

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT 2021-2027

The College of European and Regional Studies is a regional private college offering unique professional bachelor's degree programmes preparing experts in the security and legal professions, public administration and services in the South Bohemian and Central Bohemian regions. The high employability of graduates at the regional labour market is based on the close connection of the educational process with regional companies and consumers of social practice.

The long-term mission of The College of European and Regional Studies is to develop wide-ranging forms of cooperation with various professional and interest groups, to implement its own creative activities as well as research and project activities, to provide lifelong learning and active involvement in the economic and cultural events of the Danube-Vltava European Region.

The international dimension and internationalization of the activities of The College of European and Regional Studies has become one of the main priorities of the *Long-term plan for educational and scientific, research, development and innovation, art and other creative activities for the period 2016-2020*, and the new *Strategic Plan 2021+* is about to involve the same.

Internationalization at The College of European and Regional Studies means all procedures, measures and activities that are aimed at strengthening the international dimension of the college in the field of study and creative activities. Internationalization has its external as well as internal dimension. These are mainly the following points:

- incoming and outgoing student and academic/staff stays within various programmes, Erasmus+ Programme being emphasised,
- widening the offer of subjects taught in a foreign language,
- improving the language skills of students, academics and staff,
- obtaining the projects with an international dimension,
- presentation of the college at international educational and scientific fairs,
- involving the academics in international research teams,
- concluding and implementing cooperation agreements with foreign universities and colleges,
- strengthening international environment at the college,
- promoting the college in foreign languages (promotional materials, web),
- other activities strengthening internationalization at the college.

Internationalization is in compliance with the mission of The College of European and Regional Studies and thus affects all the main activities of the college - study, scientific, research and creative activities, the third role of the college. Fulfillment of this mission contributes to improving the quality of The College of European and Regional Studies and its development.

In all areas of cooperation, The College of European and Regional Studies abides by the generally valid principles such as openness, transparency, equal access, ethics and non-discrimination and it also abides by The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and The Code of Ethics of The College of European and Regional Studies.



The aim of international activities of The College of European and Regional Studies is primarily to contribute to the internationalization, modernization and development of the educational environment through cooperation with partners from other European Union countries. At present, the college has 30 international partnership agreements, in which 22 are Erasmus+ agreements in 7 countries, and the number is constantly growing.

The College of European and Regional Studies chooses its partners with regard to similar focus of study programmes and similar professional activities. Thanks to the ongoing mobility, the contacts are used to gain, provide or disseminate experience at the international level. Mutual comparison and work shadowing in certain areas brings valuable knowledge and examples of good practice to the organization.

In the following period 2021–2027, The College of European and Regional Studies will continue to support cooperation and partnership with current partners and establish cooperation with new partners, in order to effectively increase openness within the international environment.

The emphasis will be put on increasing students' motivation for internships and long-term study stays. Thanks to their studying abroad, students will not only strengthen their professional and cultural knowledge, but will also improve their language skills or learn about new educational systems. Thus students will grow personally and raise their value and competitiveness at the labour market.

Also thanks to the exchange of academic staff, the school achieves a higher level of excellence through the dissemination of new experience and knowledge. Participation in the Erasmus+ Programme brings activities that ensure, in particular, the transfer of foreign knowledge, the creation and implementation of innovative educational techniques and teaching methods and, last but not least, contribute to the professional growth of academics and staff.

In the new programming period, The College of European and Regional Studies wants to widen its range of successful and cost-effective sustainable projects with international participation in the field of education, research or for the purpose of releasing quality publications.

Building of the European Higher Education Area will certainly be strengthened by the planned digitization of the programme in which The College of European and Regional Studies will also participate.

Other goals include improving the language skills of students, academics and staff, improving conditions for students from socially disadvantaged background or people with disabilities. The emphasis will also be put on the environmental dimension of the internationalization of The College of European and Regional Studies, which will help to develop and participate in the building of the European Higher Education Area.

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