

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

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

Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices

Partnerships for Excellence – European Universities

Partnerships for Excellence - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Partnerships for Innovation

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3):

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

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

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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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Modernization through internationalisation is the key goal of the international strategy of Bingöl University (BU). The Strategy Plan of the University emphasize international sharing and exchanges. That's why, all the faculties and units of the University have been recently involved in actions envisaging internationalisation and the idea has been expressed in the documents pertaining to the universities mission, vision and strategy. The internationalisation strategy of the University acknowledges the contribution of the staffs and students in European and international cooperation projects, to gain qualified skills and experiences. BU considers the most important and the primary target group for international mobility to be the students. It is the University's utmost belief that international mobility is essential for the students' academic and professional progress; to have better chances of future high-skilled employability, and entrepreneurship; this expected outcome will not only benefit the students, but also the country and Europe as well. The University also considers international mobility to be an important means of supporting students' personal growth; as non-discriminating, respectful individuals. The staff is the second targeted group for international mobility. The University supports staff mobility as a means for Professional development; as well as a means of modernization through a better-qualifies staff, and a means for higher-qualities of learning for the students. Staff mobility is also regarded as a superb way to build a European Network of educators and institutions. BU intends to work in all three Key Actions of the Erasmus+ Programme: Primarily in: Student and staff mobility (Students being the main target group), EU and non-EU, along with, joint/double/multiple master's degrees; Secondly in: Strategic partnerships, knowledge and sector skill alliances, and capacity-building cooperation, and; Thirdly in: Networks and policy aid methods. The University cares for internationalisation because it is utmost important for modernisation; it will not only supply educational and economic progress but also enable social growth and exchange of cultural values.

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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Participation in the Programme will provide an opportunity to achieve the goals being described in the institutional strategy on towards a modern and competitive European Education Area. In order to create measures that would improve the management of the University and enhance autonomy and accountability, BU will establish long term and sustainable partnerships and networks. By expanding the areas of activity and setting up new partnerships, the institution wishes to develop measures to obtain funding from various sources, as well as increase the potential of administrative units to manage these sources. The University will do its best particularly to support student mobility for study and traineeships for the improvement of students' cognitive, professional, inter-cultural, social, and networking skills as well as their real-life experiences, which will increase their chances of high-skilled employability. The university is located in an undeveloped city of Turkey; therefore, the mobility programs are opportunities for the improvement of education quality and the institutionalization of the University. Mobility programs will supply educational, economic, social, digital and cultural promotion at the area.

By signing this charter, BU will undertake to further modernize its institution and contribute to the goals of European Area. By agreeing the principles of the charter, BU will work together with its partners towards achieving the objectives of the mobility programs. Besides, it will achieve its objectives on being an active participant of international cooperation projects such as: Building a European Network of institutions; Creating strong strategically partnerships; Achieving competitive European education and research standards; Sharing Global skills and know-how; Advancement in research and innovation, and so on. The participation in Erasmus actions will enable the acceleration of the Institutional Strategy of the University and increase academic recognition.

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

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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BU which offers all levels of degrees has 1.168 academic staffs, about 500 administrative staffs, and 15.011 (400 of them are international) students. As a Higher Education Institution, BU has a mission of being internationally recognised institution by raising individuals as leaders and entrepreneurs who are intellectually rich and sensitive both on global and social issues. That's why, BU taking into account the regional dynamics and the needs of its target groups aims to collaborate with local and international partners to enable the target groups (staffs and students) to learn and transfer new knowledge relevant to their field and to learn experiences and good practices of other institutions and develop practical skills required for their current jobs. In this competitive world, higher education institutions ought to enhance themselves to the effective, efficient, and high-skilled needs of the modern age. The Programme, being the very vital means of keeping up with the requirements of the modern age, is expected to provide this enhancement. By regularly and persistently taking part in the Programme, through sharing and expanding knowledge, skills and know-how; BU aims to change its infrastructure in order to be an effective and efficient higher education institution. Mobility programs are vital for the enhancement of employability, credibility and recognition of the academic affairs, digitalisation of the institutions and social- cultural promotions. BU is already applying the processes of Bologna and supplies ECTS based full recognition as a result of Erasmus program for its students. As a result of the new age, technological developments and the changes at the needs and structure of the target groups (students and staffs) online systems have already been established. The applications, LA forms and Erasmus+ institutional agreements are done in digital platforms and the system will be completely digital till 2021. The incoming student will be able to utilise online apps for the library, cafeteria, accommodation and other social and educational affairs as well during the new Program.

The university, which is acting as a prominent leader for the developments of the city located in the eastern part of Turkey, has implemented many projects on education/training not only for students and young people but also for other target groups - disadvantaged or vulnerable groups (people with learning disabilities, persons at risk of social exclusion, unemployed, low qualified, etc.). In order to promote regional development, a project with the budget of 60 million TL on agricultural watershed-based model development is already granted by Turkish Education. BU has been the first university to implement many innovative rural and agricultural applications at the region. To ensure the widespread of the effects of the innovative rural and agricultural developments and to benefit from the experiences of the parts for better applications, BU is interested in KA2 – KA3 projects. Thus, BU considers participation in KA2 as an important strategy for being a part of the international academic community, which enables institutions to spread innovation, to improve current capabilities and to transfer good practices.

Timeline of Objectives:

2021-2022: Renewal of existing agreements, establishing new agreements, applying for KA108, finding partners for KA107 projects to have a wider range of options available for participants, increase the number of incoming students. Due to Covid-19 most probably decrease will occur in numbers of international mobility for the year 2021; therefore, our target will be to catch up with the previous mobility numbers.

2023-2024-2025: Midterm evaluation of targets, establishing new agreements, increasing the number of incoming students and staff (5% increase is foreseen for incoming staffs/students). KA107 and KA108 projects will be focused on. KA203 projects will be encouraged through departmental visits. The International Relations Office will try to diversify the countries with which students/staff exchange is conducted.

2026-2027: Establishing new agreements, 5% increase in mobility numbers is expected, increasing the number of incoming students and staff.