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Erasmus Policy Statement, Universitat Jaume I

UNIVERSITAT
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The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy (all three parts) on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

- A. Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees. (max. 5000 characters)

Universitat Jaume I is drawing up an Internationalization Plan with the aim to give priority to the following objectives:

- further improve and expand the mobility of staff and students,
- support the teaching and recognition of English and other foreign languages in order for our staff and students to achieve a B2 level of English with the aid of a Multilingualism plan
- offer at least 5% of the subjects taught in English at undergraduate level,
- improve the coordination of all international actions carried out at educative, research, cooperation and employability level,
- involve the departments and degrees in the design of their internationalization strategy,
- establish alliances with public valencian universities to expand our international network in European and International projects and to attract staff and students from abroad.

The International Relations Office will further work towards the Europe 2020 target of having 20% of its graduates done a mobility period for study or traineeship abroad and will further promote the growing participation in Intensive programmes and other European cooperation projects.

Our organization of mobility is valued by the participants, both incoming and outgoing, who give the university and the office very high satisfaction rates.

The institutional commitment is shown by the existence of a network of coordinators and tutors with Rector's appointment for the recognition of the studies.

We select our partners based on a prior knowledge and experience and analyze the sustainability of the relationship and who can benefit from it.

The UJI will continue its preferential relationship with European universities: we have educational agreements with over 230 universities in Europe. We will take advantage of the links of many years with the following countries: United States, Latin America, (Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Costa Rica, Uruguay and Mexico) developing countries. We need to expand our partners in Russia, in Asia (Japan and Malaysia) and in Oceania (Australia), as to give an example of our existint partnerships. We are working on expanding agreements with Asia, especially China, for the interest in the Spanish language in this country with the view to offer customized Study Abroad Programs.

UJI will continue funding projects of cooperation for development with other Latin American developing countries, such as Cuba, Nicaragua, Peru, Guatemala, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia and Dominican Republic. We have the ability to open our areas to Africa by the active participation of academics in cooperation projects, especially in Algeria, Morocco, Sahara Territories, Ethiopia and Mozambique.

Mobility focuses particularly in Europe, the U.S. and Latin America at undergraduate level, and we have already met the target of 20% of graduates done a mobility for studies or traineeship. At postgraduate level, we will support the mobility, especially in joint degrees.

At undergraduate level we will continue to promote the international double degree agreements with strategic partner universities to extend them to all our Schools. There are 8 degrees that already offer this possibility with universities in France, Italy and Denmark in the fields of business, engineering and architecture. We have an Erasmus Mundus Master and Doctorate in Geospatial Technology in which the university has a great interest.

Fifteen of our master programmes are formed by several Spanish universities and issue a single title. We hope to use their experience in the joint design of the curriculum, staff and student mobility to extend partnerships to foreign universities.

As founding members of the Compostela Group of Universities we will use its network to establish academic cooperation, to promote the university, to take part in European partnerships, to exchange staff, to do benchmarking of our policies and to learn about and discuss about the latest EC educational policies.

The UJI traineeship programmes (Leonardo, Erasmus, Placements in impoverished countries) have a favorable institutional context, professional management and a sound team. The experience in international placements dates back to 2002 and at national level since 1992. Also we have a consolidated network of over a hundred hosts and intermediaries, mostly in Europe but also other destinations. UJIs' excellence in placement management has been recognized by the National Agency as follows: Leonardo Quality Certificate, best PLM project Award Nomination Quality in Mobility and two of our students have been chosen as best experiences.

B. If applicable, please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of International (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Programme. (max. 2000 characters)

The Universitat Jaume I has the capacity to address all the actions of the new programme and expand our internationalization strategy towards cooperation with business and development cooperation through European projects.

3 offices have been designated to give support to these projects and are already working closely together to promote these opportunities: International Relations Office, Development and Solidarity Office and Career's Unit and Placement Office.

The University can use its international networks (campus of excellence, Compostela Group of universities, Grupo Tordesillas, Xarxa Vives) and the Research Institutes to develop actions with the enterprises of our region and foreign ones.

