

## Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS)

### University of Ljubljana

#### Institutional Vision and Strategy:

The University of Ljubljana (UL) is committed to fostering a vibrant and inclusive academic community that prioritizes internationalization as a core aspect of its institutional development. Our strategic goals are aligned with enhancing the quality of education, promoting innovative research, and supporting the professional and personal growth of our students and staff. Participation in the Erasmus+ Programme is integral to achieving these objectives, providing invaluable opportunities for mobility, cooperation, and the exchange of knowledge and best practices.

#### Key Objectives:

##### 1. Promoting International Mobility:

- Increase the number of students and staff participating in Erasmus+ mobility programs.
- Foster a diverse and inclusive environment that encourages participation from underrepresented groups.
- Ensure high-quality support services for incoming and outgoing participants, including language training and cultural integration activities.

##### 2. Enhancing Academic Quality and Relevance:

- Develop and sustain partnerships with leading European and international universities.
- Integrate international experiences and perspectives into our curricula to enrich the learning experience.
- Support collaborative research projects and joint degree programs that address global challenges.

##### 3. Strengthening Institutional Capacity:

- Invest in the professional development of our academic and administrative staff through international cooperation and training.
- Enhance the administrative processes related to Erasmus+ participation to ensure efficiency and transparency.
- Utilize digital tools and platforms to facilitate communication and collaboration among international partners.

#### Implementation of the Cross-cutting Priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme:

The University of Ljubljana is committed to implementing the cross-cutting priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme, which include inclusion and diversity, digital transformation, environmental sustainability, and participation in participatory processes.

- **Inclusion and Diversity:** We will actively promote equal opportunities for all students and staff, especially those with fewer opportunities. We will develop support mechanisms that enable access to mobility for everyone, regardless of social, economic, or cultural barriers.
- **Digital Transformation:** We will encourage the use of digital tools and technologies in education and administration. This includes the introduction of hybrid and online learning environments and the development of digital competencies among students and staff.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** We are committed to sustainable development and reducing our environmental footprint. We will participate in projects that promote

environmental awareness and sustainable practices, and encourage green mobility and eco-friendly solutions.

- **Participation in Participatory Processes:** We will promote the involvement of students, staff, and the wider community in decision-making processes and the development of the university. This includes open communication and inclusive procedures for shaping policies and practices that affect all stakeholders.

#### **Implementation and Monitoring:**

The University of Ljubljana is committed to the effective implementation of its Erasmus+ activities through a structured and transparent process:

- **Coordination and Support:** The International Relations Office (IRO) at UL will oversee all Erasmus+ activities, providing guidance and support to participants throughout the application, mobility, and reintegration phases.
- **Quality Assurance:** Regular monitoring and evaluation of Erasmus+ activities will be conducted to ensure they meet the highest standards of academic and administrative quality. Feedback from participants will be systematically collected and used to inform continuous improvement.
- **Sustainability and Impact:** We will actively seek to maximize the long-term impact of Erasmus+ projects by integrating successful outcomes into our institutional practices and policies. Efforts will be made to disseminate project results widely within the university and the broader community.

#### **Commitment to Inclusivity and Diversity:**

The University of Ljubljana is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment where all members of our academic community can thrive. We are committed to promoting equal opportunities and diversity in all our Erasmus+ activities, ensuring that students and staff from diverse backgrounds, including those with fewer opportunities, can participate and benefit from international experiences.

#### **Conclusion:**

The University of Ljubljana views participation in the Erasmus+ Programme as a vital component of our mission to be a leading European university characterized by excellence in education, research, and innovation. Through active engagement in Erasmus+ activities, we aim to contribute to the creation of a more interconnected and collaborative European Higher Education Area, fostering mutual understanding and cooperation across borders.