Erasmus policy Statement 2014-20

The international engagement of the Norwegian Police University College is recognized by our strategy for time period 2017-2021, which states the following:

1. that PHS finds it important to cooperate with leading international academic environments and participate in academic exchange to ensure and maintain high quality in education and research
2. that PHS aims to strengthen cultural understanding and competences of teachers and students in a society where the police has to act in a globalized environment.

In addition to our strategy, the international commitment of PHS is enhanced by national and international strategies of the Higher Education and Research sector. PHS looks at internationalization of the institution, teachers and students as an important element of quality in higher education and research.

The Bachelor students at PHS are offered possibilities to apply for international exchange through our agreements with several partners in Europe. Partnership agreements have been signed with all Nordic police education institutions, as well as with partners in Germany, Romania and Ireland. PHS has for several years applied and received fund from the Nordplus programme for student mobility and development projects for teachers in fields with a common Nordic interest.

However, PHS recognizes the importance of also working for the promotion and use of the opportunities of the Erasmus+ programme that has already contributed to important projects within our Research and Further education departments.

The use of Erasmus+ funds for our students at the BA programme is challenging since the nature of their education makes longer stays abroad difficult. We are however, revising our frame work plan and larger units and modules might pave the way for possibilities also for student mobility within the Erasmus+ programme.

For a start we would like to engage teachers and staff in the work to implement Erasmus+ mobility in our basic education (BA programme). PHS are exploring further partnerships both with new partners as well as to extend the cooperation already established and the Erasmus+ programme is essential to facilitate and expand such mobility.

Our aim would be that through teachers' exchanges and networking with colleagues in Europe PHS would benefit in finding suitable partners for developing a deeper cooperation and preparing for student exchange as well. The idea is that also receiving students and teachers through established frame work agreements will develop our institution to a more international campus.

Such a development would also examine curricula and frame work plan to make them more flexible and suitable for receiving international students and guest lectures which in time also helps enhance quality and internationalize the whole institution.

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.
We seek to start teacher’s’ mobility this programme period and hope that an offer for student mobility will be possible for both Bachelor’s and Master students from 2020.