

European Policy Statement – E.P.S.

ITS TECH&FOOD Foundation delivers Higher Education and issues two Diploma Tecnico Superiore (Higher Education Technical Diploma) which are released by Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) and correspond to the 5° EQF (European Qualification Framework) Level:

- *Tecnico Superiore per le tecnologie di progettazione e produzione alimentare* (HIGHER TECHNICIAN IN FOOD DESIGN AND PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES)

- *Tecnico Superiore per le tecnologie di commercializzazione e valorizzazione dei prodotti alimentari* (HIGHER TECHNICIAN IN FOOD PRODUCT MARKETING AND PROMOTION TECHNOLOGIES)

ITS TECH & FOOD declares its strategy for internal modernization and internationalization and by signature of the Erasmus Charter confirms participation in the Erasmus+ Programme as means to reach the Strategy.

Objectives:

- ✓ Set mobility and cooperation the central elements of our Institutional Policy
- ✓ Participate in European and international cooperation projects, namely KA1, KA2 VET and HEI Strategic Partnerships and Capacity Building, Knowledge Alliances and Sector Skills Alliances (Agro-food, Food & Drinks), KA3 Policy Reforms
- ✓ Promote, organize and support students and staff mobility
- ✓ Promote the personal and professional development and employability of students and staff thanks to mobility
- ✓ Constantly develop cooperation with partners in other EU and non-EU countries, in the Erasmus+ framework, in particular with national and foreign H.E.I.s institutions with similar curricula, business companies of the Agro-food sector, Public Bodies representing Educational systems
- ✓ Guarantee qualitative internal monitoring of European and international mobility, in the aim to increase our international performance

In order to reach the above Objectives, ITS TECH & FOOD undertakes to:

- I) Respect in full the principles of non-discrimination set out in the Programme and ensure equal access and opportunities to mobile participants from all backgrounds, by organizing the selection of mobile staff and students in a fair, transparent, coherent and documented way
- II) Ensure full and transparent recognition of satisfactorily completed mobility activities through award of ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System)
- III) Charge no fees, on short credit mobility, to incoming mobile students for tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratories
- IV) Achieve mobilities successful, cost-efficient and sustainable results, by planning clearly defined activities before, during and after mobility

- V) Regularly update the course catalogue on website, well in advance of the mobility periods, so as to allow mobile students/staff to make well-informed choices
- VI) Carry out mobility only within the framework of prior agreements (Memorandum of Understanding - MoU) between institutions. Each MoU is based on a comprehensive understanding of the partner institution, compatibility of academic profiles and a relationship of trust between the institutions
- VII) Ensure that our outgoing participants are well prepared for the mobility, including a necessary level of linguistic proficiency. Language preparation is crucial element to ensure success in mobility Learning Outputs (LOs)
- VIII) Guarantee that student and staff mobility is based on a Learning Agreement for students and a Mobility Agreement for staff, validated in advance between us and Host institutions or enterprises and the mobile participant
- IX) Provide assistance to obtain visas and insurance for incoming and outgoing participants; provide guidance in finding accommodation
- X) Ensure equal academic treatment and services for home students and staff and incoming mobile participants and integrate them into ITS TECH & FOOD everyday life
- XI) Offer proper mentoring and support to mobile participants, through welcome/orientation sessions providing the necessary information on practical/administrative arrangements
- XII) Deliver Language training to incoming participants and ensure recognition of credits according to CEFR
- XIII) Certify that the mobile student has fulfilled all requirements stipulated in the Learning Agreement, upon receipt of the Transcript of Records and assessment by our Evaluation Experts and Technical Scientific Committee
- XIV) Ensure recognition of the mobility period abroad, with ECTS credits
- XV) Support reintegration of mobile participants and give them the opportunity to share and build on their experiences for the benefit of our ITS and their peers
- XVI) Ensure staff recognition for teaching and training activities undertaken during mobility, based on the Mobility

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The President

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