



UNIVERSITA' OF NAPLES FEDERICO II

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The University of Naples Federico II intends to go on with its policy of supporting the Erasmus students' mobility. This strategy is still giving good results considering the slow but steady increase of outgoing and incoming student flows. The existing relations with enterprises, training centres, research centres and other boards and organizations will be useful to stimulate the mobility and to sign new agreements allowing further students' mobility. Particular attention will be focused on the teaching staff mobility, that, even though the financial support and bureaucratic facilities, registers a stagnation due to the heavy teaching load of the first and second cycle reform. We will try to find new ways of promotion to allow this activity be improved and implemented, also stimulating the institution of joint/double/recognised titles. We will continue to collaborate with many other European partners in the Chemistry Thematic Network.

We will address teachers' interest towards the Leonardo da Vinci programme in order to set out new agreements with enterprises, associations and centres involved in the Labour market. In this optic the University is going to activate an annual project with the specific aim of stimulating the graduate mobility for training placement to European boards in cooperation with officially recognised students' associations. We will also try to identify the best education instruments to address adult students (Grundtvig) either to improve their knowledge and skills and to offer alternative opportunities to have access to the Lifelong Learning.

The University will publish EUC and EPS on the Home Page of its web site and spread its contents among all the persons involved also by specific meetings. As to the visibility of the Erasmus activities, our Institution has given full recognition to the teachers' special commitment through forms of "financial" incentives. Our Institution is traditionally committed in combating all forms of discrimination involving disabled students and teachers and women. With reference to the first aspect, the University appointed a team with the specific task of coordinating all services and facilities offered to disabled students and issued a regulation in favour of them. This and the special university's financial support contributed to create the right conditions to receive Erasmus students with severe disabilities in the last years. The staff monitoring the female conditions, promoting initiatives for gender studies and supervising the non-discrimination, objectives, will be increased.

In the next years the University Federico II will continue to improve all the Erasmus mobility procedures. In all the 13 faculties a system of credits (CFU) was introduced to allow their transfer and their accumulation during the Lifelong Learning. In order to improve its visibility, the University is going to open a new international web-site (International Unina) where all useful information to students, teachers and researchers will be offered in English. In some faculties part of the courses are held in English. The University has focused its attention on the improvement and tutoring of incoming students' hospitality (accommodation etc.) through an agreement with an external company whose work has been highly appreciated even by the National Agency. In addition, an International House has been opened: it works as a link among all the structures involved in the Erasmus process as a whole and works also as an Internet Point available for foreign students. The University Language Centre offers free Italian language courses that will be more and more diversified according to the students' needs and that will receive an official recognition in terms of credits. The process including all outgoing mobility procedures has registered a clear improvement thanks to: a wider diffusion of information through web and paper publications, the use of computer procedures in the selection phase (students' candidature); free Spanish, French and German courses offered by the University Language Centre. In addition the University provides a

financial support to students going abroad and pays in advance the grant established by EU; it supports the teachers' mobility with a financial contribution and by paying in advance the amount established by EU.

The University Federico II has the strategic objective to enhance the European cooperation in terms of vocational training focusing its attention to the activities and placements in enterprises and trade organizations of other member states. For these activities, adequate measures, similar to those implemented for Erasmus, will be worked out: once discussed an adequate project work with enterprises/social partners, a placement contract will be signed. At the end of the placement, the activity reported in the transcript of work will be totally recognised.

The programme as a whole shall be accompanied by a steady qualitative improvement. The University will monitor and periodically evaluate the progress of the placement programme in order to adjust the priorities related to its measures implementation. The evaluation should include an external evaluation set out by independent and impartial boards. When necessary, preparation courses and follow-up in the receiving country's language or in the work language will be offered to better meet the request of the labour market at European level. The university will carefully combat all forms of discrimination. Though our University has already created structures to support the training activities, the mobility is still low in number. In addition to the placement in the field of Erasmus programme, we will try to activate the Leonardo da Vinci Programme in order to meet the needs of vocational training of all the persons involved in the education and training (except at tertiary level) and in the Labour market.