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Erasmus Policy Statement

Polytechnic Institute of Santarém is working hard to make internationalization and modernisation of the education a goal to all the academic community. We are party to a wide number of agreements on staff and student mobility and research network. These agreements are the key instrument to develop cooperation between institutions and are the ground to student and staff exchange activities. Partners are chose accordingly the share of study fields and research common interests. Geographically, Polytechnic of Santarém aims to keep and strengthen the existing cooperation with the European countries, Latin America and African partners. The Polytechnic already participates in international networks and activities that provide access to diverse academic and cultural environments in other parts of the world. As for the activities carried out in the scope of KA2 and Erasmus Mundus projects, our commitment to continue to promote these actions, either as coordinator or as a partner, is still strong.

Polytechnic of Santarém wishes to attract more and more students and staff visitors from aboard, because we believe that this is the way to create a dynamic learning environment and that it constitute an important source of diversity and challenge. Simultaneously, we believe that it is very important to our students to have the opportunity to develop a global outlook, intercultural understanding and languages skills. We would like that the polytechnic students would have the opportunity to be enrolled in an international experience, either in their study programme (a period of study/training abroad) or through the engagement in some activities of the internationalisation at home. The polytechnic offers guidance with the planning of a stay abroad and continues its efforts to establish a friendly approach for all the necessary document procedures. Concerning staff mobility, the polytechnic encourages international mobility among administrative staff. Staff and teachers are encouraged to engage in international activities and to take part in training opportunities abroad. The international relations office helps students, teachers and staff at every step to make mobility a reality.



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Polytechnic of Santarém needs to strengthen the international dimension of its degree programmes. It is important that students became equipped to compete on the global job market. This is also done through the creation of frameworks for exchange. Polytechnic Institute of Santarém interacts closely with its partners across Europe and in Latin America regarding the content and planning of exchange activities and research collaboration.

As an integrated part of the Polytechnic internationalisation strategy, participation in international cooperation projects in teaching and learning will contribute to strengthening its international profile. Participation in the activities of the Erasmus programme will strongly contribute to that aim. We encourage and support our academic staff to engage in international cooperation projects, strategic partnerships, capacity building, knowledge's alliances and joint degree programmes and we have implemented an administrative office that offers the necessary backup to implement and carry out the project activities and to disseminate project results at institutional and departmental level.

The International Relations Office is in charge of the maintenance of the international partnerships and provide a wide range of support for the international students and visiting staff in close cooperation with other departments and services of the Polytechnic.

From 2017 to 2021 Polytechnic of Santarém is the coordinator institution of a national consortium, ErasmusCentro - promoting mobility from and to the HEI and companies participating, creating a large impact on the institutions learning, professional and cultural environment.

Similarly, our Polytechnic has an active strategy establishing partnerships with universities from other parts of the world, namely in Latin America countries, and we have been working, in the past 5 years, to build strong networks either to promote student and staff exchanges, but also research and staff/teachers collaboration at different levels.

The participation in the Erasmus Programme will allow us to fruitfully develop the existing cooperation bonds, strengthen links and initiate new ones.

IPSantarém is committed to consolidate and increase internationalization objectives: internationalization at home, participation and development of projects within the scope of the KA2 and other actions, growth in the numbers of student and staff mobility, increased visibility and diversification of internationalization actions. The objectives to achieve are the responsibility



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of the International Relations Office, in line with the institutional strategy and the cooperation of the entire academic community. The goals to achieve keep in mind the IP Santarém commitment to the **Erasmus Charter Principles**.

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