

**ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS)
Candidature Charte Universitaire Erasmus
2007-2013**

Institut National des Sciences et Techniques Nucléaires (INSTN)

I - In order to complete this section, please refer to the instructions given below. Please note that your EPS shall be given wide visibility in your institution and must be published on the web page of your institution. The EPS should set out the overall Erasmus co-operation strategy of your institution in relation with its mission statement, underlying its Erasmus cooperation plan as well as any other activities to be proposed in the framework of the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP).

a) Please describe briefly your institution's strategy, objectives and priorities for its Erasmus activities (mobility, multilateral projects and thematic networks, etc.) and any other actions in the context of the Lifelong Learning Programme (2007 2013).

b) Please also provide information on the following points:

What specific actions are planned to give visibility to Erasmus activities and what type of publicity will be given to the Erasmus University Charter and the EPS?

What kind of arrangements, if any, does the Institution ensure to comply with non-discrimination objectives (e.g. actions related to gender equality, integration of disabled students and staff, enhancement of social and economic cohesion and combating of xenophobia and racism)?

The Institut National des Sciences et Techniques Nucléaires (INSTN) is a higher education institution established in 1956 within the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (CEA), with the aim of spreading the knowledge and know-how developed by CEA laboratories. The INSTN provides graduate and post graduate education as well as vocational training in all the fields related to nuclear energy applications such as nuclear engineering, nuclear medicine, radiation protection.

The strategy of the INSTN at the European and International level complies with the CEA directives. Cooperation at the European level is one of the priorities of the CEA that is involved in over 180 projects under the 6th European Framework Programme and coordinates 34 of them. The INSTN has been involved in these actions by participating to the European Nuclear Engineering Network (ENEN) under FP5 and coordinating the Nuclear European Platform of Training and University Organisation Network (NEPTUNO) under FP6. The INSTN plays also a key role in the management of the training activities of the European Molecular Imaging Laboratories (EMIL) Network of Excellence.

To improve the quality, the European dimension and the attractiveness of the research and training activities carried out at the CEA, the INSTN is seeking to develop already existing transnational cooperations with universities and enterprises from the European Union as well as third countries in the frame of the European Community programmes.

This has been accomplished through the involvement in several ERASMUS curriculum development programmes such as the European Masters in Nuclear Technology (EMNT), Radiation Protection (EMRP) and Molecular Imaging (EMMI) that is coordinated by the INSTN.

For the new 2007-2013 programmes, the INSTN intends to strengthen and extend the undertaken actions by:

- implementing European master and doctorate curricula as well as intensive programmes in the fields of nuclear engineering, nanoscience, health technologies, material sciences, mathematics and applications in which the CEA is a major player
- increasing the number of multilateral cooperation with higher education institutions and enterprises
- promoting the mobility of students and teaching staff to favour scientific exchanges, cooperation and dissemination of best practice
- developing ICT based courses for lifelong learning and curriculum development projects.

The INSTN will promote and widely publicize the activities supported by the ERASMUS programme as well as the ERASMUS University Charter and the European Policy Statement on its web site and through the CEA communication services. The INSTN is a public institute rigorously applying the French law in matter of gender, race or religious discrimination. The institute is fully equipped for the access and participation of physically disabled individual. Women and minorities will be encouraged to participate to teaching and training activities by explicit advertising statements.

II - Quality of academic mobility activities:

What kind of specific measures are implemented in the institution to ensure high quality in academic mobility activities?

Details should be provided on: recognition and credit systems, the provision of information on curricula, information and counselling of outgoing students, tutoring and integration of incoming students, provision of student services (in particular accommodation), preparatory and refresher language courses, support and acknowledgement of staff mobility.

In the past years, the INSTN has set up quality management procedures for the assessment of lifelong training and our Quality System has been certified compliant in 2001 as well as in 2004. Virtually all of the activities of the institute are managed according to the same procedures to satisfy the attendees (students and professional) as well as the teaching and administrative staff. The basic principle of our quality system is that all of the procedures are constantly improved based on the outcome of previous experience. A similar approach will be adopted to implement ERASMUS projects.

The INSTN agrees to extend the application of the ECTS system for both incoming and outgoing students and to fully acknowledge foreign educational qualifications for the purpose of educational or employment activities. Detailed information on the ERASMUS study programmes, learning objectives, admission criteria and assessment procedures will be available on the INSTN web site. The INSTN will make every effort to ensure high quality in promoting the mobility of Erasmus student by providing tutoring and guidance to outgoing and incoming students.

Students will be requested to sign a learning agreement that will detail the planning of studies performed abroad. As a partner of a French network aimed at facilitating the integration of foreign students (FILIFE), the INSTN will provide French courses by distance learning. Moreover, the INSTN is a member of the European Mobility Centre "Paris Pôle Sud" that offers a variety of services for foreign students such as housing and administrative procedures assistance as well as preparatory French courses. Outgoing and incoming students will also have the opportunity to follow in house English courses. Mobility will be promoted by the integration into the ERASMUS curricula of teaching activities provided by visiting staff. INSTN will provide financial support for staff mobility and acknowledge teaching activities abroad as performance criterion.

III - Quality of student placement activities:

What kind of specific measures are implemented to ensure high quality in student placements? Give details on how the work-programme and the placement agreement are prepared and implemented. Please describe the practical arrangements agreed between the parties. Please specify also the monitoring and evaluation of the placement period as well as its recognition in the curriculum.

The INSTN will ensure the high quality of student placement by selecting European public and private institutions that will be affiliated to the ERASMUS study programmes on the basis of their expertise in the field, commitment to training and available facilities. Each bilateral placement agreement will be prepared and implemented by the SOCRATES-ERASMUS Programme Director and would contain the following elements:

- full identity of the affiliated institution and contact person for the project
- project period
- main objectives of the placement
- allocation of funds
- criteria for the evaluation of the mobility period by the hosting institution responsible, which include assessment of acquired knowledge, motivation and methodological skills
- formal academic recognition of the study period abroad in the student curriculum
- students rights and obligations during their placement.

To foster employability of graduates the INSTN will promote students placement among possible employers including small and medium-sized enterprises as well as local/regional bodies. To improve international transparency and full academic and professional recognition of qualifications the INSTN will award to students a Diploma Supplement.