

Erasmus Policy Statement

Višja strokovna šola za gostinstvo in turizem Bled / Vocational College for Catering and Tourism is actively engaged in a wide range of EU-funded activities and European organisations. It intends to enhance its involvement in future years with participating not only in the European network of institutions oriented towards the better understanding of the higher education area with the emphasis on short cycles, but also starts to spread its activities all over the world.

The College's internationalisation strategy aims to promote longer-term and sustainable networks and partnerships with higher institutions and other organisations as well as the enterprises in teaching and training for mutual benefit. Main objectives are:

- to promote the Erasmus mobility activities to staff and students in order to enhance academic co-operation, collaboration, the promotion and dissemination of best practice in delivering quality teaching and learning within and outside Europe
- to internationalise the curriculum to reflect an increasingly developing globalisation
- to widen the mobility opportunities for students and staff on a global scale
- to provide students with an education and training that develops their learning and linguistic skills, experience and employment prospects

It is written in its mission and vision that "it will become an internationally comparable centre for a quality lifelong learning and training in the hospitality industry". Its priorities are students' placements in different kinds of enterprises, training centres and especially in the hospitality, tourism and wellness establishments. The college will carefully choose its partner organizations, which can provide a quality placement where required training outcomes are achieved. These partner organizations will be reviewed annually. Each placement will be awarded with ECTS points according to the course curriculum and graduating students will be given the Diploma Supplement.

Vocational College for Catering and Tourism Bled will continue to incorporate a European dimension into the curriculum of both educational and training programmes. It will further develop initiatives offered by LLP and integrate them into current curricula and processes. It will aim to develop opportunities to internationalise the curricula, such as starting to apply for Erasmus Mundus programmes. All Erasmus mobility activities will be focusing on increasing the number of outgoing students and staff with the help of different multi-organizations partnerships. As being oriented towards the practical training and educating, the college will implement all necessary means and tools to achieve the main objectives of the Erasmus strategy.

It is difficult to predict the impact of our college's participation in the programme as the European situation is changing on a daily basis as it is also changing on a global basis. All 5 priorities, i.e.: to increase the number of higher education graduates; to improve the quality and relevance of teaching and researcher training, to equip graduates with the knowledge and core transferable competences they need to succeed in high-skill occupations; to provide more opportunities for students to gain additional skills through study or training abroad, and to encourage cross-border co-operation to boost higher education performance; to strengthen the "knowledge triangle", linking education, research and business and to create effective governance and funding mechanisms in support of excellence, sound fantastic when reading them, but their implementation needs a lot of work on every level. Writing and talking are not enough; we have to put in practice all these beautiful words. Our college

has been trying to achieve at least four of these priorities already in the past years, and we have succeeded in many ways by the help of LLP programmes. Especially the mobility for work placement has shown great results, greater than mobility for study. We expect our graduates to obtain through the participation in the Programme the most suitable competences and skills that they will enable them to find positions and jobs anywhere in the world. The entire college will benefit from the competent and skilled graduates as we all know that the best promotion of the school (and the Programme) are well educated and trained graduates with a wide range of competences.

The Erasmus Policy Statement will be displayed on the website and placed in the college hall.