



European Policy Statement (EPS)

The Telematic University “Giustino Fortunato”, founded in 2006, is involved and collaborates with universities throughout the world in promoting activities and projects focused on multicultural cooperation and dialogue, social integration, antidiscrimination, diversity and protection of human rights. The University has gradually enriched its network with public and private institutions, companies and organizations to foster international trainings for students and graduates, in order to promote international mobility helping young people in acceding the labour market.

The University has implemented the TANDEM programme: foreign students are assisted by an Italian tutor or student in order to simplify their integration into the academic and social life of Benevento. Recognizing international mobility as fundamental to enrich students’ curricula and skills, The University is constantly engaged in informing and tutoring outgoing and incoming students and aims, in the next years, at increasing the above mentioned activities within the framework of rules set by European authorities. Furthermore, the University pays a strong attention to the composition of its network and is working to the enlargement of its cooperation partnerships to new international institutions. The University has a dedicated office that gives students and graduates wide information about courses, academic programs and laboratories, and organizes national and international internships and a vocational office for disabled students that informs about all the dedicated services offered, administrative support, logistic accompanying, psychological counselling, specialized tutorship, IT support. The International Relations involved in international mobility activities, ensure the following services: welcome services, support for the accommodation and stay, help desk, language courses, translation and interpreting, visas assistance, medical insurance, administrative support.

The University aims at supporting and widening its strategy of internationalisation of higher education through education and training, scientific research, international cooperation and mobility, participation in European and international projects.

It will enlarge its international network to new partners chosen in all geographical areas accordingly with the following criteria: similarity of scientific fields, previous good-practices of cooperation, strategic relevance of the cooperation in the perspective of a wider internationalisation strategy.

Through the strengthening of its internationalisation strategy and the achieving of the above mentioned objectives, the University will:

- make its course catalogue more appealing and competitive at European and international level and increase the set of services offered to students thus reducing higher education drop-out rates and including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups;
- provide national and non national students with the opportunity to enrich their educational CVs with international experiences whose outcomes will be within European Qualification Framework. This will encourage students to complete their higher education paths thus increasing the quantity of graduates at all levels and will improve the competence and relevance of their higher education. The increasing of competence and motivation of graduates and researchers will foster the general process of reform and modernisation of Europe’s higher education;
- intensify exchanges and cooperation with international institutions in order to increase complementarity between national systems, develop new forms of cross-border cooperation



- and give to students and researchers the possibility to increase their professional, social and intercultural skills and employability within the European Research Area;
- promote closer and more effective links between education, research and business, despite the difficulties concerning its humanistic vocation, through the creation of partnerships with public authorities and private professional institutions (the three sides of the “knowledge triangle”), in order to contribute to the economic development of the territory in which the University is located and develop entrepreneurial skills and creative and innovative attitudes that could be employed to better integrate in the labour market;
 - use in a more effective way national and european funds to higher education and try to diversify founding sources by attracting private support and employ own financing.

In this way the University will contribute to the achievement of the 5 priorities stated by the European Commission in its Modernisation Agenda for Higher Education and european general objectives stated by Europe 2020 strategy.