

Erasmus Policy statement (EPS)

KESCollege was established in 1971 and since then our Institution prides itself in being a high-level Higher Education provider that specializes in Vocational Training programmes. Our mission has always been to deliver quality education options to our students in order for them to be equipped with the appropriate tools and education necessary to be competitive in the Labour market.

As an Institution we acknowledge and recognize the importance of International mobilities and education. International cooperation and the exchange of ideas/practices is vital for us to keep up with the ever changing nature of the Education sector.

We have participated successfully under the previous Charter of 2014-2020 and we intend to continue to participate in the Erasmus programme(Under a new Charter agreement for 2021-2027) which will definitely elevate our Institution to new heights. We hope to continue to develop and modernize our institution, in alignment with the goals of a European Education Area laid down in the communication on “Strengthening European Identity through Education and Culture” published ahead of the EU leaders meeting in Gothenburg on 17 November 2017.

Our Erasmus policy will focus on Mobility and Cooperation, which has been a valuable experience for us and our community. This focus will continue in the years to come as we intend on expressing further interest in Key Action 1And Key Action 2 activities. We would also express our interest in participating in KA3 activities as well in the new Charter.

Our Institution aims to expand our network of partners in other countries where cooperation agreements can be cultivated and developed for mutually beneficial outcomes. We hope to continue to support and promote our student and staff motilities that are especially important for us since our student population is for the most part, financially challenged and in need of opportunities and options. We want to cooperate with our National Agency in order to offer our College community opportunities for growth and development that would otherwise not be financially viable or readily available by our Institutional resources. We have also started pursuing collaborations with academic institutions abroad that will allow us to expand our reach and academic programme portfolio. This is related to our mission as an Institution, where we place a major focus on preparing our graduates to enter the labour force as soon as possible and with the most tools and resources they need to be successful.

The Erasmus program will greatly benefit our staff as they will continue to have the opportunity to engage in mobility activities as well as collaborative activities with partners. This will allow us to showcase the achievements of our staff as we intend to improve with the know-how they can bring back to their Institution, in our effort to modernize and internationalize. Modernizing our College and enlarging our scope is vital and imperative to our long-term strategy. Thus far we feel that we have performed well as far as our outgoing mobilities are concerned but we intend on studying our performance since 2014 in order to improve our performance under the new Charter and increase our Erasmus activity for both outgoing as well as incoming mobilities. Due to the language of instruction and nature of our academic programmes that we have been offering over the years we have plenty of room for growth in our activities

under Key Action 1 & 2. We would like to steadily increase our activity over the coming years under the new Charter.

As far as our responsibilities as an Institution is concerned, we continue to have dedicated staff that monitor, promote and implement Erasmus related activities in a fair, transparent and documented manner. We hope that in time we get to expand our administrative capabilities that will be dedicated to our Erasmus plans and activities. It is especially important for us to pay special attention to the development of alternative learning methods and teaching delivery methodology that has proven to be increasingly important for the future of Education in relation to recent health developments worldwide and the need for enhanced flexibility in the way we educate ourselves and our students. In effect, moving in this direction will be beneficial for future related activities and we will be able, as an institution, to offer more options and access to the Erasmus program. Increasing our mobilities and partners is once again vital and important for the success of the program.

In terms of ECTS, our programmes of study, regulations and policies are in full alignment with the European system and we have and will continue to abide by the related regulations and guidelines. Our ECTS credits are outlined in detail through our communication channels and we would be interested in participating in related databases, or any developments that help towards the efficient and full automatic recognition and evaluation of credits covered in our programmes of study.

We want to work towards the following objectives:

Equipping our students with more knowledge and skills that will allow them to excel, through cross-border experiences and knowledge acquisition. Utilize and contribute to the Erasmus programme to reach this objective.

- Stimulate our students in a way that promotes civic engagement.
- Innovation and technological advancement is one of our key objectives.
- Developing our Administrative and Academic Staff.
- Participate in the process of full and automatic recognition of programmes in Europe.
- Full participation in the European Student Card Initiative.
- Modernize our Institution and expand our programme portfolio.
- Cooperate and learn from partner institutions and organizations.
- Develop our environmental practices as an institution. Digitize our archives and proceed towards becoming a “Green” campus.
- Perfect our operational cycles.