

## Internationalization

### 1. Introduction

In a world that is increasingly mobile and multinational and –cultural, it is in the best interest of students and staff to experience studying with and in contexts other than their own. While IUS offers this chance through its international student and staff body, connecting to other regions and institutions abroad is an integral part of being a true international. IUS Strategy Document - <https://www.ius.edu.ba/important-documents/ius-strategy> - specifically mentions Internationalization in its Mission statement, in Part 3 Educational Excellence and in Objective 11 under educational excellence actions. Thus, IUS seeks to increase its footprint abroad through various projects, mobility schemes such as Erasmus+, joint degrees, programs, summer and winter schools and other cooperation opportunities, for both students and staff, including its administrative units. IUS is currently ranked first in the ratio of total student number to student mobility numbers, and has made every effort to ensure nearly all staff members have benefited from the chance for mobility at least once (in every call, priority is given to applicants who have never been on exchange or have been on exchange fewer times than other candidates).

### 2. Objectives and Actions

Objective: Ensure consistent expansion of the international partners available for various types of cooperation, including mobility, joint degrees, joint schools/conferences/etc and to increase IUS institutional capacity for the admission of students from diverse ethnic, national, religious, language, culture and other backgrounds in order to become a fully international educational setting

Indicators:

- The number of relevant and successful (in this context, resulting in actual mobility or educational cooperation activities) cooperation (through various agreements and schemes such as Erasmus+) increases
- The number of students taking part in various mobility schemes
- The number of academic staff taking part in various mobility schemes
- The number of administrative staff taking part in various mobility schemes
- IUS retains and increases its current ranking in terms of mobility
- The percentage of international students (in this context to be understood not from BiH or Turkey) increases
- The percentage of students from various different backgrounds increases

Actions:

a) Take appropriate measures to increase the number and quality of agreements, such as taking part in staff weeks organized by current partners to find new partners,

b) Establish multi-tiered cooperation that incorporates mobility experience into joint degrees, joint conferences and similar beneficial activities – starting with MoUs with potential partners, then interinstitutional agreements, followed by mobility and capacity building projects (this last in cooperation with PMO), and joint or double degree agreements

c) Involve all relevant internal stakeholders in reaching to as wide a net as possible, training or encouraging such people as needed – students and staff must be trained to seek out and propagate such chances, especially when sent by the university on mobility (especially staff weeks)

d) In line with item c, appropriately reward students and staff who bring in further chances for the abovementioned actions

e) Make any changes or make recommendations for changes and implementation to remove any reasonable barriers to successful cooperation

f) In cooperation with other relevant stakeholders, such as the Finance Department, propose campaigns and tools such as webportals to recruit students

g) Reports on actual and proposed actions to increase IUS footprint in terms of mobility and recruitment