



ERASMUS+ POLICY STATEMENT

Universitatea Dunarea de Jos din Galati (in continuare, UDJG), cea mai importanta institutie de invatamant superior din sud-estul Romaniei, are mai mult de 70 de ani de traditie si performanta in educatie, acesta fiind chiar motto-ul institutiei („traditie in performanta din 1948”). UDJG este o institutie multi-culturala si transnationala, cu mai mult de 12000 de studenti inmatriculati la toate ciclurile de studii (L, M, D).

Una dintre cele 14 facultati din cadrul UDJG este Facultatea Transfrontaliera, care are peste 1700 de studenti (toti cetateni ai Republicii Moldova) si ofera 9 programe de licenta si 12 de masterat, la care se adauga anul pregatitor de limba romana pentru studentii din Ismail, Ucraina. Unul dintre rezultatele traditiei in performanta este acreditarea extensiunii transfrontaliere din Enna, Italia, unde sunt derulate 2 programe de studii, Medicina Generala si Asistenta Medicala.

Studentii universitatii beneficiaza de o oferta educationala variata si de inalta calitate (88 programe de licenta, 86 programe de masterat, 16 domenii de doctorat), asigurata de un corp academic cu expertiza certificata in domenii de specialitate. Infrastructura universitatii este moderna, adevarata activitatilor de educatie, formare profesionala si cercetare avansata.

Una dintre prioritatile UDJG este cresterea continua a performantei institutionale in ceea ce priveste modernizarea si internationalizarea, strategia corespunzatoare avand printre principalele obiective:

- dezvoltarea colaborarii europene si internationale cu universitati, institutii de cercetare si dezvoltare sau organizatii academice internationale in baza acordurilor inter-institutionale incheiate (in prezent exista peste 200 de astfel de parteneriate);
- implementarea masurilor necesare atingerii obiectivului Comisiei Europene (CE) de creare a EEA (European Education Area) pana in 2025 (managementul digital al mobilitatilor Erasmus+ la standarde tehnice ale European Student Card Initiative, una dintre prioritatile Programului);



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- cresterea numarului de mobilitati de studenti si personal;
- afilierea la organizatii academice si societati stiintifice internationale;
- participarea in programe internationale de cercetare si culturale, precum si in competitii internationale.

Universitatea isi selecteaza partenerii de colaborare si cooperare in baza interesului comun pentru imbunatatirea, dezvoltarea si obtinerea de avantaje echitabile pentru comunitatile academice partenere. In ceea ce priveste modernizarea si internationalizarea (atat acasa, cat si in strainatate), prestigiul partenerilor, alaturi de apartenenta lor la o zona geografica relevanta pentru prioritatile politicilor europene (dezvoltare regionala bazata pe avantajele resurselor locale si regionale in scopul sustinerii comunitatilor corespunzatoare), cat si capacitatea institutionala a acestora sunt principalele criterii de selectie a partenerilor UDJG, in vederea asigurarii unei inalte calitati a educatiei si cercetarii.

Plusvaloarea adusa de participarea UDJG in Programul Erasmus+ contribuie consistent la atingerea obiectivelor enuntate mai sus si este sustinuta prin desfasurarea activitatilor caracteristice actiunilor cheie:

- participarea in activitatile de mobilitate a studentilor si personalului in si dinspre tari europene si non-europene (KA1), in baza a peste 250 de acorduri inter-institutionale, incurajata prin recunoasterea completa si automata a rezultatelor invatarii si inscrierea acestora in Suplimentul la Diploma, implementarea unor proceduri interne de alocare de sprijin financiar suplimentar, promovarea Programului pe toate canalele de comunicare etc. In acest sens, este vizibila o crestere a numarului studentilor outgoing si incoming de la toate ciclurile de studii, in general, si a numarului de studenti doctoranzi si din categorii defavorizate sau cu nevoi speciale, in particular. Un efect benefic suplimentar al acestui tip de activitate este intelegerea necesitatii adaptarii planurilor de invatamant astfel incat acestea sa corespunda nevoilor pietei muncii si sanselor de angajare a absolventilor, spre beneficiul lor si al angajatorilor locali, regionali si nationali;
- colaborarea cu organizatii si institutii in scopul schimbului de bune practici, al organizarii de programe academice comune si partenерiate pentru inovare (KA2), sau dezvoltarea de politici si cooperare (KA3). Pentru studentii de la ciclurile de studii universitare de masterat si doctorat, participarea UDJG in programe academice comune, de tipul *joint degree*, initiate si dezvoltate pornind de la arii comune de cercetare si oportunitati similare



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de implementare a rezultatelor in economiile ambelor tari, a reprezentat si va reprezenta un avantaj semnificativ si relevant pentru dezvoltarea lor profesionala, iar, pentru UDJG si parteneri, beneficiul a constat si va consta, printre altele, in cresterea vizibilitatii, transferul de tehnologii si largirea bazei de cercetare.

