



**UNIVERSITY OF PRISTINA**  
Kosovska Mitrovica

INTERNATIONALISATION STRATEGY

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## INTRODUCTION: FRAMEWORK

University of Pristina with temporary seat in Kosovska Mitrovica, in line with The Strategy of Higher Education by 2020, directions of higher education reforms in the Republic of Serbia and development tendencies defined by the Bologna process, strives to utilize potentials of international academic and scientific cooperation for the further improvement of the quality of teaching process, scientific research and innovation, as well as the wider social inclusion of the University.

## OBJECTIVES:

### GENERAL OBJECTIVES

2.1 The University of Pristina with temporary seat in Kosovska Mitrovica (hereafter: the University) shall actively promote and stimulate all types of international cooperation, including international scientific and research cooperation, international mobility of students, teaching and non-teaching staff; participation in international conferences, meetings and seminars related to the development of diverse aspects of higher education, establishment of joint study programmes with foreign universities and training of administrative staff to work with foreign students and teachers.

2.2 The University shall stimulate international scientific cooperation in order to increase scientific reputation and potential of institutions within the University, creation of conditions for the advancement of teachers and researchers, and the inclusion of the latest results of scientific research and development into the theoretical and practical context of the teaching process.

2.3 The University shall regularly inform the institutions within the University, its students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff about the possibilities of engaging in international mobility programmes, financial resources available and procedures and competitions for their use.

2.4 The University shall provide the administrative support to students involved in mobility programmes and shall provide exchange programmes for students who wish to complete part of their study programmes abroad.

2.5 If the student during the period of mobility has carried out activities that are incompatible with the core curriculum, registered qualifications obtained in a foreign higher education institution and credits will be recorded in the Diploma Supplement.

2.6 The University shall promote the development of courses and study programmes in foreign languages and their international promotion in order to stimulate the incoming mobility of students and teachers.

2.7 In order to improve the quality of teaching methodology and exams, the University shall stimulate the participation of foreign teachers and experts in the teaching process at the University, both through individually organized visits and by providing conditions for their stay within the mobility of teaches, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological development.

2.8 The University shall establish joint and dual study programmes at bachelor, master, specialist and doctoral studies with foreign universities.

2.9 The University shall ensure the participation of teaching and non-teaching staff at international conferences, meetings, seminars and training in order to get acquainted with the examples of good practice and latest development tendencies in the higher education.

### 3. SPECIAL OBJECTIVES

3.1 The University of Pristina shall permanently inform teachers and researchers about international multilateral and bilateral scientific project, enable their participation and within its possibilities, provide administrative and financial support for efficient project implementation and achievement of significant results.

3.2 The University shall, also, support the mobility of researches, based on bilateral inter-institutional agreements, multilateral agreements concluded between the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological development of the Republic of Serbia, agreements concluded within Horizon 2020, Erasmus+ and other international initiatives and programmes, as well as the individual forms of cooperation of researchers.

3.3 The University shall support the publication of scientific results and their inclusion into international Internet bibliographic systems, as well as the electronic access and the possibility to search these international databases for its researchers, students and teacher.

3.4 In accordance with the Regulations on the transfer of ECTS credits of the University of Pristina (adopted in 2008.), the recognition and compatibility of study program learning objectives and outcomes, the compatibility of subject/course content of the study program with the programme of home university, recognition of the ECTS credit system at foreign study program and their formal recognition and transfer to home study program shall be ensured.

3.5 The Faculties shall appoint the ECTS coordinators, who will deal with the administrative and academic aspects of the mobility.

3.6 Ensuring the recognition and transfer of credits will be based on the Learning agreement, signed by the student, sending faculty (the head of the department and dean) and receiving institution, prior to the exchange. The Office for International Cooperation of the University and the Rector of the University shall provide additional support and mediate in the case of the breach of the agreement provisions.

3.7 If needed, the cooperation with the accredited centers and institutions that conduct foreign language training and certification shall be provided prior to exchange.

3.8 All courses that University offers to foreign students must have formalized learning objectives and outcomes, aligned with European Qualifications Framework and future National Qualification Framework of the Republic of Serbia, and teaching methodology and exam methodology aligned with the outcomes. In this way, international recognition of courses and more efficient transfer of ECTS credits will be ensured.

3.9 The University shall inform academic community abroad about vacancies at the University of Pristina for teaching positions.

3.10 The University shall support the development of e-learning and teaching processes, workshops and trainings that utilize ICT- technologies.

3.11 The University shall improve its Internet presentation by creating new website in English language, as well as by crating promotional publications in foreign languages.

## TASKS

4.1 Promote the importance of internationalisation by informing the governing bodies of the University and faculties, Students parliament, as well as by informal presentations for teachers and students.

4.2 In cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science and by participation at international competitions, to provide necessary financial support for internationalisation.

4.3 Ensure the establishment of appropriate bodies of the University and faculties that will implement the internationalisation.

4.4 Develop institutional and organizational frameworks for internationalisation.

4.5 Provide for coordination of internationalisation throughout the University.

4.6 Harmonize study programmes and courses with the international quality standards and future national qualifications framework, especially within the scope of regulated professions.

4.7 Establish study programmes and individual courses in English and other foreign languages

and promote them actively in order to attract more foreign students at all levels, bachelor, master and doctoral.

4.8 Develop and support interdisciplinary programmes

4.9 Support and improve foreign language learning

4.10 Develop administrative support for foreign students and teachers:

- introduce and issuing student visas for foreigners,
- provide accommodation for foreign students and teachers in students' hostels,
- provide private accommodations through the appropriate agency that will guarantee quality standard and prices of accommodation,
- provide for adequate health insurance,
- provide adequate facilities and activities for the purpose of social interaction,
- introduce a centralized system of recordkeeping for foreign students who participated the mobility programmes and establishment of alumni association to follow up their further careers.
- rational fees for students and compensations for teachers.

#### CONCLUSIONS:

Based on all aforementioned, the University of Pristina with temporary seat in Kosovska Mitrovica and its faculties are obliged to:

- improve the cooperation with foreign higher education, scientific and research and other institutions; to initiate and prepare international projects; to organize international conferences and study visits of foreign higher education and international institutions;
- represent, in the best practice, the University and its faculties on all issues related to the internationalisation;
- promote international and inter-institutional cooperation; monitor the participation of the University and faculties in consortiums, institutions for international cooperation, academic and other networks.