



## **Erasmus Policy Statement 2021-2027**

Under the Erasmus programme, we would like to continue working with educational and other institutions outside our borders. We would like to maintain cooperation with existing partner institutions and gain contacts with new partners, both in the EU and beyond. It is important for us to cooperate with the neighbouring country of Croatia, with which we have many points of contact due to our long tradition of coexistence in the same country. We would like to cooperate in connecting European educational institutions, co-create comparable and effective educational programmes and strive for full and automatic recognition of qualifications and credits obtained in comparable educational institutions within the EU or in companies when it comes to mobility for practical training. Together with partner institutions, we would like to co-create the European labour market, for which we will educate qualified people who will influence the economic growth of Slovenia and Europe and who will be able to integrate into a changed cultural environment.

Our institution educates in the field of food and nutrition, which is why it has to be always closely connected with companies in this field or interest groups. Part of the training (practical training) is carried out by the social partners, with whom we also cooperate in various development and innovation projects. These are projects related to the development of the profession (for instance, new products development) and projects related to training (for example, projects for the training of practical training mentors in companies). We would like to deepen this cooperation and include strategic partnerships in project cooperation. We would like to implement successful solutions of other institutions into our institution regarding the implementation of exercises, lectures, extracurricular activities, different types of adult education, lifelong learning, project implementation (including mobility) etc., and at the same time we would like to share our positive experience with partners. We will strive to participate in any of these projects within the next programming period.

We are aware of the need for lifelong learning, which will make it easier for us to make it possible for our employees in the future by participating in Erasmus, which will ensure the professional growth of participants and the modernization of the study process. Mobility participants will pass on their new knowledge and experience onto students in practical lessons and lectures, where they will include new content, to participants in various seminars, and on members of societies both in lectures and workshops outside our institution. We will also raise awareness of the importance of lifelong learning among students and actively include content that is particularly important for lifelong learning, such as increasing digital literacy and mastering foreign language skills.

We would like to increase knowledge and the ability to use digital skills, which in the current situation has especially proved to be a necessity of the modern world. We will develop these skills in both students and staff, in a way that places greater emphasis on acquiring knowledge through digital skills. At the same time, we will introduce more digitized procedures, both for the purposes of the Erasmus project (for example Erasmus without paper) and for the implementation of the study process itself (for instance, more work with online classrooms and other online tools; introduction of an electronic student booklet; conducting surveys in electronic form) and facilitate the international participation of students (by introducing a European student card). This will make communication, management and documentation easier, faster and more transparent. At the same time, this will be one of the factors with which we will take more effective care of sustainable development.

We would like to bring other cultures and traditions closer to students and employees through active participation in international projects, both through outgoing and incoming mobility, and through active dissemination of project experience. We want to co-create a tolerant environment towards different cultures and the differently thinking, and enable the acquisition of positive experiences in the international environment, thus eliminating prejudices towards otherness, which often arise only out of fear of the unknown.

We would like to increase the possibility of participation in projects for participants in the educational process from environments with fewer opportunities, whether these are participants from socially deprived environment, geographically deprived environment or participants who have fewer opportunities due to specific individual problems.

We are absolutely positive that participation in the project, due to everything mentioned above, will contribute to a higher quality of education and also to a larger number of graduates at our educational institution.

The listed activities are in line with the institutional strategy regarding internationalization and modernization.