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INTERNATIONAL POLICY PLAN FET 2021-2025

Preamble:

The mission statement for internationalisation of 2015 remains valid, with international engagements at different levels in FET towards four target groups : students, staff, the organization and our role in society.

Strategic target 1: offer an international experience for all students during their study programme

Strategic objective	Action points	Output
Learning track on intercultural competences in the study programmes	In accordance with the FET work group programme reforms (work together with I@H work group ¹)	A set of clearly defined intercultural competences with a set of instruments for

¹ Internationalisation@Home



		implementation and follow up
Create an increase in English course offer (at master level)	Work also on qualitative aspects of international programmes : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Integration of international students ○ Quality indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An international course offer on each campus of FET of at least 30 credits • Annual quality indicators selected by the FRIB • Also taken up by FET work group¹ on I@H • Well-being and personal growth
Create a significant growth in the amount of international students in our international master's programmes. The aim is to reach the right proportion of international students to make interaction with home students meaningful.	- Set up actions concerning international recruitment - create an ideal proportion between international and home students to make interaction possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	FET work group on international recruitment takes specific actions to realise this goal
20 % of outgoing mobile students per study cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus also on short mobility to realise EU goals of 20% mobile students • Focus on qualitative aspects e.g. grade conversion of non-EU exchanges, mobility tool SET • Develop qualitative partner network outside EU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer wide variety of short mobility possibilities to students (summer schools, international weeks ...) • FET work group on grade conversion • 2021 : renewal of all exchange agreements within and outside the EU
One I@H activity annually on each campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop I@H activities • I@H effects on intercultural competences and personal growth 	FET I@H work group

Strategic target 2: involve all staff members actively in internationalisation

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20% of our staff participates in an international mobility annually	Has been achieved (indicator 4), no further concrete actions needed (but this indicator will still be measured)	Internationally mobile staff
Sufficient language attestation for English language teaching	C1 language levels – ongoing operation for international programmes	All permanent staff in international programmes achieves the required language attestation
Validation of international engagement in the staff member's professional career	Negotiations with faculty doctoral committee and university evaluation committees for validation of international engagement in evaluation schemes	International engagement is better recognized and rewarded in staff appointment and promotion
Support for integration of international staff	Set up actions for international staff (onboarding new colleagues)	Develop a variety of support measures for international staff

Strategic target 3: the faculty provides the framework, means, agreements and procedures for internationalisation

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All students in FET receive equal opportunities for participation in international activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guarantee an equal level of support for students on all campuses (capacity building where needed) Organisation function design concerning internationalisation (OFD) is ongoing 	All students in FET receive equal opportunities for participation in international activities
Monitor international levels of achievements with a set of indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual measurement of performance indicators 8 indicators have been measured since 2015 : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Outgoing exchange students Incoming exchange students International students Outgoing staff International staff @ FET 	8 international indicators are in use and provide a basis for an evidence based international policy



	6. International educational projects (list) 7. I@H activities ¹ (list) 8. International agreements	
Develop a partner policy plan with priority partners for course packages	The international partner policy plan will focus on several categories of partners : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priority partners for intensive collaboration and course packages ○ A qualitative network of partners for international dual-degree programmes ○ A comprehensive network of exchange partners within and outside the EU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021-2022 : renewal of all exchange agreements • 2021-2022 : set up an international course package for each POC • Further development of a qualitative international network
International benchmarking of our programmes and international networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in International networks is a working point (focus on existing networks in the SET group) • Cf. output international benchmarking meeting by the FET work group programme reforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring ways to offer 2-year master tracks for our (international) degree-seeking students and achieve international recognition of our (1-year master) programmes • More active participation in university networks (focusing on our profile), such as Cluster, ...
Develop international communication plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English websites and communication will be further upgraded and expanded • PR materials for all English programmes • Better communication to disseminate outputs of international contacts • Set up better internal communication with different stakeholders (students, staff, other faculties) 	
Create a stronger connection between	Is ongoing, via master theses	Set up regular contact with the research departments



research and international
mobility

Strategic target 4: FET engages to perform its societal role of internationalisation regarding sustainability, multiculturality and capacity building

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective participation in projects • Develop collaboration in the Global South • Green Erasmus/Erasmus without Paper projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective participation in larger projects (e.g. GEP programme, Global E3, SISSTEM, Erasmus+, VLIR-UOS ...) • Collaboration with the Global South : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organise small events with partners in the Global South (meeting sessions, networking events) and offer information, networking, validation • FET will participate in the university wide actions which will be developed in the course of 2021-2026 in the framework of Green Erasmus 	