



HELLENIC NAVAL ACADEMY (HNA)

ERASMUS+ POLICY STATEMENT

Modern higher educational processes require the international cooperation of HNA with other Military and Civil Educational institutions of European countries and the rest of the world, in order to promote scientific research and expertise, military training, improve the educational operations at all levels - undergraduate, postgraduate - and to disseminate the cultural heritage between the countries. HNA adopted a strategy for the development of the cooperation that will be determined by high quality standards of the partner institutions, concerning students, staff (both Academic and Military) and educational and research infrastructures. The intention of the HNA is to play a leading role at the development of inter-university cooperation at all subjects of naval science, technical engineering science, environmental science, basic sciences, law science, as well as economics and humanities. Particularly in the educational objective, HNA will endorse the cooperation in the Military Erasmus Initiative and expanded this with cooperation with other European Institutions (civil and military). Additionally in the research field, HNA will investigate the cooperation possibilities with recognized international institutions for the establishment of research infrastructures, which can improve the basic research capabilities of HNA, incorporate innovative applications for life improvement. The utilization of HNA's high level human resources and the exceptional level of infrastructure are the key elements for the achievement of the objective of inter-university cooperation. The role of HNA is well established through history. It is one of the oldest institutions in Greece established in 1845. The important role of HNA not only in European, Balkan and Mediterranean countries but also in those of Middle East, Asia, Africa and American continents, can and must be emerged through rational planning and targeted strategy steps.

OBJECTIVE OF THE INTERUNIVERSITY COOPERATION

Education of the young officers is the most important priority for HNA along with research, that is to maintain the exceptional tradition that has been achieved so far, as well as to improve, with the collaboration, the exchange and the introduction of new methods and procedures into the educational scene. The participation and the enhancement of inter-university relations along with the cultivation of joint educational and research programs multiplies the potential for developing new common scientific methods of education and research. The main priority of the inter-university cooperation is to enable the students of all levels to study for one or two weeks at an equivalent higher level academic institution or to do their practice, elaborate a part of their under-graduate diploma thesis and in the future the postgraduate final project thesis at a collaborating foreign Institution or research institution of international excellence. In order to proceed, a more systematic perception from the Hellenic Navy General Staff, the HNA administration and the Academic Personnel on the need to increase mobility and internationalization of education in favor of our graduates and the excellence of the institution it is required to be cultivated. This experience in an institution with high standards in education

and excellent organization as well as the integration in a multicultural educational environment will bring many benefits to students and immeasurable benefits for the institution. It will be a motivation, yet the smooth transition of our graduates at universities and institutions abroad for the possible continuation of their studies.

GEOPOLITICAL STRATEGY

1. EUROPEAN UNION

For the military institutions and universities of all European countries and those of the agreement of the EU:

- I. There are already active partnerships through Military Erasmus programs. This cooperation needs to expand cultivating the Common Security and Defense Policy.
- II. International cooperation programs with common objective international organizations.
- III. Excellence networks in which EU is participating.
- IV. Cooperation in a European level with countries of other continents.

2. NON EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES

For the military institutions and universities of all non-European countries:

- I. There are already active educational partnerships with countries and cadets studying at the Hellenic Naval Academy in order to obtain their diploma. These partnerships are promoted and organized by the Ministry of National Defense.
- II. The demand for educational partnerships from countries in need is cultivated by the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- III. Transfer of technology, know-how, research and development at the framework of development assistance to other countries.
- IV. The cooperation with countries having developed know-how and of international prestige. Through such cooperation it is pursued orientation to developed areas for participation to international excellence networks.

3. MEDITERRANEAN AREA and BALKAN COUNTRIES

Hellenic Naval Academy has and can have a decisive and leading role in the development of inter-university cooperation with all the Mediterranean countries. Especially in the Balkan, North African and Middle East countries area there are already exist many collaborations that can be further enhanced and in a more systematic way. HNA can offer a secure bridge of trust, real friendship, accompanied with scientific and technological competence for the development of inter-universities cooperation with Balkan countries, Middle East countries, North Africa and Black Sea countries. The HNA will investigate the possibility of new collaborations with institutions of all the above mentioned countries for the development of new infrastructures, which lead to innovative applications and to the improvement of modern research possibilities. The exploitation of high human potential and the exceptional level of infrastructures in the academic installations are the basic element for the realization of objectives of inter-university collaborations. The research in the HNA constitutes the leading force of education, essential for

the renewal and the promotion of knowledge and the continuous upgrade of the content of study. The exploitation of research programs of Greece and EU, with the attendance of students in the educational research programs, as well as the exchange of scientific potential between the collaborating institutions will strengthen more the basic level of research in HNA. The Transfer of Technology Know-How and Innovation, via the participation of HNA in joint international research and educational programs, is the key element which aims the continuation and conclusion of the educational and research process, on benefit of academic and the industrial area (in general), constituting from each other interconnection.

IMPACT

The expected impact through the participation in ERASMUS+ will determine new decisions and actions:

1. Improving the quality and relevance of higher education, through cooperation between higher education and marine industry and labor market. Improve the quality and relevance of higher education, so that curricula meet the future needs, and stimulate & reward excellence in teaching. The use of Information Technologies by new open academic courses, digital teaching materials and libraries, distances learning.
2. To recognize excellence in academic teaching; to establish a culture of teaching of excellence; joint-degree Erasmus programs could be an instrument.
3. Strengthening quality through mobility and cross-border cooperation

HNA will provide opportunities for students to gain additional skills through study or training abroad and to encourage cross-border co-operation to increase higher education quality through Erasmus. Master's degree programs can be developed in modular programs, with efficient recognition of studies abroad, improved employability and involving non-European institutions. Cross-links with other universities are expected to confirm and capitalize.

Knowledge Alliances

Will support Knowledge Alliances bringing together Marine Industry and Higher Education, to develop innovation potential, joint activities involving new teaching methods, design of new multidisciplinary curricula, innovative courses and entrepreneurship (HNA will involve and train researchers in projects). Improving governance and funding will ensure that funding is efficient, and invest in improving the offering quality education. Finally HNA will support activities which develop its strategic capacities, enhancing the autonomy and accountability of institution; and increase the capacity to draw funding from diverse sources and manage resources efficiently.

Signed

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