

STING Erasmus Policy Statement (2021 - 2027)

1. Institutional Vision and Internationalisation Strategy

Vysoká škola STING is committed to the development and application of knowledge that supports the economic, scientific, and technological advancement of society. This mission has long shaped the institution's strategic direction, based on a commitment to pursuing and applying knowledge to drive economic, scientific and technological development in society.

For the 2021–2027 period, STING strengthens its internationalisation strategy with the aim to:

- integrate international experience into all levels of study and staff development,
- expand and deepen cooperation with higher education institutions and enterprises across Europe and beyond,
- enhance the quality of teaching, research, and innovation through international collaboration,
- support student and staff mobility as a key driver of personal and professional growth.

Participation in the Erasmus+ Programme is central to achieving these objectives.

2. Partner Selection and Geographical Priorities

Vysoká škola STING builds its partnerships on academic quality, institutional reliability, and shared commitment to cooperation. This approach continues the previous strategy, which emphasised partnerships based on reliability, in terms of both formal accreditation and reputation.

Partner institutions are selected based on:

- compatibility of study programmes and academic focus,
- quality of teaching, research, and student support services,
- opportunities for student and staff mobility,
- potential for long-term, sustainable cooperation.

Geographical focus:

Vysoká škola STING does not prioritise specific regions but places strong emphasis on cooperation within Europe, particularly with neighbouring countries, reflecting its earlier commitment to cooperate closely with academic institutions across Europe, particularly those located in neighbouring countries.

3. Alignment with Erasmus+ Priorities (2021–2027)

3.1 Inclusion and Diversity

Vysoká škola STING ensures that mobility opportunities are accessible to all students, regardless of their background or personal circumstances. The institution:

- provides individual guidance and support,
- actively promotes available financial and inclusion measures,
- cooperates with partner institutions to ensure inclusive learning environments.

3.2 Digital Transformation

In line with the Digital Education Action Plan, Vysoká škola STING:

- develops digital competences of students and staff,
- supports blended and virtual mobility formats,
- modernises teaching methods and digital infrastructure.

3.3 Environmental Sustainability

Vysoká škola STING integrates sustainability principles into its academic and operational activities by:

- encouraging environmentally friendly travel options,
- promoting student involvement in sustainability-related projects,
- sharing best practices with partner institutions.

3.4 Participation in Democratic Life

Vysoká škola STING fosters active citizenship and intercultural understanding through:

- international projects and student initiatives,
- activities promoting European values,
- opportunities for students to engage in community and civic activities.

4. Mobility Strategy for Students and Staff

4.1 Student Mobility

Vysoká škola STING aims to offer international experience to all students, continuing its earlier commitment to offering all of its students the opportunity to gain international experience.

Supported mobility types include:

- study periods abroad,
- traineeships in enterprises and organisations,
- blended mobility formats,
- both short-term and long-term mobility opportunities.

The goal is to enhance students' employability, intercultural competence, and readiness for the global labour market.

4.2 Staff Mobility

Vysoká škola STING supports:

- teaching assignments abroad,
- staff training and professional development,
- exchange of best practices and innovation in teaching.

This builds on the previous strategic emphasis that teaching staff mobility initiatives are a strategic goal.

5. International Projects and Cooperation

Vysoká škola STING will continue to develop international cooperation projects that support innovation, applied research, and modernisation of higher education. This aligns with the institution's earlier focus on research and innovation in line with the Europe 2020 goals for smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth.

The institution will prioritise:

- projects that enhance teaching quality and digital innovation,
- collaboration with enterprises and public institutions,
- applied research initiatives with real-world impact,

- knowledge exchange among European partners.

6. Quality Assurance and Transparency

Vysoká škola STING ensures transparent and high-quality processes in:

- selection of mobility participants,
- recognition of study results and traineeships,
- administration and monitoring of mobility activities,
- evaluation of project outcomes.

The International Relations Office (IRO) remains central to these processes, continuing its established role in organising application procedures, disseminating information, and coordinating the ECTS implementation.

7. Expected Impact on Institutional Modernisation

Participation in Erasmus+ will contribute to:

- innovation in study programmes and teaching methods,
- enhanced cooperation with enterprises and public institutions,
- improved governance and strategic planning,
- increased international visibility and competitiveness,
- stronger links between education, research, and the labour market.

This builds on the institution's previous expectation that mobility will result in research skills that are tested in an international environment and will lead to improved quality through mobility and cross-border cooperation.

8. Commitment to the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)

Vysoká škola STING fully commits to implementing the principles of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and to continuously evaluating the impact of mobility and cooperation activities on the quality of education, internationalisation, and graduate employability.

Signature

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