Participarea UDJG in proiecte europene si internationale va continua sa fie un obiectiv prioritar, plecand de la analiza periodica a nevoilor specific, transpusa in strategii si obiective pe care institutia le identifica, le propune spre realizare comunitatii academice si pe care le monitorizeaza periodic.

Calitatea resursei umane in UDJG, de toate tipurile si de la toate nivelurile, contribuie hotarator la capacitatea institutiei de a implementa astfel de activitati si de a asigura sustenabilitatea acestora. Din acest motiv, participarea in aceste activitati este incurajata atat prin grilele de evaluare in vederea promovarii pe post, cat si prin diferite modalitati de stimulare financiara.

“Dunarea de Jos” University of Galati (hereinafter, UDJG), the most important higher education institution in southeastern Romania, has more than 70 years of tradition and performance in education, this being the very motto of the institution (“tradition in performance since 1948”). UDJG is a multi-cultural and cross-border institution, with more than 12,000 students enrolled in all study cycles (bachelor, master, doctoral degrees). One of the 14 faculties is the Cross-Border Faculty, which has over 1,700 students (all citizens of the Republic of Moldova) and offers 9 bachelor's and 12 master's programmes, and also the Romanian language preparatory year for students in Izmail, Ukraine. One of the results of the tradition in performance is the accreditation of the cross-border UDJG extension in Enna, Italy, with 2 study programmes, General Medicine and general Nursery. The students benefit from a varied and high quality educational offer (88 bachelor's, 86 master's programmes and 16 doctoral fields), provided by an academic body with certified expertise in specialized fields. The university infrastructure is modern, adequate for education, training and advanced research activities.

One of the UDJG priorities is the continuous increase of institutional performance in terms of modernization and internationalization, its strategy having among its main objectives:

- to develop European and international collaboration with universities, research and development institutions or international academic organizations, based on inter-institutional agreements (over 200 such partnerships already in place);



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- to implement the necessary measures to achieve the European Commission's objective of creating the EEA (European Education Area) by 2025 (the digital management of Erasmus+ mobilities at the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative, one of the Programme's priorities);
- to increase the number of student and staff mobilities;
- to affiliate to academic organizations and/or international scientific societies;
- to participate in international research and cultural programmes, as well as in international competitions.

The University selects its collaboration and cooperation partners based on the common interest to improve, develop and obtain equitable advantages for partner academic communities. In terms of modernization and internationalization (both at home and abroad), the prestige of the partners, along with their presence in a geographical area relevant for European policy priorities (regional development based on advantages of local and regional resources in order to support local and regional communities), as well as their institutional capacity are the main criteria of selection by UDJG as partners, with a view to ensuring high quality education and research. The added value of the UDJG participation in the Erasmus+ Programme contributes consistently to achieving the objectives stated above and is supported by the carrying out of activities characteristic to the key actions:

- participation in student and staff mobility activities in and from European and non-European countries (KA1), based on over 250 inter-institutional agreements, encouraged by the full automatic recognition of learning outcomes and their inclusion in the Diploma Supplement, implementation of internal procedures for allocating additional financial support, Programme promotion through all communication channels, etc. In this sense, an increase is visible, in general, in the number of outgoing and incoming students from all study cycles, and, in particular, in the number of doctoral students and students with disadvantaged backgrounds or with special needs. An additional beneficial effect of this type of activity is the understanding of the need to adapt the curricula so that they correspond to the needs of the labor market and the employment opportunities of the graduates, for both their own benefit and that of local, regional and national employers;
- collaboration with organizations and institutions for the purpose of exchange of good practices, of organization of joint academic programmes and partnerships for innovation (KA2), or support to policy development and cooperation (KA3). For students in master's



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and doctoral study cycles, UDJG participation in such programmes, initiated and developed starting from common research areas and similar opportunities for implementing the results in the economies of both countries, also represented and will represent a significant and relevant advantage for their professional development, whereas for UDJG and its partners, the benefit consisted and will consist, among others, in increasing visibility, technology transfer and research base expansion.

UDJG participation in European and international projects will continue to be a priority and starts from periodic analyses of institutional specific needs, transposed in strategies and objectives that the institution identifies, proposes for achievement by the academic community and periodically monitors.

The quality of the UDJG human resources, of all types and at all levels, contributes decisively to the capacity of the institution to implement such activities and to ensure their sustainability. For this reason, participation in these activities is encouraged both through evaluation grids for promotion and through various ways of financial stimulation.