Erasmus Policy Statement 2014-2020

Poliisiammattikorkeakoulu / Police University College

International actions of the Police University College of Finland are guided by, among other things, the Police University College's strategy, national and international strategies of the Finnish Police as well as the priorities of the EU internal security agenda.

International co-operation covers all Police University College's core processes and also research and development projects. International competence is one of the general competences of the students. This is defined in the degree education curricula.

The aim is that the student has, among other things, the necessary language skills and the ability to participate in multi-cultural co-operations. This will be supported, for example, via student mobility and language studies. It is crucial to provide students with understanding of the impact and opportunities of the increasingly international field in relation to their work.

Partnership agreements have been signed between the Nordic police training institutes, as well as with the Estonian and the German police training institutes.

The Police University College participates in international exchange programmes and cooperation with European Police College - CEPOL and Nordic Police Cooperation - NORDCOP systems. CEPOL Exchange Programme is targeted towards all police officials, police teaching staff and police experts. CEPOL Exchange Programme offers an opportunity to establish professional contacts and share best practices between the two member states. The exchange programme will benefit participants throughout the organization.

NORDCOP student exchange also applies to higher education students while NORDCOP teacher exchange will benefit the whole educational institution. One of the goals of the Police University College’s strategy is to develop international cooperation and the Erasmus+ Programme has the potential to expand this cooperation. Finnish society’s diversified development and globalization together with the changes caused by them in the working environment of police administration, not forgetting the ever-expanding idea of security, all pose challenges to the expertise and know-how of the Police University College as well.

The Police University College is primarily developing student and staff exchanges, educational co-operation and police research internationally. One key development goal in content development is to increase opportunities for international studies. One of the ways to achieve this is Erasmus+ Programme. The goal is to develop an Erasmus+ exchange network between the educational institutions involved and to provide more opportunities for students to gain additional skills through studying abroad. We are looking for partners mostly in Europe, but also outside Europe, for example in Asia and the Americas.

The main focuses of interest are Higher Educational Institutions engaged in policing and law enforcement. This is to ensure the acquisition of comparative police-operational information, and, above all, growth in students' professional skills. Recently, the focus of international mobility of Erasmus+ programme is in staff mobility. The aim is that through teachers’
personal experience it would be possible to find the most suitable partners for cooperation. With these partners, we will also organize student exchange in the future. Partnerships and curricula are prepared in such a way that it is possible to start student mobility within the framework of Erasmus+ programme in 2018.