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ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

Mobility Consortium “Calabria 2020 Plus” - Rif. n°2018-1-IT02-KA103-047660”, nell’ambito del Programma Erasmus+ - Settore Istruzione Superiore - Attività KA1 Mobilità per l'apprendimento individuale - Codice CUP F84E18000140006

Institution’s international (EU and non-EU) strategy

Calabria 2020 plus strongly believes in International Mobility of Students and Staff of the Consortium's partners. We are a large and comprehensive consortium which cooperates with several hundred higher education institutions (HEI) and companies around Europe. Our Strategy is as follows: concerning the EU countries, we have agreements with the most important Universities in Europe. We are now trying to increase the number of collaborations with HEI in the Partner Countries of Europe. Since one of the main barrier in that case is the language, we are encouraging our students to acquire a better knowledge of English and get the relative certificates (IELTS, TOEFL, etc). Concerning the non EU countries, Calabria 2020 plus will choose every year a geographical area to be considered strategic for the promotion of international activities. Recently, the indicated areas were Latin America, the Mediterranean area and Asia, Western Balkan countries and Russia. For students at Bachelor’s and Master's level, a training period abroad can be an experience very useful to understand the international dimension of work. We ask them to carefully chose the training programme to be included in the learning agreement in order to maximize their recognition by Universities. Calabria 2020 plus encourages staff training abroad as a good opportunity in the two countries who get to know each other and very often establish research collaborations.

Calabria 2020 plus encourages Administrative and Technical Staff Members to spend periods of at least 5 days abroad visiting offices dealing with similar activities (job shadowing) or participating to Staff mobility weeks.

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.

The Governing Boards of Calabria 2020 plus have endorsed in 2018 a plan for the Internationalisation of the Universities, that includes the following goals:

1. Support to promoters of international, cooperation agreements, for the implementation of student mobility;
2. Funding for foreign students enrolling in second-cycle degree courses;
3. Funding for students and staff mobility in the frame of Erasmus+;
4. Advertising Calabria 2020 plus opportunities on the major areas of interest, such as Central and East Asia, Middle East, Arabian countries, Latin America and Eastern European countries;
5. Information material on mobility published for students and staff;
6. Updating of Consortium's web-page for students and staff;
7. Introduction of further languages of teaching, directly connected with new emerging countries, such as China, Russia and Arabic countries.



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Expected impact on the modernisation of Calabria 2020 plus Consortium (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda*) in terms of the policy objectives to be achieved.

International Mobility and in particular the Erasmus Programme plays a very important role in the international strategy of the partners of Calabria 2020 plus Consortium because we believe that can have a significant impact on.

Quality of Education. Training periods abroad are very useful for Staff, Students and Doctoral candidates allowing them to get specific knowledge or training in fields not available or not well developed at their Universities. Having hundreds of agreements with European and non-European higher education Institutions and other organizations, we offer a very wide choice to our staff, students and graduates. Employability: training periods abroad under European mobility Programmes are very useful to obtain “soft or transferrable skills” such as autonomy, critical thinking, creativity, etc. which are very much appreciated by prospective employers as indicated by different studies. Calabria 2020 plus Consortium pays special attention to the quality of the placements because believes that high quality placements can result in a significant increase of the employability not only of the trainees but also indirectly of all graduates of the sending institution because they are perceived as ambassadors of the University. Professional Development: Calabria 2020 plus's partners believes that students and graduates having had an experience abroad have more opportunities because they can have access to the broader European Union labour market rather than to the limited national market.

Calabria 2020 plus's partner are not afraid of “brain drain” because believes in “brain circulation” and while is encouraging its Students and Graduates to go abroad the Consortium asked for the cooperation of Students University Associations in order to keep in touch with its already-beneficiaries and encourage the most successful ones to provide current students with guidance and advice for taking part in a traineeship funded by ERASMUS+ Programme. Innovation: Graduates and doctors with an experience abroad are usually more innovative and can help the Universities of the Consortium or other employers to innovate their educational, research or manufacturing activities.

Endorsement of the Organisation

The Erasmus Policy Statement is part of the application form Call 2018 for the Accreditation Mobility Consortium, signed by the legal representative.

All Programme activities will be implemented on the basis of written agreements with the relevant authorities of the partner institutions, in line with the fundamental principles of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).