



## Erasmus+ Policy Statement 1.2<sup>1</sup>

The Higher Vocational College Nova Gorica offers education in informatics, mechatronics, agriculture and food technology. Our programmes are designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills needed when working independently and without supervision. Graduates are expected to be able to cope with change in the workplace and take responsibility for evaluation and improvement of activities at work. Curricula and modules are based on professional standards. They also have a proportion of optional choices.

The main characteristic of the ISCED 5B short programmes is that they aim to develop occupational skills. Approximately 40% of the curriculum is devoted to practical training companies. The Higher Vocational College Nova Gorica runs updated programmes which were created in collaboration with training providers and enterprises. This is the result of the Knowledge Alliances, a project which bridges higher education and business to promote entrepreneurship within education, as well as creativity, innovation and employability. Our vision is in alignment with modernisation and internationalisation, which is of primary importance for the development of the European higher education.

We are well aware of the importance of all the activities carried out within the Lifelong Learning Programme. The aim is to promote the process of quality lifelong learning and to encourage the students and staff to participate in all Erasmus activities.

The management of the Higher Vocational College fully supports the participation of students, lectures and other non academic staff in Erasmus+ activities, and will therefore provide all necessary conditions to ensure the highest quality in all international activities. Achieved competences and skills within the Lifelong Learning Programme will consequently give them better job opportunities and allow greater social

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<sup>1</sup> Updated in 2016

cohesion. Institutional, national and international quality assurance and assessment are the focal points of internationalisation.

The objective of the Higher Vocational College Nova Gorica is to meet the needs of the national and local economies, with due regard to occupational profiles, which is also one of the objectives of the Copenhagen Process (2011-2020) concerning the development of vocational education and training systems.

Having exchanged experience with related higher vocational schools which carry out Short cycle programmes, we can see the domination of the SMP mobility for students and the STT mobility for staff. In the future, we expect incoming and outgoing mobility in the field of practical training.

Our goal is to provide SMP mobility for outgoing and incoming students with a view to offering students not only work experience but a **job opportunity**, as well.

The working programme for the placement period is based on competences and aims stated by the curricula of higher vocational college programmes and adjusted by mentors from different hi tech or production oriented companies and other institutions.

Incoming students are provided with qualified mentors and/or tutors who monitor and counsel foreign students, as well as provide them with all the necessary information during their stay at our school, and care for students' well-being and professional growth. At the same time we promote and motivate incoming and outgoing students and staff.

Partners are chosen according to their proficiency and programme. The School Center Nova Gorica - Higher Vocational College strives to improve respect of human rights, therefore we promote equality among people by accepting students and teaching staff regardless of their gender, age, race, religious and political affiliation, social abilities, sexual orientation, or disabilities. Also, we do not prioritize the mobility within economically or socially developed countries over the mobility within developing countries.

Cost efficacy is one of the principal objectives at Higher Vocational College. Updated programmes, cooperation with employers and other social partners are aimed to increase the quality of education and consequently the employment.

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 2014-2020 and Erasmus+ Policy Statement are available on our website.