

1. ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS)

1.1 Erasmus activities included in your EPS

In this section, you need to tick the Erasmus activities covered by your Erasmus Policy Statement. Please select those activities that your HEI intends to implement during the entire duration of the Programme.

Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility:

The mobility of higher education students and staff

Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Cooperation among organisations and institutions:

Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices

Partnerships for Excellence – European Universities

Partnerships for Excellence - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Partnerships for Innovation

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3):

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3) - Support to policy development and cooperation:

1.2 Erasmus Policy statement (EPS): your strategy

Your Erasmus Policy Statement should reflect how you intended to implement Erasmus after the award of the ECHE. Should you wish to add additional activities in the future, you will need to amend your Erasmus Policy Statement and inform your

Erasmus National Agency.

What would you like to achieve by participating in the Erasmus Programme? How does your participation in the Erasmus Programme fit into your institutional internationalisation and modernisation strategy?

(Please reflect on the objectives of your participation. Please explain how you expect the participation in Erasmus to contribute towards modernising your institution, as well as on the goal of building a European Education Area¹ and explain the policy objectives you intend to pursue).

Original language (and translation into EN, FR or DE if the EPS is not in one of these languages)

In the ETF Strategic Policy Plan 2020-2024 “Building Sustainably Together: Investing in Theology & Religious Studies for Church and Society”, much attention is paid to the internationalization process. One of its aims is to strengthen the position of ETF Leuven as a strong, internationally oriented theological faculty in the low countries, promoting inclusiveness in the community and academic life of ETF Leuven. It focuses strongly on the growing opportunities and increasing requirements of internationalization within geographical identified areas. The action points in this regard will be formulated, spearheaded and monitored by the Working Group Internationalization, which is advising the Faculty Council and management. Specific action points will be detailed in a year plan.

Please reflect on the Erasmus actions you would like to take part in and explain how they will be implemented in practice at your institution. Please explain how your institution’s participation in these actions will contribute to achieving the objectives of your institutional strategy.

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Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility:

- The mobility of higher education students and staff: in its Strategic Policy Plan 2020-2024 ETF Leuven adopts a proactive policy which focuses strongly on the growing opportunities and increasing requirements of internationalization. It commits to a growing investment in the areas of, among other, learning and teaching mobilities, while guarding its academic excellence and own identity.

Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Cooperation among organisations and institutions:

- Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices: our aim is to assist in developing Higher Education Institution with similar background and interests to more excellent functioning organizations within each own context, and to learn and benefit

¹ For more information on the priorities of the European Education Area, such as recognition, digital skills, common values and inclusive education, please consult the following website:
https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-cu/european-education-area_en

from such partnerships. At ETF Leuven we hereby think of particular strengths such as its quality control processes and its experiences in the development of ETF Open University will be shared.

- Partnerships for Innovation: For the further strengthening of blended learning at ETF Leuven we want to invest in staff professionalization and education technology in function of a qualitative education and learning experience for our students. This strategic aim is helped by learning reciprocally with strategic partner institutions (by cooperation and exchange) regarding good practices of blended learning.

What is the envisaged impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on your institution?

Please reflect on targets, as well as qualitative and quantitative indicators in monitoring this impact (such as mobility targets for student/staff mobility, quality of the implementation, support for participants on mobility, increased involvement in cooperation projects (under the KA2 action), sustainability/long-term impact of projects etc.) You are encouraged to offer an indicative timeline for achieving the targets related to the Erasmus+ actions.

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With the participation of ETF Leuven in the Erasmus+ Programme we envision to support our institution in carrying out its mission in effective and innovative ways.

ETF Leuven aims to meet not only the European mobility targets, but also the Flemish target. Exchanges of staff and students with international partners, both within and outside of the EU, will be encouraged, paying particular attention to diversity in staff and among students, and for the Majority World. In concrete terms, we aim to have at least 33% of our graduates in the course of their studies, work experience abroad in study, traineeship or research. In addition, the ETF Strategic Policy Plan 2020-2024 aims at an 80% satisfaction rate for all mobilities.

The selection of partner institutions upon the advice by the Working Group Internationalization and approved by management will be based on a good understanding of these institutions with areas of mutual interest and compatibility and quality of its study programs.

Students selected for outgoing mobility and those accepted for incoming mobility will find a central contact point at the International Office.