



## **ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT: ALMA MATER EUROPAEA – DANCE ACADEMY**

Due to its geographical position, the *Alma Mater Europaea* Dance Academy (AMEU AP) wishes to acquire a central regional position in this artistic field according to its call “Study in the Heart of Europe”. It already cooperates with international staff members of HEI such as the Hungarian Dance Academy in Budapest, the University of Zagreb, Croatia, Codarts in Rotterdam, the Netherlands and the Vaganova Ballet Academy in St. Petersburg, Russia. Its professors are esteemed and acclaimed international dance artists, educators and pedagogues who have completed their education at renowned HEI such as: RAD, SEAD, Hochschule für Musik und Tanz, Cologne, P.A.R.T.S., J.L. Bell Conservatory and worked in international dance companies. For more intensive and wider cooperation and fluctuation of students and staff, we need to continue our involvement in the Erasmus+ program. The Dance Academy will continue to expand international partnerships with those institutions that have similar study programmes and plans to offer summer courses and choreographic practical and research projects are being considered.

The Dance Academy underpins its functioning on the following strategic guidelines: development and excellence in education; expansion of international liaisons with educational, research, commercial and other institutions; sustainable and successful operation; provision and improvement of quality and cooperation with the environment.

The participation of the Dance Academy in the Erasmus+ Programme is part of its strategy for modernization and internationalization. The contribution of staff and students' mobility as well as the participation of the Dance Academy in European and international cooperation projects are of crucial importance for the increase in quality of the study programmes and students experience. We shall attempt to achieve these objectives through student and staff mobility, joint degrees and their recognition within Europe; strategic partnerships, knowledge alliances, capacity building with neighbouring countries and regionally; networks and policy support measures that support common values and inclusive education.

The strategy of the Dance Academy is to strengthen its internationalization and become competitive on the global level. The main objectives of our strategy are: to increase the visibility of our tertiary institution worldwide by supporting international exchange and increasing mobility (staff and students) and to attract foreign students and lecturers; to expand quality cooperation with relevant institutions

through inter-institutional agreements in EU countries building on Europe`s cultural heritage, establishing a strong sense of the European identity, but also expand to geographic areas that are linked to the academic and research activities and interests (North America, Russia, Western Balkans, etc.) implementing multilingualism, enhancing cultural awareness, as well as transnational and multicultural cooperation; to enhance education quality and excellence of competences of lifelong learning and digital skills; to develop joint degree programmes with partner HEI in EU, neighbouring and third countries.

