

## **Erasmus Policy Statement 2021-2027**

Instituto Europeu de Estudos Superiores-I.E.E.S. considers its participation in the Erasmus Programme 2021-2027 as a core strategy for our internationalization objectives and institutional cooperation, in all areas of its activity.

In its different aspects and perspectives, the mobility of the whole academic community is seen by us, as a fundamental strategic for our institutional affirmation process in the Europe.

We give high priority to the mobility of students, teachers and non-teaching staff, always observing non-discrimination and respect for universal values.

At the international level, the IEES intends to participate in joint research and development projects, carried out either between higher education institutions from the European countries, or in partnerships with institutions from partner countries.

In order to promote the mobility for studies, we offer courses taught in English, for foreign students as well as a free and open access Portuguese Language Course for foreign students.

Our strategic priority to increase our participation and relevance at the international level is to use the know-how acquired through the experience acquired over the years as beneficiaries of the Programme. We intend to support applications for projects aimed at internationalization and modernization, which include the mobility of students, teachers and non-teaching staff, whether the mobility is carried out in the traditional or virtual model of studies, or by extending participation to curricular internships or to the internships for recent graduates.

We consider the European Credit Transfer System as a privileged instrument for the recognition and validation of the work developed by students, allowing automatic and transparent recognition of the mobility and curricular units carried out.

The IEES reaffirms its commitment to welcome and to integrate foreign students, implementing a buddy system with the support of the Student Association. This will allow the incoming students to feel more accompanied by Portuguese students, involving them in events and social activities organized by the IEES and other organizations promoting civic involvement and active citizenship.

Special attention will be given to the restructuring of the IEES's resources of information (website, pages on

social networks, newsletters, posters, etc.), creating the content accessible to both Portuguese and foreign visitors.

During the next three years we intend to finalize the adaptation of administrative and mobility management processes to the entirely digital format within the scope of the Erasmus Without Paper project.

IEES intends to participate in the Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) activity, which promotes mobility for students and staff of higher education and which will be the main core of our participation in the Programme, contributing to the achievement of our main objectives within the scope of internationalization, such as the exchange of knowledge and experience in order to adapt our teaching to the felt needs.

The Department of International Relations will guide and support all candidates and participants in the procedures necessary for the realization of the mobility, following the principles of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, helping them to obtain the maximum benefit from the mobility.



