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The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy (all three parts) on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees. (max. 5000 characters)

Original language [EN]

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

Acibadem University is an academic institution with a strong sense of perfectionism determined to reach a high quality in education, research and practice implementation for the benefit of society. It is intending to do so by developing, disseminating and implementing innovative education strategies which aim to create a proactive learner-centered educational environment, facilitating the acquisition of professional competency, enhancing personal and social development, fostering intellectual skills and humanistic values for training tomorrow's professionals.

Being a young higher education institution (founded in 2007 and welcoming its first students in 2009) with highly motivated, enthusiastic academic staff, Acibadem University aims to promote mobility of students and teaching, as well as administrative staff in order to enhance quality of higher education, research capacity building and research productivity, as well as, to create an opportunity for dissemination of know-how and examples of good practice and transcultural communication. Acibadem University aspires for a persistent, active participation in the European Higher Education Area by developing constructive multilateral and international cooperations with partner Institutions of Higher Education, thus contributing to an European knowledge society and promoting the Bologna process. It is also intending to become a member of the EUA. Acibadem University is aware of the importance of reaching national, as well as, European standards for quality assurance among all academic and administrative procedures and units, and for this aim, is implementing internal (periodic self evaluation), as well as aiming for external quality assurance (e.g. EUA Institutional Evaluation Programme) methods. In this context it is aware of the importance of multilateral projects and Erasmus activities like double-multiple-joint degrees and Intensive Programs. Acibadem University is implementing measures to attract visiting student and teaching staff by fostering bilateral and multilateral partnerships and promoting trans-national mobility. Acibadem University chooses its partners from different European geographic regions, neighboring (e.g. Greece), as well as, remote (e.g. Sweden) in order to cover a broad range of academic and scientific know-how and expertise. The academic reputation of the partners is also a valued asset. Acibadem University is targeting postgraduate, as well as undergraduate students for mobility (incoming and outgoing) to increase visibility of its curricula and enhance scientific cooperation of junior researchers with innovative ideas. It values exchange of a variety of administrative staff to foster adoption of new appliances in the organization of higher education by international exchange of experiences and ideas. Mobility of its distinguished academic staff is highly valued for institutional visibility and demonstration of state of the art teaching-training-research and practice implementations, as well as, for establishing fruitful cooperations for mutual benefit with its international partners.

If applicable, please describe your 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. (max. 2000 characters)

Original language [EN]

Acibadem University -having gained experience with IPs- is encouraging and fostering the development of IP projects within its faculties and departments in cooperation with Erasmus agreement partners and new partners.

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda*) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve. (max. 3000 characters)

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Acıbadem University is engaged in the Technopark Istanbul projects where academia meets industry for R&D. It has created a biotechnology cluster with over 20 industrial partner companies at the technopark. The new Acıbadem University campus will feature a technocity block with over 6000m2 for the integration of biotechnology cluster projects with academic teaching where various masters and PhD programs in biotechnology will be run, providing the PG students and their projects with grants. The PG studies will be offered in English to attract international students and faculty-researchers. Erasmus actions will enable a high level of mobility for students as well as, faculty which will benefit the process of innovation when turning inventions into products for the benefit of society.

* COM (2011) 567 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0567:FIN:EN:PDF>)