

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

College for Management in Tourism and Informatics in Virovitica (hereinafter Virovitica College) was founded on 7 September 2007 by the Government of the Republic of Croatia. Based on permits obtained, Virovitica College offers two professional undergraduate study programmes; Management and Entrepreneurship, and the following specialisations: Management in Computer Science, Management in Rural Tourism, Entrepreneurship of Services, and Rural Entrepreneurship.

Virovitica College is an entrepreneurially oriented institution, and is a regional centre of professional research and higher education based on lifelong learning, mobility, and human potential development as one of biggest society's values.

Virovitica College bases its teaching process on contemporary knowledge in disciplinary areas which are compatible with its study programmes and encourages knowledge transfer as a prerequisite for building relationships with the local community. The main principles of Virovitica College are responsibility, ambitiousness, creativity, excellence and openness in terms of cooperation, transparency, team work and establishing partnerships. Virovitica College thus emphasised the importance of two-way mobility of students of HEIs in the EU, as well as within the region in its development strategy.

Virovitica College will choose partners that offer equivalent study higher education programmes in economics, management, entrepreneurship, tourism, and ICT. At the same time, while choosing partners, Virovitica College will follow the notion on interdisciplinarity between the mentioned fields, also accepting partners which cover the fields the disciplinary areas of sociology, rural sociology, social psychology, marketing, consumer behaviour, with a special emphasis on the importance and the influence of intercultural aspects of management, tourism, and entrepreneurship.

Virovitica College wishes to cooperate with HEIs within the EU, with a special emphasis on the following countries: Hungary, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, and Germany. At the same time Virovitica College wishes to develop cooperation with HEIs from the countries of the region: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, and the Republic of Macedonia.

The subprogrammes within which Virovitica College wishes to achieve institutional cooperation are as follows:

- student mobility, which may also include language courses or professional internships
- mobility of the teaching staff for professional training and teaching
- mobility of entrepreneurs to participate in professional training, education programmes, or to transfer and exchange their experiences
- mobility of the non-teaching staff for professional training

International mobility, partnership, and cooperation are important activities of Virovitica College and are aimed to achieve the following strategic goals:

1. Continuous improvement of the teaching process by improving the existing study programmes and introducing new ones, as well as providing the necessary resources.

2. Encouraging the development of professional and applied scientific activities and providing institutional support for teachers to develop their research careers
3. Establishing communication and creating partnerships with the private, public and the civic sector.
4. Establishing a proper organisational structure, that will be an integral part of the quality assurance system.

Virovitica College has named an Erasmus Coordinator, who will be in charge of making information on Erasmus mobility programme available to students and staff, as well as assessing outgoing and incoming students' ECTS earned credits in accordance with their chosen study programme. The Erasmus coordinator also advises outgoing students regarding academic issues and ETCS credit transfer.

In accordance with Virovitica College regulatory acts, student and staff mobility period and academic achievements will be fully recognised and acknowledged in accordance with the study programmes for students and within the national advancement system for teaching and non-teaching staff.

Virovitica College offers a pleasant academic environment and facilities which are fully equipped for adequate academic and research activities for staff, and a pleasant and comfortable learning environment for students. Code of Ethics of Virovitica College promotes equality and tolerance and forbids any kind of discrimination.

Study programmes are organised in accordance with the Bologna principles and ECTS system.