

UTCB ERASMUS+ 2014-2021 POLICY STATEMENT

According to the Institutional Strategic Plan, the Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest assumes its fundamental mission of being a national center for training new generations of specialists and high performance researchers in civil and environmental engineering, hydrotechnical constructions, transportation engineering, building equipments, geodesy, urban engineering and other related fields. The administration board of the Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest (UTCB) perceives the international cooperation under the Erasmus+ programme 2014-2021 one of its key actions. UTCB aims to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the programme and to use them as an improving tool concerning the number and quality of the international cooperation links. With the support of the central authorities, based on the national policy fostering internationalization, but also through our own efforts on innovation, initiative and flexibility, UTCB aims to strengthen its position among the institutions of higher education, planning to be more attractive by increasing its performances, the quality of education and provided services. We believe in the capacity of the Erasmus+ programme to develop the international relations and the policy of internationalization. Concurrently, the programme is a source for achieving a good position as a technical university, to develop the curricular programmes and for the international recognition of our students' degrees. By participating in this programme UTCB intends to fulfil its goal to educate highly skilled students and to endow the graduates with human, cultural, professional and entrepreneurial qualities, enabling them to successfully integrate in the current context of the global environment. Under the framework of its 67 Erasmus+ concluded bilateral agreements, UTCB plans to start with 20 students and 15 teachers per year, focusing its efforts to increase the annual volume of mobility flow in both directions. To emphasize the main component activities and to provide them a high quality level, the Erasmus+ Office will advice the outgoing students on the programme opportunities, study offers at partner institutions and all arrangements in terms of financing, accommodation and travel. A strategic objective of UTCB under Erasmus+ for the following period is to increase the number of practical placement agreements, as well as the diversification of the institution profiles involved in such partnerships. A package of measures enhancing the placement contribution to the personal and professional development of students is considered. Becoming more employment-focused, they will stimulate engagement by working in partnership with the placement providers, promoting professional consultancy and knowledge transfer opportunities. For enabling an institutional evaluation of all placement outcomes, both students and placement providers will submit a final report to ensure that the mobility period has met all defined quality objectives.

To be more attractive for the incoming students, UTCB will continue the improvement of the curricula and teaching methodology in order to keep up with the most recent technical and scientific progress in the world, and to maintain the Romanian higher education in the constructions field at international standards, along its integration in the European education within the Bologna process. All the information they need will be available on the UTCB Erasmus+ website. To ensure ECTS recognition by their university, all incoming students will have a Learning Agreement concluded before the mobility. After successfully completing the programme, they will receive a Transcript of Records. All incoming exchange students will benefit on accommodation in UTCB student's hostel, free internet and library access. A short Romanian language & culture course is offered. In order to ensure the integration of incoming students, a social programme will be organized by student buddies, ESN and the Erasmus+ Office. Staff mobility, a priority of the UTCB strategic plan 2014-2020, will be highly stimulated within Erasmus+ programme by adopting an internal system of stimulating the academic staff to participate in activities devoted to internationalization (for teaching mobility, initiation of active bilateral agreements, participation in conferences, involvement in international research programmes), grading them with additional points in their academic assessment. The number of mobilities for teaching purposes will grow through the involvement of the directors of academic departments and research centres, focusing on mobility of young staff. Even if the source of European funding programmes will gradually increase based on the past performance, the University contribution from its own resources and/or from the Fund for Internationalization should be considered, to increase the number of mobilities. DRI and the academic departments directors will insist on compliance with the conditions of reciprocity within the framework of STA bilateral agreements, so that a greater number of academics from abroad will teach in UTCB within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme.

UTCB will carefully analyze the reports delivered by students and teaching staff members, when returning from Erasmus+ mobilities, in order to draw conclusions concerning the future improvements. Reports on the results of the Erasmus+ activities will be submitted at least two times per year to the Administrative Council of the University and to the Faculties Councils. The Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest is committed to comply with non discrimination objectives. There will be no discrimination, whatsoever, and total transparency regarding the selection of students and staff who will participate in the outgoing mobility flow. The University Charter is a very powerful tool in combating xenophobia and racism.