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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 SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava intends to strengthen its international relations within and outside Europe. Equal conditions are created for all University departments to ensure bilateral cooperation in accordance with the contacts of our individual teachers and our accredited study programmes.

All partner universities in all participating countries are eligible for the cooperation if consistency or similarity can be found in our study programmes. The aim of our University is to obtain experiences and good practices from other European universities and to compare the study quality and placement of our graduates. The staff of our University are willing to hand over their experiences to their partners within and outside Europe.

The most important objective of our University is to send students and teachers to study abroad and to accept ERASMUS-Incomings from our partner universities.

Student mobility is generally based on inter-institutional agreements and on learning agreements approved by the student, the home university and the host university. Provided all activities indicated in the learning agreement were completed by the mobile student satisfactorily, they are counted towards the student's degree.

As for incoming mobile participants, our University provides and will provide mobile students with transcripts containing a full, accurate and timely record of their achievements at the end of their mobility period.

As for incoming mobile teaching staff/staff, mobility is carried out based on inter-institutional agreements and approved work programmes beforehand. Our University provides and will provide the mobile staff with the confirmation of their work programmes before the start of mobility and with the confirmation of the realisation of their work programmes at the end of their mobility periods.

Teacher mobility is valued as a clear contribution to the teacher's professional profile and growth. Teacher mobility, that matches the preparation of projects and the increase in the educational work quality, creation of new professional contacts and search for new university study possibilities in Europe, will be supported. The University will enlarge mobility in all three study cycles supporting self-action and dynamism of students and teachers.

The University will also look for its involvement in the Erasmus-Mundus programme and in other suitable programmes.

The University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava intends to enlarge the number of incoming students and teachers and therefore it will promote appropriate activities through printed materials and electronic means to enhance its visibility. The University wants to promote its activities through the participation of its scientific staff in scientific events and sessions of European universities. Its intention is also to promote the University study programmes on its own website.

The student and teacher mobility participants recruitment will continue on the level of departments and faculties. The University departments and faculties assert their requirements for the mobility participants. The mobility selection equality will further be based on the motivation of the candidates and on their professional expertise and foreign language competencies. The social status, race, gender, religion and health status will not be taken into account. Thus, the process of mobility participants selection will be transparent and objective to avoid any kind of discrimination; disabled mobility participants will be given special support by the University Support Centre for Students with Specific Needs.

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)

Original language [EN]

Cooperation projects in teaching and student mobility are carried out based on bilateral agreements; our University seeks to conclude inter-institutional agreements within the Programme. The inter-institutional agreements are made with regard to the similarity of study programmes of the partner departments and based on personal contacts mostly. The University Office for International Relations mediates contacts, participates in the conclusion of the agreements, archives them and checks their validity.

Teacher and staff mobility is carried out based on approved teaching/ staff work programmes within the valid bilateral agreements. Student learning agreements (SLA) and teaching/staff mobility work programmes are first approved at the department/ faculty level and then by the University Institutional Coordinator. The above-mentioned documents are confirmed before the start of the mobility.

Any changes to SLA are made within one month after the start of the student mobility and have to be approved by the student, the departments concerned and the University Institutional Coordinator.

Completing the student/ teaching/ staff mobility, the University Office for International Relations checks all the necessary documents, i.e. the approvals, the structure of the courses and the amount of obtained ECTS-credits.

The mobility flows are administrated and coordinated by the Office for International Relations.

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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The University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava intends to:

- increase the quantity and quality of its graduates at all three levels (Bc., MA, PhD.);
- enhance the quality and relevance of human capital development;
- create effective governance and funding mechanisms in support of its excellence and the excellence of its mobility activities;
- strengthen the connection between education, research and business;
- support the general internationalism of the institution at all levels.

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