

Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS)

I.a) The University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Iași is a higher educational institution strongly engaged to promote modern education and training based on the newest science and technique achievements.

The European interuniversitary cooperation offered by the generous Life-long Learning Programme (LLP) promoted by the European Commission and mainly by the Erasmus Programme is an excellent opportunity for our university to be integrated in the European Area of Higher Education.

Therefore, the strategy, objectives and priorities of our university for its Erasmus activities will be subordinate to enhance efficacy of the Erasmus activities planned for the 2007-2013 period and to comply with the principles of the Erasmus programme.

In this respect, strategy of our universities is an enhanced involvement of the responsible factors for international relationships, as well as of the academic staff and students in all the Erasmus activities.

To promote this strategy, our objectives are following:

- enhancement of the number of bilateral agreement and diversification of the Erasmus activities;**
- improvement of the organization of student and staff mobility and promotion of the student placements;**
- integral acknowledgement of teaching activities or study period, including credits, according to ECTS;**
- enhancement of attraction to Erasmus activities for outgoing and incoming students and teaching staff.**

In order to accomplish objectives, the following priorities were established:

- improvement of the international relationship office activity by adequate staff and appropriate infrastructure;**
- more intensive promotion of the opportunities offered by Erasmus programme;**
- qualitative enhancement of the selection and preparation of the Erasmus students and teaching staff;**
- improvement of the abroad activity evaluation for the Erasmus students and teaching staff;**
- much more support to the outgoing and incoming Erasmus students.**

b) Our University is clearly aware that the Erasmus activities are subordinated to a noble mission and, therefore, the students and academic staff involved in Erasmus programme must correspond to this mission.

According to the fundamental principles of Erasmus programme, our university will use the specific measure to give good visibility to Erasmus activity and to organize an adequate promotion of the Erasmus University charter and the EPS. In this respect, all the information dedicated to Erasmus programme will be accessible on web page of the university; seminars and workshops will be organized; printed materials as posters, student guides and journals etc. will be at the disposal of all students and teaching staff.

Devoted to the European civilization values, our university complies with non-discrimination objectives: gender equality, integration of disabled students and staff, enhancement of social and economic cohesion and combating of xenophobia and racism.

II. The personnel of the Office will carry out the management of all the Erasmus activities for LLP. This management is based on the principles for a new quality in education, training and research, according to the European Quality Charter for mobility (2005).

In this respect, the student and teaching staff selection will be made based on professional assessment criteria in addition with good foreign language knowledge, good communication ability as well as a high understanding of their mission in the host universities as ambassador of Romanian higher education and of our university.

The Board of the University and European Cooperation Office will be strongly determined to apply the following measures:

- complete recognition of study period abroad based on the learning records and credits according to ECTS;**
- recognition of teaching period as an activity dedicated for a better acquaintance and cooperation between involved universities;**
- the Erasmus students and teaching staff will benefit from the information in partner universities curricula and opportunities for studying abroad;**
- tutoring and integration of incoming students are special measures established to enhance attraction for our university and ensure a European dimension of the Erasmus mobility;**
- to the all incoming students will be offered special services for foreign student regarding accommodation, canteen, integration in the socio-cultural life of student community from our university and our town;**
- preparatory and refresher language courses can be provided by the staff of our university or in special courses organized at the university center from our town;**

Responsible factors for a better quality of Academic mobility activities express their highly commitment to fulfill any tasks in applying above measures.

III. University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Iasi is strongly devoted to the new Erasmus programme activities dedicated to the diversification and improvement of the ways used in the European Community development as an advanced knowledge-based society with sustainable economic development. Therefore, our institution will be highly involved to implement specific measures in order to ensure a high quality in student placements. Our university will pay special attention to tutoring and supervision of the students during abroad studying period.

In this respect, the following measures were established:

- this activity will be organized based on the special partnership with enterprises, training centers, research centers or other organization;**
- the placement partner will be selected according with specific criteria, including education and training ability, very good socio-professional conditions, without any discrimination regarding gender, age, nationality, religion etc.**
- according with Erasmus programme exigency, the partnership will establish a firm agreement with placement partner regarding work-programme, persons involved in tutoring, supervision and monitoring;**
- agreement between university and placement partners will be emphasized by the partnership members responsibilities, having as main goals the increase of the student placement efficacy and to ensure the proper study training and socio-cultural conditions;**
- monitoring and evaluation of the placement period as well as its recognition in the curriculum will be established according with Erasmus fundamental principles, emphasizing on the efficacy of the placements and attractiveness of this kind of Erasmus activity.**

Board of the university and factors responsible for the European programme express their firm conviction that student placement activities will be done at a high level quality in the spirit of Erasmus programme requirements.