

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS)

We live in a global world. Thus, higher education institutions need to be global. Higher education institutions play a crucial role not only in training graduates with the skills and competences necessary to live and work in this reality, but also in providing Europe with highly qualified human capital.

ISLA Santarém's strategic plan defines the best on internationalization and modernization as one of its strategic objectives. To achieve the goals defined in this plan, ISLA Santarém proposes to achieve a series of objectives through a variety of actions, based on the existing inter institutional agreements and establishing new strategic partnerships with higher education institutions and companies in EU countries and outside the EU.

ECHE is a privileged tool in achieving ISLA Santarém's strategy since it will enable us to achieve the following strategic objectives:

- Develop the mobility of students, teachers and staff. To implement this policy, concrete actions will be increased aiming at: (1) expanding the number of bilateral partnerships for mobility (ERASMUS +); (2) expanding the number of partnerships and participation in international projects; (3) actively promoting the mobility of students and teachers; (4) create financial incentives that support mobile students.
- Extend cooperation on projects. The internationalization process of ISLA Santarém involves developing partnerships that allow it to integrate consortia and partnerships for the development of projects, namely at the level of key actions 2 (KA2).
- Extend international scientific cooperation. The internationalization process also involves the institution's involvement in networks and cooperation groups, especially in terms of cooperation projects with institutions belonging to the countries of the European space. To this end, the following concrete actions will be developed: (1) increase the protocols for participation in research networks; (2) expand participation in international projects.

ISLA Santarém wishes to participate in the various modalities of Erasmus actions as it considers that each of them will contribute to the integrated development of its institutional strategy. So we have: - Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility. These actions will be implemented with the support of existing bilateral

partnerships and others that will be formalized. These actions constitute the essential pillar for the mobility of students and staff. - Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices - Cooperation among organizations and institutions. This cooperation will be implemented through two complementary aspects: establishment of bilateral cooperation protocols and partnerships for the development of networks for cooperation. ISLA Santarém will take a proactive role in this area by seeking to develop activities of bilateral interest and attracting new participants to these projects. - Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Partnerships for Excellence - European Universities. Bearing in mind the importance of this program, ISLA Santarém will put all its efforts towards integrating this type of partnerships that contribute to the construction of an area of European education that allows students to benefit from the best education and training that allows them to find jobs across Europe. - Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Partnerships for Excellence - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees. One of ISLA Santarém's objectives is to offer a master's degree within the scope of this initiative, with contacts already underway for this purpose, so obtaining ECHE will be essential to achieve this objective. - Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Partnerships for Innovation. ISLA Santarém has relevant experience in the development of national cooperation projects involving cooperation between HEIs and companies that it intends to extend to the European space, so this component of Erasmus opportunities is extremely important for this purpose.

ISLA Santarém intends to achieve results, ensuring quality conditions in the implementation that include ensuring full respect for the rules defined for each of the programs, as well as the implementation of additional measures that facilitate the development of the projects. In addition to complying with the rules defined for mobility programs (KA1), ISLA Santarém provides support to participants in mobility, through the service defined for the purpose (GRI) in all stages of the process: before mobility, during mobility and after mobility. In addition, it defined the financial support for students, teachers and employees of the institution involved in mobility in order to guarantee the payment of costs incurred during mobility that are not covered by the Erasmus program. Specifically in the projects included in key action 2 (KA2), ISLA Santarém will develop a strategy aiming that the sustainability and impact of the projects in which the institution becomes involved in the scope of Erasmus will remain beyond the period of development of the respective projects. To achieve this goal, all the results of the completed projects will be available in the years following the end of the respective project.



In cases where these results are intended to alter / improve teaching practices, they will be integrated into teaching activities. In situations where sustainability depends on the participation of other stakeholders, ISLA Santarém will ensure the dynamism of the activities necessary for this involvement. Likewise, when the use of products resulting from projects has associated costs, these costs will be financed through own funds.