



ERASMUS CHARTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION 2021-2027

The European Commission hereby awards this Charter to:

UNIVERSITATEA DE STIINTE AGRONOMICE SI MEDICINA VETERINARA DIN BUCURESTI

The Institution undertakes to:

- Respect in full the principles of non-discrimination, transparency and inclusion set out in the Erasmus+ Programme.
- Ensure equal and equitable access and opportunities to current and prospective participants from all backgrounds, paying particular attention to the inclusion of those with fewer opportunities.
- Ensure full automatic recognition of all credits (based on the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System – ECTS) gained for learning outcomes satisfactorily achieved during a period of study/training abroad, including during blended mobility.
- Charge no fees, in the case of credit mobility, to incoming mobile students for tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratory and library facilities.
- Ensure the quality of the mobility activities and of the cooperation projects throughout the application and implementation phases.
- Implement the priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme:
 - By undertaking the necessary steps to implement digital mobility management in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative.
 - By promoting environmentally friendly practices in all activities related to the Programme.
 - By encouraging the participation of individuals with fewer opportunities in the Programme.
 - By promoting civic engagement and encouraging students and staff to get involved as active citizens before, during and after their participation in a mobility activity or cooperation project.

WHEN PARTICIPATING IN MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

Before mobility

- Ensure that selection procedures for mobility activities are fair, transparent, coherent and documented.
- Publish and regularly update the course catalogue on the website well in advance of the mobility periods, so as to be transparent to all parties and allow mobile students to make well-informed choices about the courses they will follow.
- Publish and regularly update information on the grading system used and grade distribution tables for all study programmes. Ensure that students receive clear and transparent information on recognition and grade conversion procedures.
- Carry out mobility for the purpose of studying and teaching only within the framework of prior agreements between institutions which establish the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties, as well as their commitment to shared quality criteria in the selection, preparation, reception, support and integration of mobile participants.
- Ensure that outgoing mobile participants are well prepared for their activities abroad, including blended mobility, by undertaking activities to achieve the necessary level of linguistic proficiency and develop their intercultural competences.
- Ensure that student and staff mobility is based on a learning agreement for students and a mobility agreement for staff, validated in advance between the sending and receiving institutions or enterprises and the mobile participants.
- Provide active support to incoming mobile participants throughout the process of finding accommodation.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining visas, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining insurance, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants.
- Ensure that students are aware of their rights and obligations as defined in the Erasmus Student Charter.

During mobility

- Ensure equal academic treatment and the quality of services for incoming students.
- Promote measures that ensure the safety of outgoing and incoming mobile participants.
- Provide appropriate mentoring and support arrangements for mobile participants, including for those pursuing blended mobility.

- Integrate incoming mobile participants into the wider student community and in the Institution's everyday life. Encourage them to act as ambassadors of the Erasmus+ Programme and share their mobility experience.

- Provide appropriate language support to incoming mobile participants.

After mobility

- Provide incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with transcripts of records containing a full, accurate and timely record of their achievements at the end of the mobility period.
- Ensure that all ECTS credits gained for learning outcomes satisfactorily achieved during a period of study/training abroad, including during blended mobility, are fully and automatically recognised as agreed in the learning agreement and confirmed by the transcript of records/traineeship certificate; transfer those credits without delay into the student's records, count them towards the student's degree without any additional work or assessment of the student and make them traceable in the student's transcript of records and the Diploma Supplement.

- Ensure the inclusion of satisfactorily completed study and/or traineeship mobility activities in the final record of student achievements (the Diploma Supplement).
- Encourage and support mobile participants upon return to act as ambassadors of the Erasmus+ Programme, promote the benefits of mobility and actively engage in building alumni communities.
- Ensure that staff is given recognition for their teaching and training activities undertaken during the mobility period, based on a mobility agreement and in line with the institutional strategy.

WHEN PARTICIPATING IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

- Ensure that cooperation activities contribute towards the fulfilment of the institutional strategy.
- Promote the opportunities offered by the cooperation projects and provide relevant support to staff and students interested in participating in these activities throughout the application and implementation phase.

