

Erasmus + Policy Statement

Internationalization is one of the top priorities for Kayseri University (KAYU). The University tries to increase and develop international collaborations and makes them participative and maintains them for a long time. Erasmus+ Policy Statement will address the realization of the institutional plans, strategies and aspirations of the Charter.

KAYU is a public university which separated from Erciyes University and founded on May 18, 2018. There are 4 faculties, 1 institute and 11 vocational schools in the University. It does not have regional selection criteria in its agreements. As a new and dynamic university, KAYU will continue to build new partnerships with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in possible new locations all over the world that are of interest to the particular disciplines it offers. The most important target groups are first and second cycles because the University's majority of students are from these cycles. Due to the short duration of training of Vocational Schools, 1st Cycle student mobility will be the primary target. In addition, student training, staff training and staff teaching agreements will be the top priority among the institution's targets. Since the University's structure consists mainly of vocational schools, it takes into consideration the education institutions that have vocational schools to be partner institutions. Since it plays a vital role in finding partners for the international projects, academic staff mobilities are carried out by means of Erasmus+ exchange mobility opportunities. Kayseri University still tries to expand its network of international partners to assure a large scaled partnership from all over the world.

The main aim of Kayseri University is to create social benefit by training well educated and self-confident students. Establishing self-confidence and creating a global perspective is the most important thing for the internationalization of a university. Therefore, KAYU appreciates the EU for the opportunities it has offered since 1987. The University supports the EU Modernization and Internationalization Agenda for Higher Education and it will make an effort to present the actual policies to the stakeholders. The University will encourage and prepare its students and academic and administrative staff to take benefit from the Erasmus + Programme. The University will continue to make new partnerships with other HEIs in Europe to improve the quality of higher education and strengthen its European dimension by developing in the areas of teaching and learning, developing plans for European partnerships in mobility programs, as well as curriculum development, finding resources about teaching and learning policies and regulations.

Strategic cooperation projects, which are essential for the solid foundation of KA1 projects and the internationalization of the institution, is an issue that KAYU attaches just as much importance as mobility projects. Its primary goal is to promote Capacity Building of Higher Education projects within the scope of KA2 and to encourage and support both academic and administrative staff to participate in these projects. In this respect, especially International Office personnel attend the training sessions organized by the National Agency and transfer their experiences to the administrative and academic staff through the meetings organized within the institution. In addition, the institution aims to establish a unit that will provide support in writing and conducting projects within International Office.

Present focus of KAYU is to become one of the well-known HEIs in Europe. As a result of the institution's work abiding to its priorities, it is its basic expectation that the University achieves to improve the teaching and learning of languages and promote the EU's broad linguistic diversity



and intercultural awareness. KAYU expects its participation in the Erasmus+ programmes to impact all the priorities listed below;

- KAYU aims to increase attainment levels to provide the graduates and researchers who are sought in their fields of study. Under this priority, mobility will be increased to include the participation of underrepresented groups (socio-economic background, disability, ethnic or migrant background etc.) and non-traditional learners (part-time students, those with demanding family responsibilities, adult learners' etc.) in mobility related programs. The learning options will be increased in order to enhance the social responsibility of higher education institutions as well as promote gender equality in all mobility programs. Universities are not just the privilege of some people, and that diverseness in students and academic members of a university makes it stronger. KAYU will develop its commitment to widening participation and provide targeted financial assistance to minimize barriers to entry, progression and mobility.
- Erasmus+ programmes offer new opportunities for improving the quality and relevance of higher education. Across all our programmes, both distance learning and campus-based, KAYU makes innovative use of new information and communications technologies to enrich teaching and enhance the student experience. KAYU has high aspirations for its graduates, and proactively deliver employment-related skills that will enable the graduates to meet the requirements in life.
- KAYU aims to strengthen quality through mobility and cross-border collaboration. To enhance the international dimension of education and training, KAYU has always promoted mobility and worked to eliminate any barriers to cross-border cooperation and exchanges, including implementation of various improvements for efficient recognition of credits obtained abroad. Participation in the Programme will be a crucial ingredient in sustainable revisions and reforms for effective quality assurance. Working with its partners in participating and non-participating countries, KAYU will expand its network, knowledge and experience of other education systems and qualifications to facilitate admission, progression, recognition, exchange and co-operation in programme development.
- Since KAYU has vocational schools mostly, the University gives importance to working with industry translates research into innovations that shape the world, tackling global challenges and transforming lives. KAYU will develop its research collaboration with industry and the public sector, and will seek to increase opportunities for integration of industrial experience into degree programmes.
- As KAYU is a newly established university, the institution seeks to improve its governance and funding. Participating in Erasmus+ Programme creates great opportunities to develop the University's accountability and autonomy. By participating in the Programme and expanding the areas of study, KAYU aims to achieve funding from different sources.



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