



ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The aim of P.A. College concerning its Erasmus Policy Statement is to clearly set objectives and achieve them within the period 2021-2027 which would reflect and respect the principles of the Erasmus Charter, the priorities of the Programme as well as the internationalisation and modernisation strategy of the institution. Our key strategic aim has been to promote high quality teaching and innovative research enriched through mobility and strategic partnerships. This aim is underpinned by core values such as inclusive education, digital literacy and sharing knowledge and best practices amongst partners. P.A. College has always been committed to promote excellence in both teaching and innovative research. Participating in the Programme will undoubtedly help towards strengthening the aforementioned objective. Specifically, the institution aims at maintaining but also expanding its teaching and research collaborations through the opportunities offered by participating in the Erasmus actions (KA1, KA2), always based on quality criteria.

As far as teaching is concerned, P.A. College will develop integrated teaching activities such as joint/double degrees with European and/or international institutions incorporating a combination of traditional and online modes of teaching/learning. Such an objective reflects one of the Charter principles to ensure equal and equitable access and opportunities to participants through incorporating the key concept of 'blended mobility'. This will ensure the flexibility of and better access to the Programme. Additionally, the institution will continue to evaluate its current and future partnerships in order to enhance the opportunities offered for mobility exchange.

As far as research is concerned, P.A. College has set the objective to actively participate in Key Action 2 (KA2) by forming strategic partnerships for cooperation and exchange of good practices. In doing so, we accentuate the vital role the programme plays in encouraging peer-learning – both exchange of subject-specific knowledge/expertise and sharing of best practices at a policy or pedagogical level. Furthermore, we appreciate that the outcomes from any joint effort stemming from our cooperation with partner institutions and universities can maximise the impact not only on the individuals and institutions participating in the consortium, but also on the wider academic community. Therefore, this objective is aligned with the key principles of the Erasmus Programme.

Acknowledging the initiatives of the European Commission to help establish a European Education Area, P.A. College seeks to promote key transferable skills and competences for lifelong learning such as knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for personal development, employability and active citizenship. Undoubtedly, this is the cornerstone of the internationalisation and modernisation of education and the main tool for the further development of European Education Area. Additionally, the institution will enhance the development of digital skills through integrating technology in teaching. Emphasis will also be given to the promotion of common values (e.g. gender equality), inclusive education, and

environmentally friendly instructional approaches. Including these key competences in the objectives justifies the institution's respect towards the principles of the Programme as well its acknowledgement of the Programme's priorities such as implementing digital mobility management, encouraging the European Student Card Initiative and promoting civic engagement of the participants to utilise, for instance, the competences they acquired during their mobility.

The aforementioned objectives clearly reflect the institution's international and modernisation strategy which sums up to extending educational services at national and European levels, sustain and enhance excellence in teaching/research and create opportunities for academic, personal and professional development.