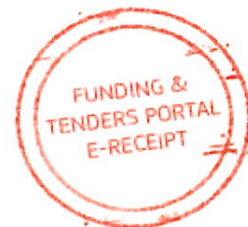
- Ensure that cooperation activities lead to sustainable outcomes and that their impact benefits all partners.
- Encourage peer-learning activities and exploit the results of the projects in a way that will maximise their impact on individuals, other participating institutions and the wider academic community.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- Ensure that the long-term institutional strategy and its relevance to the objectives and priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme are described in the Erasmus Policy Statement.
- Ensure that the principles of the Charter are well communicated and are applied by staff at all levels of the Institution.

- Make use of the [ECHE Guidelines](#) and of the [ECHE Self-assessment](#) to ensure the full implementation of the principles of this Charter.
- Regularly promote activities supported by the Erasmus+ Programme, along with their results.
- Display this Charter and the related Erasmus Policy Statement prominently on the Institution's website and on all other relevant channels.

The Institution acknowledges that the implementation of the Charter will be monitored by the Erasmus+ National Agency and that the violation of any of the above principles and commitments may lead to its withdrawal by the European Commission.



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In the following sections of the application form, you will need to explain how your institution will fulfil the ECHE principles if the Charter is awarded. You are encouraged to consult the [ECHE Guidelines](#) for support in completing this application.

Please note that your Erasmus+ National Agency will monitor your Erasmus Policy Statement and your answers to the questions given in the application. The Erasmus+ National Agency reserves the right to request more information on your activities and propose supplementary measures, for the purposes of monitoring and implementing the Charter principles by your institution.

1. ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS)

1.1 Erasmus activities included in your EPS

In this section, you need to tick the Erasmus activities covered by your Erasmus Policy Statement. Please select those activities that your HEI intends to implement during the entire duration of the Programme.

Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility:

The mobility of higher education students and staff x

Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Cooperation among organisations and institutions:

Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices x

Partnerships for Excellence – European Universities x

Partnerships for Excellence - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees x

Partnerships for Innovation x

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3):

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3) - Support to policy development and cooperation: x

1.2 Erasmus Policy statement (EPS): your strategy

Your Erasmus Policy Statement should reflect how you intended to implement Erasmus after the award of the ECHE. Should you wish to add additional activities in the future, you will need to amend your Erasmus Policy Statement and inform your Erasmus National Agency.

What would you like to achieve by participating in the Erasmus Programme? How does your participation in the Erasmus Programme fit into your institutional internationalisation and modernisation strategy?

(Please reflect on the objectives of your participation. Please explain how you expect the

participation in Erasmus to contribute towards modernising your institution, as well as on the goal of building a European Education Area¹ and explain the policy objectives you intend to pursue).

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Prin participarea USAMV din Bucuresti la programul Erasmus se urmareste consolidarea capacitatii de internationalizare si modernizare a procesului de formare si cercetare, cu urmatoarele obiective: organizarea de mobilitati pentru studenti si personal atat outgoing, cat si incoming, prin respectarea principiilor transparentei, incluziunii sociale si al echitatii; asigurarea recunoasterii integrale a creditelor si a perioadelor de mobilitate si includerea lor in Suplimentul la Diploma, precum si a abilitatilor profesionale dobandite in timpul mobilitatii si cuantificarea lor in evaluarea performantelor la locul de munca, implementarea instrumentelor de mobilitate digitala, precum si a initiativei Erasmus Student Card, integrarea in retea de universitati europene in scopul contributiei USAMV la crearea si consolidarea Spatiului European al Educatiei, participarea in proiecte de parteneriate strategice cu institutii cuarii de interes similar. Participarea USAMV din Bucuresti la programul Erasmus este parte integranta a strategiei de internationalizare si va contribui la modernizarea institutiei prin cresterea vizibilitatii pe plan international, prin derularea de proiecte de mobilitate si de parteneriat strategic, care sa asigure un cadru optim de educatie si cercetare unui numar cat mai mare de beneficiari, cu o crestere semnificativa a celor cu nevoi speciale si posibilitati reduse, vizand procesul de incluziune sociala. In cadrul proiectelor de mobilitate se urmareste ca beneficiarii sa obtina calificari recunoscute la nivel european, in scopul consolidarii unui Spatiu European al Educatiei cat mai complex si care sa asigure tuturor tinerilor accesul la cea mai buna educatie si formare profesionala si sa gaseasca un loc de munca in toata Europa. Integrarea USAMV din Bucuresti in retea de universitati europene este un obiectiv deosebit de important, ca parte integranta a strategiei de internationalizare si modernizare a universitatii, urmarindu-se implicarea cu toate resursele educationale si de infrastructura in scop de mobilitate, schimb de experienta si transfer de cunoastere.

