



## ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The University of Pavia has been awarded the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education for the Erasmus+ programme 2014-2021. The Erasmus Policy Statement (below) sets out our institutional strategy in relation to the Charter.

### INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA

In the past few years, the international activities of the University of Pavia have grown and intensified.

Such a leap ahead in the competitive European and international context is motivated mainly by the special care and attention paid by the University to some strategic factors. Some of these factors reflect recent decisions. Others reflect past plans that have produced results only recently, because of historical, bureaucratic, and academic reasons.

The following **drivers of growth** have been central to this process:

- **Identification of needs/preferences of training periods abroad for the students of the University of Pavia**, and of the **fields of interest of international students** who intend to study at our University
- **Increased openness of the local faculty and academic bodies to “international” teaching**, and increased willingness to take risks and create new long-term and short-term programs and curricula in English.
- **Growing interest of our faculty in participating to international calls** in order to implement current study programs and develop new ones, within the context of the broad offer of European and International Programs dedicated to Higher Education. This trend occurred in combination with the necessity to seek extra funding for academic activities, in addition to the financing offered by the State.
- **Development of degrees** (1st and 2nd cycle) **and alternative study programs** (double degrees, summer schools, intensive programs, etc.); in the past five years, the number of degree programs in English has doubled
- **A more active participation in international events/expos and meetings of the networks the University is part of** which has helped, in some cases, to revive old, but limited or



dormant connections and, in other cases, to establish new academic partnerships with other prestigious foreign institutions. This process has enabled the creation of completely new teaching modules for incoming and outgoing students, adding value to their academic career and reinforcing the visibility of the University of Pavia abroad.

- **Building up the fund raising activities of the International Relations Office** with specialized staff members, which has increased the number of approved projects, and it has allowed access to calls for specialized programs, the complexity of which makes participation impossible in absence of specific competences.
- **The establishment of a WELCOME POINT** (financed entirely with external funds), which **has enhanced the services offered to incoming international students, and visiting researchers and professors**, by providing them with information and assistance before, during and after their stay at the University of Pavia.
- **The establishment of an International Relations Committee** (Commissione RELINT), formed by faculty members, administrative staff, and students interested or specialized in international activities; this Committee indicates possible lines of action and performs an advisory role for the other Academic Bodies

All this being said, the main international activities of the International Relations Office, supporting the internationalization of the University of Pavia are:

#### **INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS**

Every year, about 15 to 20 new agreements are being signed (when new programs are launched, the number may increase considerably). The University of Pavia currently has 184 active agreements, 29 of which with North America, 35 with Central and South America, 52 with Europe, 20 with Africa, 44 with Asia, and 4 with Oceania.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Currently, the University of Pavia is a coordinator and/or partner in several EU programs (LEONARDO, JEAN MONNET, TEMPUS, ERASMUS MUNDUS, INTENSIVE PROGRAMS), International programs (PROGRAMMI CRUI-GALILEO, VIGONI, BRITISH COUNCIL-Ministry of Foreign Affairs scientific and cultural protocols ), and national programs financed by the Ministry of Education (INTERNAZIONALIZZAZIONE, COOPERLINK, CARIPLO).

#### **INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY**

LLP program and other EU and international programs for the exchange of students/academic staff/administrative staff

#### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING**



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Development of internal expertise for the development of new educational programs, and the application to national, European and international programs to fund academic activities

**PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS/EDUCATION FAIRS/INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS**

Communication and diffusion of information about the study programs offered at the University of Pavia.