

LUNEX Erasmus+ Policy Statement 2021-2027

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General

LUNEX is a higher education institution situated in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The institution focuses on sports and health-related education and currently provides regular academic programs as defined under article 28 bis, paragraph 3 of the law on the organisation of higher education.

With a global outlook, LUNEX is strongly committed to deliver an outstanding education in the area of physiotherapy, sport and exercise science, international sport management, nutrition, fitness and health, and corporate health management. In these areas the higher education institution is also firmly committed to carrying out high quality research, and it is attracting high level students and staff, nationally but also globally.

LUNEX's aspiration

Our vision is to be a Leading International institution for Sport and Health in Europe, and our mission is threefold:

- (1) Develop skilled graduates through high quality programmes, to answer the needs of the sport and health industry and to execute impacting innovative research;
- (2) Provide students with a transformative, high quality, evidence-based educational experience in the field of health, sport and sport management;
- (3) Regardless of background, enhance students' national and international employability.

Our seven core values are:

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Equality
- Innovativeness
- Passion
- Inspiration
- Respect

LUNEX acknowledges that the development of knowledge is not an isolated process. Strong, sustainable cooperation with other HE institutions worldwide are therefore

required. The international strategy covers both European and non-European countries. There are five key aims of the international strategy:

1. To achieve impact through international partnerships
2. To achieve impact through a diverse international student and staff body
3. To maximize impact through international research activities
4. To achieve impact through transnational educational activities
5. To ensure the international impact of LUNEX is recognised

International exchange

All study programmes offered by LUNEX are accredited by the Luxembourg government and comply with the higher education qualification standards and quality as defined by the Bologna process allowing for the mutual recognition of qualifications within the European Union. Furthermore, all study programmes are taught in English, which makes LUNEX attractive to students from around the world and offers many opportunities for its students to be accepted at other international institutions. Currently, the institution has students and staff of more than 35 nationalities and has a multicultural and multilingual educational environment.

LUNEX values diversity and promotes equal opportunities for everyone. LUNEX promotes respectful behaviour and it encourages good relations within and between groups. While promoting shared values, LUNEX aims to meet the different needs of different groups. It promotes an inclusive and harmonious place of work and study where people respect each other.

Erasmus+ international projects and partnerships

LUNEX has centralised its internationalization efforts, mainly through the Erasmus+ programme. The institution believes that mobility is fundamental for the personal and academic development of students and staff. The first Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) was signed on 12 December 2020, and it was renewed until 2027 on 5 May 2021. The award of the ECHE is a prerequisite for participating in the mobility of students and staff and in international cooperation within the framework of Erasmus+. Since then, LUNEX has signed a series of inter-institutional agreements. Such agreements allow the mobility of students for periods of study and traineeship

and the mobility of staff for training and teaching. Each department is free to seek and evaluate partnership proposals. The selection criteria for international partnerships are: quality and content of the study programmes offered, diversity of opportunities for participants, long-term mutually beneficial partnership and the potential for multi-projects and initiatives.

Erasmus+ Student and Staff Mobility

LUNEX supports the notion that student and staff mobility is an important factor in building and deepening partnerships. Therefore, the institution is keen to develop and promote further international mobility with equal access to all opportunities for its students.

LUNEX is committed to encouraging students to engage in international mobility and to accept students from partner higher education institutions onto ECTS bearing modules at Bachelor level which is contributing to enhancing the international character of the institution. As a small higher education institution, staff mobility will be more challenging to foster. However, the programme will enable the institution to increase the profile of staff mobility in both academic and non-academic grades to broaden the global higher education expertise of staff at the institution and to foster new research and teaching interactions between the participating higher education organisations. An aspiration to develop international models of teaching delivery such as double Masters or dual undergraduate degree programmes are part of the long-term strategic plan which is being driven forward by the institution.

The participation of students in the Erasmus+ programme will positively impact

- the student's personal and academic development as well as their transition into employment and their further careers;
- the student's intercultural understanding, foreign language skills and the chance to be a student ambassador for LUNEX and Luxembourg. It is envisaged that this promotes leadership amongst the students in the programme;
- the student and have a long-lasting impact on their lives and facilitate them discovering a new European identity;
- the student's adaptability and field-related knowledge and skills and the experience of how a fellow European country operates in their chosen field.

The participation of staff in the Erasmus+ programme will:

- further enhance intercultural understanding,

- further develop innovative teaching methods,
- result in additional research approaches,
- broaden specialist knowledge,
- result in new partnerships and collaborations,
- share best practice,
- make future exchange of students easier (ease of process and communication).

The plans for the coming years are to consolidate the culture of academic mobility; to promote and encourage the mobility of more students and staff; to deepen the partnerships already made; and evaluate proposals received from potential partners based on the criteria previously described. It is also planned to apply not only to the higher education student and staff mobility action (KA131), focused on programme countries, but also to apply for actions such as international credit mobility (KA107 or similar), to increase the mobility to partner countries beyond the European Union.