Participation of USAMV of Bucharest in the Erasmus program aims to strengthen the internationalization capacity and modernization of the training and research process, with the following objectives: organizing mobility for students and staff both outgoing and incoming, by complying the principles of transparency, social inclusion and equity; ensuring full recognition of the credits and periods of mobility and their inclusion in the Diploma Supplement, as well as of the professional skills acquired during the mobility and quantification in the evaluation of the performance at the workplace; implementation of digital mobility tools, as well as the Erasmus Student Card initiative; integration into the European Universities Network for the purpose of USAMV's contribution to the creation and consolidation of the European Education Area, participation in projects of strategic partnerships with institutions in areas of common interest. Participation of USAMV of Bucharest in the Erasmus program is an integral part of the internationalization strategy and will contribute to the modernization of the institution by increasing international visibility by carrying out mobility and strategic partnership projects to ensure an optimal education and research to as many beneficiaries as possible, with a significant increase of those with special needs and reduced possibilities, aiming at the process of social inclusion. The aim of the mobility projects is for the beneficiaries to obtain qualifications recognized at the European level, in order to strengthen a European Education Area as complex as possible and to ensure all young people access to the best education and training and to find a job everywhere in Europe. The integration of USAMV of Bucharest in the European Universities Network is a very important objective, as an integral part of the university's internationalization and modernization strategy pursuing involvement with all educational and infrastructure resources for mobility, experience exchange and knowledge transfer.

Please reflect on the Erasmus actions you would like to take part in and explain how they will be implemented in practice at your institution. Please explain how your institution's participation in these actions will contribute to achieving the objectives of your institutional strategy.

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In cadrul programului Erasmus vor fi organizate mobilitati pentru studenti si personal atat didactic, cat si administrativ, in scopul dezvoltarii si consolidarii abilitatilor teoretice si practice precum si a celor profesionale si stiintifice, dar si culturale si de comunicare intr-o limba straina. Se urmareste crearea unor programe de master la USAMV din Bucuresti cu predare in limbi straina, in scopul diversificarii ofertei de studiu pentru studenti si profesori incoming. De asemenea, se doreste cresterea numarului de mobilitati de formare a personalului administrativ in

¹ For more information on the priorities of the European Education Area, such as recognition, digital skills, common values and inclusive education, please consult the following website:
https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-education-area_en

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scopul dezvoltării unor abilități practice, dar și al comunicării într-o limbă de circulație internațională. USAMV din București va fi implicată în proiecte de cooperare și parteneriate strategice cu universități și instituții care activează în domeniul de interes comun. În perioada următoare, în cadrul procesului de selecție se va urmări creșterea numărului de beneficiari cu posibilități reduse sau cu dizabilități, oferind astfel o șansă tuturor celor ce doresc să participe la mobilități în cadrul programului. Procedurile de selecție în cadrul programului vor fi elaborate și actualizate conform cerințelor și pe baza consultărilor cu responsabilii de la nivelul facultăților. Vor fi întreprinse acțiuni de identificare de noi parteneri și semnarea de acorduri interinstituționale care să ofere oportunitatea creșterii numărului de mobilități, dar și de dezvoltare și implementare de proiecte de cercetare științifică, parteneriate strategice. În cadrul acestor proiecte se urmărește și crearea de programe de master de tip joint program sau programe de doctorat în cotutela. Vor fi continuate acțiunile de integrare a USAMV în Reteaua de Universități Europene, în scopul consolidării mobilităților studenților și personalului, pentru un învățământ european de calitate, bazat pe competitivitate și incluziune socială. Participarea în programul Erasmus va fi posibilă prin implementarea instrumentelor de mobilitate digitală, precum și a inițiativei Erasmus Student Card. USAMV din București fiind în proces de testare și introducere a acestor instrumente, conform graficului stabilit de Comisia Europeană. Aceste instrumente vor fi prezentate în cadrul evenimentelor și campaniilor de informare Erasmus desfășurate în cadrul universității, astfel încât să fie cât mai cunoscute și prietenoase beneficiarilor. Studenții vor fi încurajați să testeze Erasmus+ Mobile App pentru a se familiariza cu aplicația și a conștientiza faptul că documentele de mobilitate vor fi utilizate în mediul online. Biroul Erasmus va fi permanent preocupat de diseminarea informațiilor cu privire la noutățile în programul Erasmus și va asigura suport tehnic și consiliere tuturor celor care doresc să participe la acțiunile din cadrul programului. În ceea ce privește asigurarea calității mobilităților, se vor crea toate condițiile pentru organizarea acestora în condiții cât mai bune, programul Erasmus producând un impact mai mare decât alte programe de mobilitate în dezvoltarea personalității, al implicării sociale, deschiderii interculturale și, în special, pe plan academic.

