer and application of knowledge and to establish centres of excellence in teaching and research, we aim to improve the quality, competitiveness and European dimension of our educational range, to develops its lifelong learning strategies and to integrate our university in its training, research and educational system.

About our strategy for the European and international cooperation, we use the specific and the most efficient measures to offer information to future interested peoples from our university and from abroad, such as websites, promotion brochures, EU and international informal reports on higher education. In the same time, the Erasmus office collects information about European universities which could become our partners.

We are interested to cooperate with the famous universities from Western Europe (UK, France, Italy, Germany), but we do not promote any discrimination criteria in choosing the partner universities, which have the same field study with us. In the last time we are assisting to enhancement of cooperation with the universities from Turkey, Greece and the Northern countries, including ones from the former Soviet Union.

In any partnership, our university is committed to respect the European values in higher education and to respect the national and own rules of the universities, in a climate of good-understanding and reciprocal fruitful academic cooperation. According to the Erasmus rules we are engaged to promote and to participate in mobility activities dedicated for students and university staff.

Student mobilities, including learning and training activities will involve the students in the three cycles (bachelor, master and doctorate). The main objectives of this kind of mobility will be according to the recommendation of European Commission: to use experience of learning in the European universities to improve the level of education, language and culture knowledge; to promote cooperation between partner universities and to create an European educational environment; to have a great contribution to the development of a pool of well qualified, open-minded and international experience future professionals.

The second target group in mobility activities is teaching staff. Their objectives are in accordance with European Commission recommendations: to develop an exchange system between partner institutions to enlarge and enrich “the range and content of courses they offer”; to share new knowledge and teaching methods of invited staff to the students and other participants which do not participate in Erasmus mobility; to create or to extend the cooperation links “between higher education institution and enterprises; to motivate and encourage the students and staff to participate in Erasmus Programme.

The third target group participating in Erasmus mobilities is administrative and technical staff. The major objective of this activity are following: to improve the knowledge and specific knew-how of the staff, according to the experiences, good practices and practical skills from host universities; to participate in building up an efficient system for a good cooperation between universities and enterprises; to stimulate and encourage the students and staff to be involved in Erasmus Programme activities.

If applicable, please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Programme. (max. 2000 characters)

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In University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, all the international cooperation activities are coordinated by the Vice-Rector for foreign cooperation who is responsible for applying the same strategy, according to specificity of this activity.

As we firmly declare, the international cooperation projects, were and will be an efficient measure to enhance quality of the complex process of teaching, training and education of our students. International cooperation is a good opportunity to exchange experiences in these activities with other universities from the Europe and world. We have or we are going to have such cooperation projects on teaching and research with the universities from Europe (Germany, Greece, UK, France, Italy etc), United States of America, Israel, China, Chile etc.

In organization and implementation the projects, if applicable, we use the experiences got during Erasmus Programme running. Even, some new cooperation projects were elaborated as a result of the Erasmus mobilities. Also, using the non-Erasmus projects we could develop the Erasmus bilateral agreements.

In EU and non-EU cooperation we use more or less the same strategy which is used in Erasmus Programme if it is referring to teaching and training activities.

The objectives are: to increase number of the cooperation projects; to make an exigent selection of the participants; each participant must to prepare and apply a specific work plan for duration of stage abroad; each mobility must to be finalized with a report which is submitted to the board of the department and faculty; final report must have specific proposal for new cooperation.

Finally, in our strategy for international inter-universities cooperation, Erasmus Programme would have to be the first step in the development of international cooperation: teaching staff to be the messengers of the academic proposals for cooperation and the students to be the messengers of university and Romanian student profiles.

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda*) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve. (max. 3000 characters)

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Our university participation in the Erasmus Programme was an opportunity and chance to benefit by an efficient way of modernisation of higher education, and Romanian society, after a long period of communism system. It is well know common opinion that, everywhere in world, higher education must be an open and free human activity. For that purpose, our university participation in the Erasmus Programme has the relevance of the benefit of the freedom and cooperation with all the universities from the Europe.

Our university is aware, in accordance with European recommendation, that higher education have to become the engine of our society modernisation. According to the Modernisation Agenda, we have to be strongly engaged and able to respect the following European and national priorities: "to increase the number of higher education graduates, to improve quality and relevance of teaching and research training, to equip graduates with knowledge and transferable competence techniques (...), to provide more opportunities for the students to gain additional skills (...) and to encourage cross-border cooperation (...), to strengthen the knowledge triangle, linking education, research and business".

Our university is highly confident that expected impact of our participation in Erasmus Programme is and will be very positive in assuring of the achievement of the following university's aims: to have modern/European professoriate and students, to use the more effective teaching, training and research methods, to have fair recognition over the Europe, to be competitive at European standards level and our graduates to be compatible and competitive with their European colleagues on the labour market, to be an active actor in the European Education Area and the national framework for the European future development.

We hope our results to be at the level of the confidence and investment of the European Union.

* COM (2011) 567 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0567:FIN:EN:PDF>)