



**TED UNIVERSITY**



**Erasmus+**

## **Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS) TEDU 2021-2027**

As a young university that aims to be unique and well respected, TEDU attaches the utmost importance to the institutionalization process. Transparency, fairness, responsiveness, and accountability are our principles throughout all processes. With effective governance, TEDU has the highest standards in quality management and prioritizes the professional development of its staff. TEDU recognizes that institution building is a long-term process that requires stable leadership, continuous improvement, and patience. One of our strategic priorities is to keep a remarkably high standard level of English language throughout the curriculum and aim to widen it to the entire campus life. TEDU aims its faculty members to be good teachers, innovative researchers, and passionate contributors to society and encourages them to take an active role in the governance of our university. In addition, TEDU wants its administrative staff to be highly competent and be able to implement the University's mission as well as deliver the strategic initiatives outlined.

Internationalization strategies have been the core emphasis of TEDU, since its foundation. As a progressive academic institution offering an integrated approach to higher education and a high-quality student-focused educational experience, integrating internationalization in its education, research, students, and staff has always been a key part of the internationalization efforts. Thus, international orientation includes all aspects and all stakeholders of university life. To achieve this, TEDU is committed to pursuing constant improvement of the quality of education parallel to the international standards; to enhance the international reputation of the University; to be an appealing institution for international students and staff; to respond to cultural diversity within the University and to prove it as a part of our cultural wealth, and to follow cross-institutional internationalization.

TED University performs its education, research and community service activities aligned with the 17 goals designated by the United Nations in 2015 within the Agenda for Sustainable Development to be achieved by 2030, including no poverty, zero hunger, reduced inequality, climate action, gender equality, decent work and economic growth, quality education, affordable and clean energy, etc. The Senate of TEDU has unanimously decided to commit to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development officially as of October 14, 2021.

TEDU aims to actualize the following actions:

1- Encouraging students and staff to increase international experience

Enhancing partnerships and networks in the international academic community, and by this way supplying more exchange opportunities for students and staff through Erasmus+ and other mutual/multiple agreements.

2- Supporting and increasing international activities/events on the campus

Increasing the number of events and activities like summer schools, culture festivals for international students, international congress, and workshops.

3- Increasing international student and academic/administrative staff recruitment

Recruiting more international students and staff by obtaining institutional and program-based accreditation, being visible in international university rankings, attending education fairs abroad, having partnerships with recruitment agencies, making online marketing and promotional activities.

4- Reviewing institutional identity from the perspective of international stakeholders

Supporting learning, teaching, and living experiences that are meeting the needs and expectations of international students and staff by increasing the number of staff speaking at least one foreign language, making bilingual announcements within the University, continuing to implement a globally oriented curriculum, and organizing orientation programs.

## **Partnership Level**

TEDU primarily seeks partners in Africa, Asia, and Europe. However, it is open to partnerships with leading institutions all around the world. Depending on their academic interests, different departments/programmes may choose partners from any part of the world.

## **Mobility Programmes**

TEDU's primary target group for mobility is the students. International mobility programmes are an indispensable means to help the personal and professional development of students and help them become better citizens and well-equipped professionals. TEDU also views these programmes as an excellent opportunity to help build an integrated and more peaceful future world by ending cultural prejudices through studies, projects, and acquaintances in multinational institutions. TEDU uses teaching and academic staff mobility to help set up and nurture fruitful relationships with partner institutions and organizations. Of course, this mobility programme also bears significance for TEDU's teaching staff in building an international network in their research area. Similarly, administrative staff mobility is an important means for TEDU's staff to improve their competency in their respective professions.

TED University offers a liberal arts education; it is supported by many elective courses and by an integrative education philosophy. It recognizes the importance of double/multiple/joint degrees for the improvement of its internationalization strategy and the development of the European Higher Education Area in general. TED University is fully committed to the significance of internationalization and the development of a global vision. In this respect, the Programme constitutes the core element within its internationalization strategy. TEDU's strategy values the vital role of student and staff mobility (incoming as well as outgoing mobile participants) as well as the significance of taking part in European and international cooperation projects for the improvement and enrichment of its higher education programme and student and staff experiences. To realize its aims within its internationalization strategy, TEDU intends to work in all three Key Actions, namely first, student and staff mobility (EU and non-EU); joint/double/multiple master's degrees; second, partnerships, knowledge cooperation, capacity building and third, networks and policy aid methods.

TEDU guarantees a just, transparent, rational, and documented selection process for student and staff mobility. As TEDU is committed to combating discrimination of all kinds, it pledges to pursue according to Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. TEDU, with its dedication to supporting disadvantaged groups, will offer extra grants for outgoing students in case of need.

TED University acknowledges the fact that study mobility improves students' professional, social, cultural, inter-cultural skills, and abilities and thus their future employability. TEDU considers learning mobility to be the most important aspect for the modernization and internationalization of the people and society in general.

Regarding Key Action 1 – student and staff mobility, TEDU intends to send and receive students and staff to realize its vision of internationalization. TEDU is willing to take part in programmes such as Joint/Double/Multiple Degrees, which will increase the value and significance of its educational policies and visions. TEDU also supports youth mobility of volunteering and youth exchanges at all levels. Concerning Key Action 2 – Strategic partnerships, knowledge alliances, TEDU will carry out innovative cooperation projects by building partnerships with businesses for which it will include its network stemming from its 85 years of experience as TED primary and secondary private schools, whose graduates will cooperate and/or use their connections with international companies for cooperation projects. Relating to Key Action 3– networks and policy support measures, whenever possible, TEDU will realize a policy dialogue with stakeholders with this in mind. Finally, TEDU endeavours to use the possibilities of the Jean Monnet Programme, especially by sending its best graduate students.

### **Erasmus Without Paper**

Our primary aim is to embrace the digitalization of the Erasmus+ Programme in line with the European Commission's main objective for 2021 – 2027. TEDU believes focusing on the importance of implementing these digital initiatives and building up a network between the institutions on a digital level will help exchange data more efficiently. Minimizing the need for paper documents will provide a faster and more sustainable administrative process for both students and universities. TEDU connects to the Erasmus Dashboard on the EWP Network and plans to set up online Inter-Institutional Agreements until the end of 2022.