



Erasmus Policy Statement Instituto Politécnico de Santarém

Having in mind the principles of the Erasmus Charter for the Higher Education,

At the Polytechnic Institute of Santarém we are 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 chosen accordingly the share of study fields and research common interests. Geographically, Polytechnic Institute 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 that are expected to become important knowledge areas.

Polytechnic wishes to attract more and more students and staff visitors from abroad, because we believe that this is the way to create a dynamic learning environment and that it constitutes an important source of healthy 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 want that the polytechnic students, from different backgrounds, 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.

Staff and teachers are encouraged to engage in international activities as well and to take part in training opportunities abroad.

Polytechnic Institute of Santarém needs to strengthen the international dimension of its degree programmes. It is important that students are equipped to compete on the global job market. This is partly 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.

Participation in the Erasmus programme is the most significant contribution to Polytechnic Institute of Santarém to achieve its aims and fulfil its aspirations in the next 7 years.

IP Santarém reinforces its commitment to consolidating and increasing **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 in line with the institutional strategy and **need the support and cooperation of the entire academic community**. Activities to develop: student mobility, with flows above 100 / year; staff mobility, flows in the order of 40 / year; internal and external awareness and dissemination actions; holding meetings and training, also using distance training. The direct beneficiaries of the action are estimated at 10% of the academic community, but the indirect ones even go beyond the remaining academic community, as they have repercussions on the surrounding community (ex. internship locations), in the regional press, on social networks through official channels of IP Santarém, in welcoming students and incoming staff and sharing in informal groups. Sharing the experience of European collaboration transposed into partnerships with the rest of the world has been very useful. The type and number of outputs varies, but the production of documents for audio-visual, use of testimonies and holding face-to-face sessions to publicize projects are common practice. We also want to increase the number of applications for other actions as a fruit of the relationship generated with other similar institutions provided by staff mobility. As an outcome of these activities, we hope to maintain or even increase the number of mobilities and maintain the level of satisfaction of the participants in the actions, which has been high, both for outgoing and incoming mobilities.

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