There are two major initiatives that encourage cooperation with business, Espaitec, providing space for new business and technological training and starts-up and Increa Chair, designed to link university and the entrepreneurs.

Cooperation for development is fostered by the Development Cooperation Office with UJI's specific volunteer projects with universities in Cuba and Nicaragua, and participation in inter-university Master in Development Cooperation.

We are currently taking part in several European projects, Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus Intensive and Leonardo Projects in the areas of engineering, tourism, local development, employability, translation, psychology and medicine. Our academics are used to working in multidisciplinary projects, with a strong foundation in the reality of our environment.

Teacher training courses will be prioritized that promote the internationalization, for example, courses on projects with European funding sources.

Projects linked with employability and placements are run by the Office of Professional Integration with over 15 years experience in student and graduate placements abroad. We are currently leading actions in employability and professional training whose expertise will be implemented in European projects.

C. Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the EU Modernisation Agenda) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve. (max. 3000 characters)

The university works to promote access of young people with pre-university studies and disabled, and access of adults without high school studies but with professional experience. And once admitted in the university, it has several academic orientation programmes to smooth their integration. They are carried out both by counsellors, academics and student volunteers. There is a specific programme for supporting diversity to aid the academic progress of such students and to foster awareness within the university community.

The educational model <http://www.uji.es/ES/infost/model/educatiu.html> of UJI is governed by eight principles that suit well the Modernisation Agenda:

1. Orientation to learning and integral development of the students.
2. Enhancing the use of ICT.
3. Commitment to multilingualism.
4. Commitment to internationalization and mobility.
5. Promoting social responsibility.
6. Quality Assurance.
7. Promoting the employability and entrepreneurship. All study programmes include a period of compulsory traineeship in a company.
8. Promotion of lifelong learning.

UJI's Quality Policy Statement:

Being an excellent university in the field of teaching, research and management in accordance with the philosophy of total quality, and more specifically, being recognised Europe's best performing organisation according to the European model of excellence in order to achieve

users satisfaction in the services that it provides. The Universitat Jaume I has renewed in 2012 the maximum gold seal of excellence in management according to the EFQM Excellence Model, the 500 +.

The University takes part in several initiatives linking higher education, research, business and the environment, in particular the CAMPUSHABITAT5U, a campus network of excellence of the 5 public Valencian universities, in alliance with Research institutes, business and technology parks, trade fairs and the regional government around the topic of Habitat and Territory. A project, called Innovative Entrepreneur Campus has been recently approved. It is funded by the regional government for the transfer of knowledge from universities to business and promoting entrepreneurship among staff and students. The UJI is increasing private sponsorship through Chairs and Enterprise clusters. Much of the funding comes from research grants and agreements with companies and foundations. Especially in the mobility of students and academic staff we count on many private sponsors. The students pay tuition fees, whose price is set by the Generalitat Valenciana. Private foundations and sponsors provide tuition scholarships for domestic and foreign students.

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Endorsement of the application

I, the undersigned, legal representative of the applicant institution,

certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. All Programme activities will be implemented on the basis of written agreements with the relevant authorities of the partner institutions;

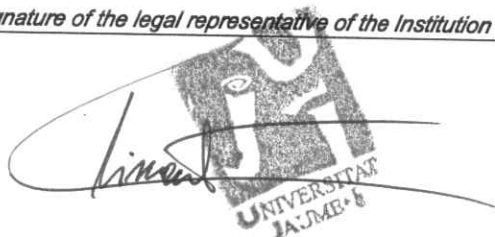
agree to the content of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) application outlined above and commit my institution to respect and observe these obligations;

agree to the publication of the Erasmus Policy Statement by the European Commission

Place: Castelló de la Plana Name: Prof. Vicent Climent Date (dd/mm/yyyy): 14/05/2013
Jordà

☒ *I have read and accept the Privacy statement*

Original signature of the legal representative of the Institution (as identified in section A.2 above)



Original stamp or seal of the Institution