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Erasmus Policy Statement

(Overall Strategy)

The State Police College of Latvia is the only education institution in Latvia that is educating and training police officers. Our academic staff consists of highly qualified personnel both of theorists and experts and people on the ground.

The aim of the Erasmus Policy of the State Police College is to promote a European dimension in teaching and training as well as in the research, to make it open and accessible, to provide academic staff with new opportunities to integrate in the European academic and research environment, as well as to exchange the experience between establishments and institutions implementing and providing education for police officers and other law enforcement authorities.

The State Police College has set the following objectives:

- 1) to achieve and sustain excellence in every area of teaching and training, and research;
- 2) to improve the quality of the short-cycle higher professional education and professional development programs;
- 3) to promote the innovative approach to teaching and training;
- 4) to promote the modernisation and improvement of teaching and training;
- 5) to participate in international mobility programs and educational cooperation projects;
- 6) to promote and support staff mobility;
- 7) to raise the level of internalisation of higher education and provide competitive and quality opportunities for academic staff who are planning to take part in mobility;
- 8) to establish international cooperation with other education institutions and law enforcement authorities;

9) to promote the exchange of experience both in theoretical and practical spheres.

Participation in Erasmus+ program activities contributes substantially to the development and implementation of the study courses and professional development programs, to the improvement of the academic performance and practical training, to the promotion of the innovative approach to teaching and training, to the efficient and flexible management, and to exchange of experience.

What concerns the choice of partners, due to the specific nature of the education provided the State Police College will mostly cooperate with the EU countries.

The main criteria for the choice of partners from the EU countries are common interests in training and teaching police officers both in theoretical and practical spheres, as well as readiness of police education or higher education establishments and law enforcement authorities to cooperate on the international level. The State Police College is open to cooperate with institutions of participating countries with compatible curricula and similar profile to meet requirements of bilateral cooperation. Still, under circumstances the State Police College is open to consider all offers, if applicable to the particular situation.

Due to the specific nature of the education implemented in the State Police College the target group of our mobility activities will be academic staff and administrative staff connected with the matters of education or training.

The State Police College is expected to make every effort to establish, to promote and support the international cooperation and experience exchange between academic and administrative staff connected with the matters of education and training in higher education institutions of similar profile and law enforcement authorities.

Participating in the international EU cooperation projects in teaching and training, the State Police College is going to act in proactive way, establishing the objectives, expected results and added values to succeed. The State Police College is intended to establish international cooperation with higher education institutions of similar profile and law enforcement activities, to provide both strengthening and expanding of international relations focusing on quality and accessibility for staff, and to implement the offered teaching and training cooperation projects within the Program.

The Education coordination unit of the State Police College is planning to establish, strengthen and promote the international contacts with higher education institutions of similar profile and law enforcement authorities with the EU, as well

as to develop necessary regulatory framework, documents and guidelines connected with organization and implementation of cooperation projects with EU countries.

In line with the development of higher education and increasing of competitiveness, the State Police College has to meet the current trends by promoting the internationalisation of the institution and providing teaching and administrative staff connected with the matters of education and training with possibilities to gain new knowledge and skills, to exchange experience, to improve teaching methods, to develop new approaches and methods of teaching and training.

Taking part in the Program and its activities is a self-evident step towards development and modernization of the services offered to the staff of the State Police College.

Participation in the Program will promote modernisation of our institution, as well as it will stimulate the improvement of the quality and relevance of teaching. It will enable more effective and personalized teaching and training process organisation and implementation, and invest in the staff continuous professional development. It is also expected that participation will strengthen the quality and experience exchange trough mobility and cross-border cooperation. Professional and personal competences, social and intercultural skills, language knowledge, practical skills are expected to be improved.

What concerns quantity, the State Police College will start with a small number of staff taking part in mobility projects, but in the future it is going to increase it.

The State Police College will work towards establishment, fostering and further improvement the successful teaching, training, research, and experience exchange.

The State Police College will establish contacts and then it will constantly search for new opportunities for staff to gain additional skills, knowledge through participating in the Program. It aims to strengthen the links between teaching, training and research to promote innovation, better training and experience exchange.

Improving governance and funding will open borders and offer new possibilities for the staff to gain new skills and knowledge in educating police officers.

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