Within the Erasmus program there will be organized mobilities for students and staff, both for teaching and administrative people, in order to develop and strengthen theoretical and practical skills, as well as professional and scientific, but also cultural and communication abilities in a foreign language. The aim is to create master programs at USAMV in Bucharest with teaching in foreign languages in order to diversify the study offer for incoming students and teachers. Also, it is pursued to increase the number of mobility of training of administrative staff in order to develop practical skills, but also to communicate in a foreign language. USAMV of Bucharest will be involved in cooperation projects and strategic partnerships with universities and institutions working in areas of common interest. In the selection process in the next period the aim will be to increase the number of beneficiaries with fewer opportunities or disabilities, thus offering a chance to all those who want to participate in mobility within the program. The selection procedures within the program will be elaborated and updated according to the requirements and based on the consultations with the representatives from the faculties. There will be taken actions to identify new partners and sign inter-institutional agreements to provide the opportunity to increase the number of mobilities, but also to develop and implement scientific research projects, strategic partnerships. Within these projects, the setting up of joint master's degree programs or co-supervised doctoral programs is also pursued. The actions of integration of USAMV into the European Universities Network will be continued, in order to strengthen the mobility of students and staff, for a quality European education, based on competitiveness and social inclusion. Participation in the Erasmus program will be possible through the implementation of digital mobility instruments, as well as the Erasmus Student Card initiative. USAMV in Bucharest being in the process of testing and introducing these instruments, according to the timeline established by the European Commission. These tools will be presented in the events and Erasmus information campaigns carried out within the university, so as to be well known and friendly to the beneficiaries. Students will be encouraged to test the Erasmus + Mobile App to familiarize with the application and to be aware that mobility documents will be used online. The Erasmus Office will be permanently involved in disseminating information on news in the Erasmus program and will provide technical support and advice to all those who wish to participate in the actions of the program. In terms of ensuring the quality of mobility, all conditions will be created for organizing them in the best possible conditions, the Erasmus program producing a greater impact than other mobility programs in personality development, social involvement, intercultural openness and, in particular, academically.

What is the envisaged impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on your institution?

Please reflect on targets, as well as qualitative and quantitative indicators in monitoring this impact (such as mobility targets for student/staff mobility, quality of the implementation, support for participants on mobility, increased involvement in cooperation projects (under the KA2 action), sustainability/long-term impact of projects etc.) You are encouraged to offer an indicative timeline for achieving the targets related to the Erasmus+ actions.

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USAMV din București, cea mai veche instituție de învățământ superior agronomic românesc, este în permanență preocupată de creșterea capacității de internaționalizare și modernizare, acesta fiind unul dintre obiectivele deosebit de importante în strategia instituțională. Prin participarea în programul Erasmus, se urmărește creșterea numărului de mobilități pentru studenți și personal, atât outgoing, cât și incoming. În acest sens, USAMV a contribuit financiar din fondurile proprii la suplimentarea granturilor pentru studenții outgoing în ultimii 2 ani. Se urmărește creșterea numărului de studenți outgoing cu până la 40% precum și a personalului beneficiar de mobilități de predare și formare cu până la 30% la orizont 2025. Prin crearea unor programe de master în limba engleză, dar și prin faptul că la USAMV din București există două programe de licență în domeniul medicinei veterinare cu predare în limba

