



## **SAGLIK BILIMLERI UNIVERSITESI ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (OVERALL STRATEGY)**

Although our institution was established in 2015, we have adopted academic ethical principles in addition to being a pioneer in the field of health with original education and training programs, research projects, advanced laboratories and technology development areas to fulfill the mission it has undertaken.

The main internationalization strategy of Saglik Bilimleri Universitesi is to become one of the leading universities in the world. In order to establish a partnership, as a university of Turkey, which is part of both Europe and Asia, we want to cooperate with the European Union and Erasmus partner country universities.

When selecting the partner country and universities, organizations that would be preferred would be those which have internationalization targets, give quality education, give importance to transparency, not permitting discrimination in any way, and those that are disabled-friendly.

Despite being established in 2015, there are currently 5415 students in our university. 2395 of these students are within the short cycle associate degree, 2670 are bachelors, 203 are masters and 147 are PhD students. As a part of internationalization, currently 590 foreign students are studying full-time in our university due to bilateral agreement.

We aim to improve the quality by taking into consideration the international dimension of education and researches, and give great importance to providing students with broad education opportunities by improving their ties with the universities, hospitals and research centers in the field. In addition, we encourage research through academic staff exchanges and offering opportunities for education at international universities.

All mobilities will be carried out under the principles of impartiality, transparency and eligibility. Taking into consideration the potential problems experienced in the field of finding partner and take in projects, measures will be taken to establish more reliable and quality links with the institutions.

It is among our priorities to cooperate with partner countries to provide professional development opportunities through conferences and seminars, and to contribute to scientific development by organizing or participating in local and international conferences and workshops.

In order to update the curricula to current and emerging labor market needs and to foster students' employability and entrepreneurship, Saglik Bilimleri Universitesi involves employers, representatives of labor market institutions and graduates in the design and delivery of programs.

At the moment 590 students are trained in our university, full-time from Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Cyprus, Kosovo, Syria, Germany, Iran, Libya, Macedonia, Somalia, Jordan and many more.

Up until now, a total of 1101 students were given education and research support from 22 different countries including but not limited to Burkina Faso, Pakistan, Malaysia, Tunisia, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Romania. Participation in Erasmus + programs will give our students and our staff a chance to be more active in modern education.

We are a university linked to European and international environments through harmonization with European priorities; aiming to increase the number of quality higher education graduates, increase the quality and appropriateness of teaching and learning, encourage student and staff mobility and international co-operation.

Mobility and cross-border cooperations provide institutional and individual benefits to universities, corporations and research institutes. Participation in Erasmus + programs will encourage and strengthen practical aspects of cooperation with the sector through the development of the teaching-learning process. We believe that erasmus + programs will have a positive effect in strengthening the connection between our university, businesses and industry.

We aim to establish effective connections between education, research and business at our university - three sides of the "knowledge triangles". These sides motivate the development of Entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation skills in all disciplines and in the three cycles. Also they support innovation through interactive learning environments and strengthen the information transfer infrastructure.

Our primary goals are to create effective governance and financing mechanisms for education, research and innovation and for higher education. Participation in the Erasmus + program will enhance the quality, appropriateness and visibility of the teaching and learning of academic staff.