



ISIT Erasmus Policy Statement 2021-2027

ISIT, the *Grande Ecole* specialising in multilingual and intercultural expertise, has been at the heart of the European project ever since it was founded in 1957. It has supported the various stages of the construction of Europe, beginning by training translators, conference interpreters and lawyer-linguists to serve the aims of peace and cooperation in Europe, before modernising over the decades, implementing the Bologna process, diversifying its course offer and promoting international exchanges. Exchanges were taken to a new level in 2011 with the signing of an Erasmus charter and the integration of academic and professional mobilities in the courses of all ISIT students. The systematic inclusion of international mobility in our students' studies has gone hand in hand with the expansion of the range of working languages offered (English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese), including 7 European languages, and of the range of courses that can be studied at the school, all of them focusing on international cooperation, multilingualism and intercultural skills (Intercultural Management, Intercultural Communication and Translation, Intercultural Digital Strategy, Conference Interpreting, International Strategy and Diplomacy, and Lawyer-Linguist). ISIT is a founding member of the EMT (European Masters in Translation) and the METS (European Mobility programme in Specialised Translation), as well as a member of the EMCI (European Master's in Conference Interpreting), CIUTI (Conférence Internationale permanente d'instituts Universitaires de Traducteurs et d'Interprètes), the IAU (International Association of Universities), the AUF (Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie) and the Campus France forum, and an associate member of the EFMD (European Foundation for Management Development). It has signed memoranda of understanding (MoU) with the language and conference services of the United Nations, the European Parliament and NATO.

The renewal of the Erasmus+ charter is part of ISIT's institutional strategy for 2019-2023: "*Leadership 2023: Cooperation, Innovation, Transformation*" and more specifically its international sub-strategy, a three-pronged partnerships and networks strategy (mobility, double degrees and strategic partnerships) through which ISIT is striving to promote the French language and build the European Education Area. More specifically, the aims of ISIT's Erasmus strategy are to optimise the quality of its educational provision, to innovate to promote the employability of its graduates, to support international research, and to enable the transferability of professional skills. This pragmatic and proactive strategy is based on complementary partnerships leading to concrete actions that contribute to the advancement of higher education, research, innovation and labour market integration in Europe and across the world.

The renewal of the charter will mean that all our students, regardless of their socio-economic background, their disabilities and their academic results, will continue to have access to academic and professional mobilities that will allow them to consolidate their command of 2 or 3 working languages, to build a European network of contacts, and to develop their European identity. These assets will be essential in helping our students join the labour market and in helping to turn them into European citizens. The Erasmus+ programme, based

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on exchange and reciprocity, will also make it possible to develop internationalisation at home on the ISIT campus, by fostering diversity and putting into practice the intercultural skills that are central to ISIT's teaching. The integration into ISIT of European students, or international students through international credit mobility, will enrich the educational and life experience and the intercultural skill development of the entire ISIT student community.

Staff mobilities foster knowledge transfer and sharing of best practices. This is why we hope that the renewal of our charter will bring an increase in the number of teaching and training mobilities assigned to us. Incoming teaching mobilities enrich and add to the experience of ISIT students as part of internationalisation at home. Outgoing teacher mobilities, meanwhile, help boost the international reputation of our school's teaching and expertise, and, more broadly, the standing of French and European education. They will be encouraged and promoted throughout the 2021-2027 period, as will training mobilities for our administrative staff, enabling extremely rich and motivating exchanges of best practices with their counterparts at partner universities. Such mobilities also allow our staff to understand international students at ISIT better, and thus to take care of them better.

Key Action 2, meanwhile, will provide a framework for the implementation of strategic partnerships to build a European vision of intercultural expertise. It meets the innovation objectives of ISIT's strategic plan by bringing stakeholders from the worlds of higher education and business together around cross-sector projects.

Finally, taking part in Erasmus+ will contribute to the implementation of ISIT's modernisation strategy, not only in its social responsibility and sustainable development dimension, but also in its digitalisation component, with the implementation of the European student card system, the digitalization of administrative procedures, and the introduction of hybrid mobilities combining physical and virtual components.

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ISIT wishes to take part in Key Action 1, Learning Mobility for Individuals, by allowing all categories of eligible people – students and staff – to benefit from such mobility. These mobilities will take place as part of existing partnerships based on lasting cooperation and relationships of trust that serve our students’ best interests. These 100 partnerships in 34 countries – including 67 partnerships with 17 countries eligible for Erasmus+ funding under Key Action 103, with the others operating under KA 107 – enable students to choose their mobility based on geographical, linguistic and disciplinary criteria. New partnerships will be forged in order to continue to enrich ISIT’s range of new courses, and in regions that are attractive for the quality of their teaching, such as Northern European countries. The establishment and implementation of the partnerships will be handled jointly by the international office and the teaching staff. This teamwork, in which the administration and finance department is also involved, and the school’s culture of international mobility are the key to high-quality partnerships and smooth implementation that meets students’ needs as closely as possible. We adhere to the principles of non-discrimination and inclusion (all undergraduate students complete mobilities and, in eligible countries, receive Erasmus scholarships), and transparency (the criteria for allocating destinations are clearly communicated and the selection procedures are fair, coherent, transparent and documented). All mobility credits are fully recognised. Incoming exchange students are not charged any tuition fees for their studies at ISIT.

Key Action 1 is essential to enable all students from all social backgrounds to enjoy an academic or professional experience in another country, or even another continent, in addition to the classes and projects at ISIT that aim to develop their ability to deal with cultural difference. The quality of the welcome and support we give to incoming exchange students was recognised by the award of Bienvenue en France accreditation in 2019.

Key Action 2 will allow us to take our participation in the Erasmus+ programme to a new level and to combine mobility and research and professional cooperation as part of innovative partnerships. ISIT has a long tradition of involving businesses, international organisations and NGOs in its courses. Our graduates’ future employers are involved in different ways at different stages of our courses, through classes, careers talks, and applied research projects (in which they may take part as clients or supervisors), and by hiring interns and apprentices. ISIT also has experience in coordinating and participating in European projects, notably for DG Justice (ImPLI, Co-Minor/in-Quest, Quaetra), DG SCIC (Orcit), DG EAC (Agora, Optimale, PICT) and directly as part of the Erasmus+ programme (Jean Monnet). The actions and outcomes of these projects are promoted on our website as well as those of other participants, and through publications and conferences. Taking part in Key Action 2 will make it possible to combine these 2 areas of know-how and to set up innovative international projects that benefit society as a whole, in keeping with ISIT’s institutional strategy.

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