

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

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1. Institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy

1.1 Strategic internationalization guidelines

Internationalization strategy of the International School for Social and Business Studies (ISSBS) at the mobility development follows the guidelines as laid down in the long-term vision of the faculty. The strategy in this area especially emphasizes the development and implementation of quality and internationally oriented education and the promotion of research and its international involvement. The faculty aims to become internationally recognized for its academic quality and social responsibility. ISSBS' internationalization strategy is, accordingly, focusing on:

- 1) strengthening the scope of international education and training,
- 2) the integration of foreign higher education teachers and students in teaching and research activities of the faculty,
- 3) transfer of knowledge and experience of foreign experts in the ISSBS' and Slovenian environment and Savinjska region in general,
- 4) strengthening interdisciplinary education and training, and
- 5) the development of an international network of higher education institutions to promote research and development activities and the strengthening of international reputation of the ISSBS.

With its offer and implementation of research and development and study programmes in English, and consequently with the search and selection of partners, ISSBS focuses mainly (but not exclusively) in Central, South and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the Mediterranean.

1.2 Achievements in the field of internationalization

ISSBS offers contemporary first, second, and third cycle study programmes: first cycle programmes Economics in Contemporary Society and Business in Contemporary Society, second cycle programmes Management and Quality in Education and Knowledge Management, third cycle programme Knowledge Management. In particular, doctoral programme is interesting for the international environment, and it has, therefore, been conducted in English and promoted in strategic markets in the last years. Study programmes in English represent a good starting point for preparation of joint degree programmes. Programmes prepared for implementation in English are also adapted to the implementation in the e-environment.

The faculty is also a member of the International Federation of Universities EMUNI and is with its activity particularly active in the EUROMED region. With strengthening of these activities, ISSBS will continue in the coming years, and in this context through bilateral or multilateral meetings and cooperation conclude into new partnerships for the future transfer of knowledge and best practices in education and research.

ISSBS pursues its internationalization strategy is through various other educational and R&D activities, and with them expands the international network of partner institutions and involvement in the international environment. These activities are mainly:

- 1) organization and development of the annual international scientific conference MakeLearn & TIIM,
- 2) coordination and development of the international publisher ToKnowPress with issuing of the International Journal of Management, Knowledge and Learning and scientific monographs,
- 3) strengthening international contacts with foreign higher education institutions by carrying out international mobilities,
- 4) applications and implementation of R&D projects in cooperation with foreign partner institutions,

- 5) obtaining and maintaining international accreditations/evaluations (eg. from Austrian (AQA) and Croatian (AZVO) national agency for quality in higher education).

2 Institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training

The ISSBS exercises its internationalization strategy by:

- providing domestic students (at all cycles of study) access to international knowledge and experience and to compare them with the domestic academic and business environment,
- encouraging the exchange of knowledge and research experience between guest teachers and ISSBS higher education teachers and course professors,
- facilitating further development of the faculty's educational activities and strengthening its integration into the international environment and cooperation with foreign partner higher education institutions, so that it will become more attractive for both domestic and foreign students,
- facilitating access to international knowledge in higher education teachers and co-workers of ISSBS in the key areas of study at the faculty, and by enhancing the quality of education,
- preparation of courses and programs in the English, including in the e-environment.

2.1 Strategic goals in the field of international projects and participation in education

The ISSBS exercises its internationalization strategy by:

- applying and participating in international research and development project,
- inclusion in the international publishing activity,
- internationally oriented education through the involvement of foreign professors in the implementation of study programmes, carrying out trainings of foreign experts for various target groups, and inclusion of foreign students in courses (including summer school),
- developing and implementing parts of study programmes (eg. courses) and complete programmes in a foreign language, and by planning the implementation of these programmes for students from the geographical backgrounds mentioned in the previous paragraphs.

3 Participation in the Programme on the modernisation

Participation in the Programme will significantly contribute to the achievement of strategic objectives of the ISSBS, while also achieving objectives deriving from the five priorities:

1. *Graduates' and researchers' achievements.* Participation in the Programme will allow comparison and matching the level of knowledge and potential outcomes arising from the study programmes and courses at ISSBS, to the knowledge and learning outcomes that are provided by study and training programmes in foreign institutions. This will be done through teacher mobility and knowledge transfer between domestic and foreign teachers, as well as students.
2. *Improving the quality of higher education through mobility and cross-border cooperation.* With the participation of foreign teachers ISSBS will strengthen the quality of the existing study programmes and further intensify their international dimension, which is one of the key strategic directions of the ISSBS. By carrying out projects which involve mobility and cross-border cooperation ISSBS' involvement in the local as well as international environment will be strengthened, and in this way realize the strategic objectives related to social responsibility of the institution. With these activities ISSBS will also gain access to foreign students, which is one of the most important strategic goals of the faculty, as it wishes to independently implement programmes for foreign students.
3. *Integration of education, research and business sector for excellence and regional development.* One of its most important ISSBS' strategic priorities is its social responsibility, especially in terms of contribution to the local community and the local economy. By participating in the Programme, ISSBS will be given the opportunity to contribute in its environment relevant new knowledge, quality education and training, as well as opportunities for partnerships in research and development activities. By participating in the Programme integration between domestic and foreign teachers, researchers, business people and students as future entrepreneurs, teachers and researchers will take place.

4. Improving the governance and financing. Participation in the Programme will facilitate the implementation of most of important ISSBS' strategic directions in terms of financing and management, some of which have already been mentioned in the previous text.