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The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy (all three parts) on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees. (max. 5000 characters)

Original language [EN]

a) Irungo La Salle participates in Leonardo and Erasmus projects. The aim of these projects is to promote the mobility of students in their traineeship period.

The selection of the companies is based on:

- the matching between the companies' needs-offers and the students profiles.
- the support and monitoring the companies can offer our students.

For Leonardo cooperation-innovation-good practices projects we work within our network of associated VET centres (HETEL. www.hetel.org) and the partners are selected according to their profile and experience in the topic and objectives of the project itself.

b) We have partners all over Europe: United Kingdom-Germany-Holland-France-Sweden-Finland-Poland-Estonia-Ireland....

c) The main target group for the mobility activities we support are short cycle last year students. Our aim is to offer about 15-20 % of these students the possibility to develop their compulsory traineeship in a company abroad.

If applicable, please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Programme. (max. 2000 characters)

Original language [EN]

EU and non-EU cooperation projects in teaching and training are one of the strategic priorities for Irungo La Salle. Once a cooperation project has been approved our institution employs the necessary resources, both human and material, in order to get success in the implementation of the project. To achieve the implementation of the project we mainly work in collaboration with HETEL (network of 21 VET centres of the Basque Country)

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda*) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve. (max. 3000 characters)

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1. Increasing attainment levels to provide the graduates and researches Europe needs. The participation of our students in the programme improves the quality and increases the recognition of the VET so that more families and student will be attracted by the higher VET education.
2. Improving the quality and relevance of higher education. The participation both in quality and innovation programmes increases the quality and relevance of our institutions and of VET within education.
3. Strengthening quality through mobility and cross-border co-operation. The students who participate in our projects and complete their traineeship in a company abroad will be better prepared for a cross-border co-operation in a global and changing work market.
4. Making the knowledge triangle work: linking higher education, research and business for excellence and regional development. The link with the companies and their needs is very important for our institution. These companies will offer our students the place for their compulsory traineeship and their jobs in the future. By sending some of our students abroad we are also widening our companies network and improving the possibilities of collaboration.
5. Improving governance and funding. As a result of the success of the projects The Basque Government, the Spanish Ministry of Education, the Confederation of Basque businessmen, some banks....are now aware of the importance of these programmes and they have increased the funding provided by Erasmus. We expect this co-funding to continue in the future.

* COM (2011) 567 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0567:FIN:EN:PDF>)