

Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)

UNIVPM considers its internationalisation programmes a top priority and a strategical objective to pursue in accomplishment of the commitments undertaken in the Bologna Process. Consequently, the following areas are to be implemented:

- **Cooperation Agreements**

UNIVPM has a rich history in the field of cooperation agreements, so much so that today we record more than 250 agreements signed between our university and foreign institutes or research centres located all over the world. Currently, prestigious agreements already approved by the Academic Senate are being launched – to mention a few, with Stanford University for marine ecology, with Columbia University for structural biology, biophysics, and economics, with Miami University and Aalborg University for an international study focusing on evaluating intangibles.

- **Participation to international networks**

UNIVPM joins many international networks to enhance cooperation with foreign universities, in particular with those belonging to countries bordering Europe but also with the rest of the world. The participation to UNIADRION network should be highlighted and our university is a main actor in the construction of the Adriatic-Ionian Macro-Region, which represents an extraordinary opportunity for the whole regional community.

- **International Mobility**

Beyond the already existing agreements, investments for international projects are being incremented by the university to allow graduates and graduates-to-be to perform internships abroad and/or thesis preparation in foreign countries. Further investments are allocated to attract talents from abroad, especially laureates from the Balkans thanks to PhD scholarships. From the teaching point of view, many resources are spent to host 'visiting professors' in our university, and three-months contracts too are being stipulated for eminent professors living abroad and employed in foreign universities.

- **International Academic Offer**

UNIVPM gives special attention to its academic offer at international level, with degree courses in English taking priority together with the actions of launching joint programmes and funding foreign students to attend PhD courses and/or international master's degrees also offered in the e-learning mode. In addition, the Governing Bodies have approved a package of 10 grants to fund researchers' work in foreign institutions who are partners of our university.