

TUCN has been awarded the *Erasmus Charter for Higher Education* for the Erasmus+ programme 2014-2021. The *Erasmus Policy Statement* sets out our institutional strategy in relation to the Charter.

### **Erasmus Policy Statement**

One of the main goals of the Technical University of Cluj Napoca, Romania (TUCN), as officially stated in TUCN Charter and in its strategic plans, is to implement the European modernization and internationalization agenda in higher education, focusing on achieving national and international excellence in education and research; this is being a modern vision, which has generated an important emulation and has brought notable national and international recognition, as the last international rankings have proved.

Following constantly its internationalization philosophy, TUCN has been continuously expanding the number of its international partners, and its visibility in the international arena has grown each year. The number of inter-institutional and Erasmus+ agreements has increased considerably the last years and now the focus is in their successful implementation. TUCN is member to many international academic and research networks: member of the European University Association, Black Sea University association, Francophone University Association and this year is applying for becoming member in TIME (Top International Managers in Engineering). TUCN has received recognition at national level, having the "High degree of trust" from the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance (ARACIS) and being classified as "University of Advanced Research and Education" ranking by our Ministry of Education.

The key issues regarding internationalization, as explicitly identified in the strategy of TUCN as part of the Rector's Management Plan and the Management contract signed by the Rector with the University Senate, concern the following aspects:

- a. increase of all international components relative to education and research processes, develop triangle partnerships by connecting the higher education with research and business at local, national and mainly international levels; our university, as a center of knowledge, expertise and learning, acts as a cluster, a regional hub of excellence and specialization
- b. improvement of the students' international experiences, including all education levels and all types: study or traineeship mobility, and allowing equity in terms of gender, political orientation or social status. In this regard, multinational companies from our city or area, could also facilitate international cooperation with their representatives outside
- c. increase of international mobility of the staff, either academic and administrative, implementing various mobility schemes under the umbrella of Erasmus+ key actions, cross-border cooperation, and not only; increase in double-diploma master programmes and new co-advisory doctoral theses is an important objective
- d. more local administrative efforts for abroad gained credits recognition, mutual trust in mobility results, enhancement of documents handling efficiency

- e. increase of the institutional collaborations with European university networks, with similar Technical universities from abroad, as new knowledge-based academic alliances; the same ideas for establishing partnerships with non-EU institutions, considering new and wider visions about internationalization; it's the way to enhance our visibility, to attract international students or academic and research staff for further cooperation and participation in the labor market
- f. gradual achievement of curriculum compatibility, harmonization of academic and administrative procedures with international practices, finding means to allow their sustainability, TUCN wants to become an important player in the modernization process of European higher education system
- g. initialization and preservation of partnerships with social partners in the local area: youth organizations, professional associations and local authorities, implying them in the future Erasmus+ Programme.
- h. Improvement of governance and of all financial aspects and funding management, for an efficient and well-targeted use; TUCN has used and will continue to look for alternative resources to support participation at the Programme and to guarantee the success of each internationalization project.

Using our experience we could offer our expertise to various partners as regarding: Curricula development, Implementing credit accumulation and transfer system, Internationalization, Labor-market students integration.