

1. ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS)

1.1 Erasmus activities included in your EPS

In this section, you need to tick the Erasmus activities covered by your Erasmus Policy Statement. Please select those activities that your HEI intends to implement during the entire duration of the Programme.

Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility:

The mobility of higher education students and staff

Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Cooperation among organisations and institutions:

Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices

Partnerships for Excellence – European Universities

Partnerships for Excellence - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Partnerships for Innovation

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3):

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3) - Support to policy development and cooperation:

1.2 Erasmus Policy statement (EPS): your strategy

Your Erasmus Policy Statement should reflect how you intended to implement Erasmus after the award of the ECHE. Should you wish to add additional activities in the future, you will need to amend your Erasmus Policy Statement and inform your Erasmus National Agency.

What would you like to achieve by participating in the Erasmus Programme? How does your participation in the Erasmus Programme fit into your institutional internationalisation and modernisation strategy?

(Please reflect on the objectives of your participation. Please explain how you expect the participation in Erasmus to contribute towards modernising your institution, as well as on the

goal of building a European Education Area¹ and explain the policy objectives you intend to pursue).

Original language (and translation into EN, FR or DE if the EPS is not in one of these languages)

Participation in the mobility actions (KA1) and cooperation projects (KA2) of the Erasmus+ program is intended to support the internationalization of students and staff and to develop international, teaching and RDI cooperation with selected partners. The aim of such intensified cooperation is to strengthen the international competence of students in international interaction and to widen their knowledge and skills through the offerings of international partners in cooperation. The objectives of the staff mobility periods are to develop innovative practices in teaching and study support services. In addition, the intention is for such practices to become integrated into KAMK's activities and into the activities of the project consortiums through projects, as has occurred in the case of the new practices, outcomes and training schemes achieved in the KA2 projects. The projects also seek solutions to the common development challenges faced by European higher education institutions.

KAMK's international activities and its development are directed not only by its own strategies but also by national targets set for the years 2017-2025 by the Ministry of Education and Culture and targets concerning the European education area.

KAMK's goal looking forward to the year 2030, is to be an attractive and robust higher education community, to offer successful and effective education that meets regional requirements and to be a nationally and globally attractive partner within selected spearhead sectors. International cooperation will promote KAMK's strategic objectives. KAMK also plays a significant role in promoting internationalization in the region.

The aim of KAMK's international cooperation is to use English-taught degrees, double-degree programs, student exchange and RDI cooperation more efficiently and to provide fees-based education offerings and international education projects. As a regional higher education provider in Kainuu, KAMK creates interesting study path models for all types of learners with leading national and international universities. KAMK's task as a regional developer requires intensive, added value-generating cooperation with working life (businesses, public organizations, third sector). Furthermore, KAMK's objective is to develop a time and place independent digital service concept. The opportunities provided by the Erasmus+ program form one of the central tools to achieve this goal.

KAMK's goal is also to genuinely benefit from internationality. This means that all the degrees contain a path focusing on international expertise. Internationality is included in the curriculum by offering courses taught in English, language and cultural studies, and by encouraging mobility and in most degrees offered by KAMK, international exchange is already included in the curriculum.

KAMK promotes the formation of a European education area by encouraging the active participation of students and staff in mobility. The number of students and staff participating in mobility schemes will be increased. The Erasmus+ program is the foundation of KAMK's international activities. Its funding provides all students with access to international exchanges and through accreditation, enables the inclusion of foreign studies or practical training in degrees accomplished in the student's home country. With the assistance of the Erasmus+ program, it is possible to implement and plan staff and student mobility periods in the long term which in turn advances the internationalization and quality of higher education, an example of this being the Diploma Supplement Label awarded to KAMK.

The formation of a European education area is also promoted by developing double degree programs in cooperation with European higher education institutions, offering high quality English-taught degrees, implementing joint student projects and courses and project cooperation. Moreover, KAMK's goal to develop a digital service concept supports the objectives of forming the European education area and the European Student Card initiative.