

Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS)

In order to complete this section, please refer to the instructions given below. Please note that your EPS shall be given wide visibility in your institution and must be published on the web page of your institution. The EPS should set out the overall Erasmus co-operation strategy of your institution in relation with its mission statement, underlying its Erasmus cooperation plan as well as any other activities to be proposed in the framework of the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP).

a) Please describe briefly your institution's strategy, objectives and priorities for its Erasmus activities (mobility, multilateral projects and thematic networks, etc.) and any other actions in the context of the Lifelong Learning Programme (2007-2013).

b) Please also provide information on the following points:

What specific actions are planned to give visibility to Erasmus activities and what type of publicity will be given to the Erasmus University Charter and the EPS?

What kind of arrangements, if any, does the Institution ensure to comply with non-discrimination objectives (e.g. actions related to gender equality, integration of disabled students and staff, enhancement of social and economic cohesion and combating of xenophobia and racism)?

1.a) The mission of Afyon Kocatepe University (AKU) is to contribute to the educational, intellectual, cultural, and social development of the people in its sphere of influence to improve their well-being and quality of life. For that purpose, the university has adopted a strategy of universalisation and internationalisation. While the former means the adoption of universally-accepted values, norms, and standards, the latter means the increasing interactions with the universities abroad. The strategy sets the basic aim for the university as to be an internationally recognised university in the near future. This requires international collaborations and participation to multi-national scientific researches.

AKU's Erasmus activities and other actions in the context of the LLP (2007-2013) will be carried out in accordance with the above given explanation. More specifically, our new objectives and priorities will be as follows:

- To be a wanted partner for the international academic community to conclude bilateral agreements or to establish thematic networks,
- To increase the attractiveness of the working environment at our university for the international teaching staff and researchers,
- To increase the mobility of students, teaching and administrative staff, and researchers.
- To increase the number of existing partner institutions, making a large differentiation in terms of country and study area,
- To establish the participation to LLP as an evaluative criteria for career promotion at our university,
- To encourage the involvement in the multilateral projects,
- To strengthen the capabilities of the International Office.

1.b) To strengthen the visibility of the Erasmus activities, the University will continue to its established cooperations with industry, public and local authorities. More specifically, the following actions will be taken:

-Regarding the Erasmus programme and our university's activities, certain awareness raising activities, including conferences, seminar, workshops etc. will be held,

-A special "Erasmus Magazine" will be prepared by our International Office,

-The University Erasmus Coordinator will organize a radio program on Erasmus activities and our EPS,

Regarding the publicity of the EUC and EPS, the following actions will be carried out:

-Both will be issued on the web-page of the University,

-They will also be included into every introductory document on the University, such as booklets, leaflets, bulletins, and activity reports,

-The EPS will be attached to the letters to be sent to our potential partners as well as candidate students.

As a part of our universalisation principle, AKU is determined to comply with the value of non-discrimination on any ground. In this connection, we will continue to ensure gender equality in the selection process, to provide scholarship and some financial and material aid to the needy students through the efforts of our newly established Unit for Charity and Solidarity.

Quality of academic mobility activities:

What kind of specific measures are implemented in the institution to ensure high quality in academic mobility

