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## **ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT**

Eskişehir Technical University (ESTU) is a research and innovation oriented higher education institution that was established in May 2018, via the detachment of technical schools and faculties from its former organisation. Beginning from the very moment of its establishment, ESTU focused on continuous improvement, quality assurance and internationalization in all fields of activity as its primary strategies for institutional development and modernisation. Within the framework of this new formation, ESTU has determined its vision as "to become a university pioneering change and transformation by creating value" and has adopted internationalization as one of the main areas of both this vision and mission. Consequently, the dimension of internationalization has been included as a major focus in the differentiation strategy and ESTU's strong determination to make a difference in the higher education sector on international basis has been decisively declared by the senior management. In this framework, the internationalization strategy of ESTU has been determined as "to create sustainable innovative value in technology, design and internationalization dimensions through an integrated and participatory management approach".

In light of these developments, ESTU; in addition to the fields of governance, quality assurance, education, research and social services, has also developed its institutional policy in the field of internationalization and accepted it as follows:

1. To create an organizational structure for the implementation of education, research and social service practices within the framework of international collaborations and to implement incentive mechanisms,
2. To increase double and joint degree programmes within the scope of the compliance of the curriculum with international approaches,
3. To encourage participation in international networks and organizations to expand the international cooperation network.

Within the 2021-2025 strategic plan of ESTU, the internationalization goal and relevant objectives have been also set. The internationalization goal is defined as "to manage



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internationalization in an integrated, efficient, and sustainable framework with all its dimensions”, supported with the below given objectives:

1. To increase internationalization culture and awareness
2. To increase foreign language (English) competency
3. To increase the number of international students and employees
4. To increase international publicity activities
5. To strengthen the relations with international faculty members and students.

As a result of all these approaches and decisions, ESTU adopts the Erasmus Programme as one of the important tools to achieve its vision, differentiation strategy, internationalization goal and objectives, which are significantly based on the establishment and sustainability of multidisciplinary and multicultural collaborations for research, education, social service, and interaction with the society.

ESTU embraces the main Erasmus principles of inclusiveness, diversity promotion, transparency, equality, and impartiality as the keys of its success in becoming a higher education institution corresponding to the sustainability and internationalization requirements. In line with these principles, ESTU collaborates with international institutions equipped with the capacity, know-how, and experience that would contribute to the fulfilment of its vision. The University develops agreements with research and innovation-oriented institutions both in the EU and non-EU regions to create synergies that would create a difference in education, research, and social development. ESTU focuses on the increase, improvement, and dissemination of scientific research and social development projects, double/joint diploma programmes, and mobility exchange programmes as major internationalization tools as declared in its strategic plan. Within this context, existing agreements enable ESTU to perform Erasmus mobility actions with the institutions in a wide range of geographical regions in both EU and non-EU regions. In the meantime, ESTU continues to focus on building new fruitful collaborations while developing the existing ones. Founded as a research and innovation-based university, ESTU aims to develop this mission in both national and international platforms. Considering the internationalization goal and objectives, ESTU participates in international platforms and events such as the Eurasia Higher Education Summit (EURIE), the European Association for



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International Education (EAIE) and actively takes part in Staff Weeks to reach out more regions with the aim of creating diversity.

The experience and success of Erasmus and other EU based projects of ESTU have significantly increased since its establishment. Following this, the number of students in short, first, second and third cycles and the staff benefiting from mobility activities has kept rising. Given the increasing demand for the mobility programmes and the point at which ESTU has come to in terms of success in this regard, mobility programmes gain a specific importance. Considering the objectives of its internalization strategy within the 2021-2025 strategic plan, mobility programmes contribute to achieving the objectives by increasing international awareness and culture improving foreign language and intercultural competencies through interactions with different cultures and diverse educational approaches. In addition, mobility programmes are considered important tools for exchanging good practices and innovation and building international collaborations and unceasing professional development.

Inclusion and continuous improvement are two of the core values of ESTU. In this regard, all the participants both students and staff– are subject to equal application criteria in the implementation process of mobility programmes. Participants are treated equally regardless of their gender, race, disability, age, origin and status. The full recognition for satisfactorily completed activities of study and traineeship mobility is ensured for the students. In addition, the disadvantaged groups are also encouraged to attend the mobility programmes by ensuring the visibility of mobility activities and assisting these participants during the mobility procedures. In terms of continuous improvement, ESTU focuses on increasing the number of education programmes taught in English through the internationalization of the curricula and providing an environment of internationally recognized education and research. Besides, ESTU and partner international higher education institutions work on various cooperation areas such as double and joint-degree programmes and Erasmus projects with the purpose of developing an internationalised curriculum, enhancing international academic collaboration and providing an opportunity to share and integrate good practices and new methods.



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ESTU provides significant added value to the multi-faceted and multi-institutional projects provided by Erasmus Programmes, and the opportunities offered by these projects are believed to be important inputs for the continuous institutional development. In the scope of this framework, ESTU considers Erasmus Programmes as an important tool to create a wide range of multidisciplinary collaborations to support its development process. National and international funds are important sources for ESTU's initiatives to provide international benefits and added value in the fields of research, education and innovation. The University's Scientific Research Projects Office also provides funding for many scientific research projects. In addition, the management and coordination of both scientific research and partnership projects are provided with the support of ARİNKOM (Project Coordination and Support Unit). Intending to create an organizational structure for the implementation of education, research, and social service practices within the framework of international collaborations, ESTU continues to establish effective communication channels to increase existing project cooperation, and to carry out scientific projects in different and innovative areas. Within this context, the Office of International Affairs and ARINKOM continuously promote and encourage the academic units of the University to take part in all related Erasmus Programme projects under KA2, KA3 and Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees so that the universities strategic goals and targets are achieved. With this involvement, both the academic staff and students of ESTU, benefit from diverse educational approaches.