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engleza și franceza, se urmărește creșterea numărului de mobilități incoming, atât pentru studenți, cât și pentru profesori cu până la 30% până în anul 2025. În vederea organizării mobilităților incoming, beneficiarii vor primi suport în ceea ce privește cazarea în campusul universității, precum și în obținerea vizelor acolo unde este cazul. USAMV din București va participa la un număr tot mai mare de proiecte de parteneriate strategice, în calitate de Beneficiar sau Partener, în scopul dezvoltării de programe de formare comune, al mobilității, precum și al implementării unor produse inovative în scop educațional și de cercetare. Se urmărește implementarea unor programe de master de tip joint programs, precum și a unor programe de doctorat în colaborare cu instituții partenere care au arii de interes comun. Un program de master în antreprenoriat în domeniul biotehnologiilor, precum și de horticultură periurbană vor fi dezvoltate în cadrul unor parteneriate strategice în următorii 3 ani. Prin implicarea în proiecte ale acțiunilor din cadrul programului, vor fi organizate activități de diseminare a rezultatelor, pentru a fi cunoscute atât de comunitatea academică locală, cât și la nivel regional. De asemenea, se urmărește asigurarea durabilității acestor proiecte pe termen lung, astfel ca rezultatele acestora să fie transferate în programe de studiu, platforme de învățare, etc. Se încurajează ca beneficiarii de mobilități să devină ambasadori ai programului, care să participe la acțiuni specifice de promovare, dar și de încurajare a unui număr cât mai mare de doctori, care, în final să devină beneficiarii ai acestui program. În cadrul unor evenimente și campanii de informare, precum Boboc Fest, Caravana Erasmus vine și în facultatea ta, precum și prin intermediul Centrului de Consiliere și Orientare în Cariera al universității, vor fi realizate acțiuni de informare și diseminare a rezultatelor obținute prin intermediul mobilităților și proiectelor în programul Erasmus, unde vor fi invitați beneficiarii ai programului care să își prezinte experiențele dobândite ca urmare a participării la mobilități în cadrul diferitelor acțiuni ale programului. Toate acțiunile programului, în cadrul cărora USAMV va fi implicată, vor conduce în perioada următoare la o creștere semnificativă a procesului de internaționalizare, marcată prin calitatea actului educațional, de formare și cercetare științifică, în scopul integrării și creării unui Spațiu European al Educației la orizont 2027.

USAMV of Bucharest, the oldest university of agronomic higher education institution in Romania, is constantly concerned about increasing the capacity of internationalization and modernization, this being one of the very important objectives in the institutional strategy. By participating in the Erasmus program, we aim to increase the number of mobilities for students and staff, both outgoing and incoming. In this regard, USAMV has contributed financially from its own funds to supplement the grants for outgoing students during the last 2 years. The aim is to increase the number of outgoing students by up to 40%, as well as the number of staff teaching and training up to 30% till 2025. By creating master's programs in English, but also by the fact that at USAMV in Bucharest there are two bachelor's programs in the field of veterinary medicine with teaching in English and French, we aim to increase the number of incoming mobilities up to 30% till 2025, both for students and teachers. In order to organize incoming mobilities, beneficiaries will receive support regarding the accommodation in the university campus, as well as obtaining visas, where appropriate. USAMV from Bucharest will participate in an increasing number of strategic partnership projects, as Beneficiary or Partner, in order to develop joint training programs, mobility, as well as to implement innovative products for educational and research purposes. The aim is to implement joint master's degree programs, as well as doctoral programs in co-supervision with partner institutions that have areas of common interest. A master's program in entrepreneurship in the field of biotechnology, as well as periurban horticulture will be developed within strategic partnerships in the next 3 years. By involving in program actions projects there will be organized activities in order to disseminate the results, to be known both by the local academic community and at the regional level. It also aims to ensure on the long term the sustainability of these projects, so that their results are transferred into study programs, learning platforms, etc. It is encouraged that the beneficiaries of mobility to become ambassadors of the program, to participate in specific actions of promotion, but also to encourage as many people as possible, who, in the end, being beneficiaries of this program. Within some information events and campaigns, such as Boboc Fest, Caravan Erasmus comes to your faculty, as well as through the Career Counselling and Guidance Center of the university there will be carried out actions to inform and disseminate the results obtained through mobility and projects in the Erasmus program, where the beneficiaries of the program will be invited to present their experiences gained as a result of participating in mobility in the various actions of the program. All the actions of the program, in which USAMV will be involved, will lead in the next period to a significant increase of the internationalization process, marked by the quality of the educational process, training and scientific research, in order to integrate and create a European Education Area on the horizon 2027.