



# UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

## ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The University of Turin (UNITO) is one of the leading Italian public Universities with an international reputation for high quality teaching and research. It is one of the most ancient and prestigious Italian Universities. It has about 70.000 students, 1600 PhD, post-doctoral and specialising students, 4.000 academic, administrative and technical staff and 120 buildings in different parts of Turin. It can be considered as "city-within-a-city", promoting culture and producing/creating research, innovation, training and employment.

UNITO carries out scientific research and organizes courses. It is involved in various international networks, also in the context of European programmes such as the Framework Programmes for Research, the Lifelong Learning Programme, the Tempus Programme.

It maintains roughly 880 bilateral agreements with partner universities under the LLP Erasmus programme and 500 formal agreements with foreign universities outside Erasmus.

With reference to the Erasmus Mundus II Programme, UNITO is partner of the following networks: MaMaSELF project, coordinated by the University of Rennes 1, Vinifera Euromaster project, coordinated by the Centre International d'études supérieures en sciences agronomiques de Montpellier (France), Biohealth computing project, coordinated by the University of Grenoble, EPOG project, coordinated by the University of Paris 13; in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window, UNITO is partner of the ERACOL project coordinated by the Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam (the Netherlands) and, during the period 2007/2008, participated into the activities of Imageen project coordinated by the Université de Nice Sophia Antipolis.

It is coordinating institution of the geoNatHaz project, financed by EU-CANADA Programme.

UNITO promotes, also, scientific and educational cooperation projects with developing and emerging countries, in order to implement actions of cooperation for development, aimed at sustainability and the fight against inequality. These activities, co-financed by private banking Institutions, include projects such as UNI.COO. (UNITO for International Cooperation) and WWS (World Wide Style).



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Since 1980, UNITO has been taking part in research projects funded by the EU as well as by other international organizations. The presence of our University is particularly important in the framework of the European projects that are mainly funded by the Framework Programme for Research and Development.

The strategy of the University of Torino towards the future internationalization programmes aims to enhance the exchange opportunities for students, researchers, professors and other administrative and management staff, fostering projects not only related to students mobility for study and placement, but also educational and managerial staff training, researcher and teaching exchange. Multilateral projects, curricula development, thematic networks, intensive programmes, joint degrees at any university level will continue to be implemented through European and international cooperation. International recognition requirements (i.e. ECTS and DS) will remain the basis of our international policy in accordance to the Bologna Process.

For the years to come our Institution aims at developing a systemic action, making us even more competitive and integrated in international cooperation and research projects and multilateral networks.

The choice of our partners will be based on criteria of excellent teaching, research quality and innovation attitude (i.e. patents, spin-off, smart cities projects, etc.). Nowadays UNITO has international agreements and cooperation projects throughout the world. For the future the choice of UNITO partnerships will continue to be particularly active in the geographical areas of India, China, emerging countries in Asia and Latin America, Western Africa, the Mediterranean Area and with international organizations.

The University of Torino has the following priorities:

- to enhance common projects with the main educational, research and training Institutions from European and extra- European Countries;
- to implement student, teacher and researcher mobility as a mean to foster international cooperation;
- to implement mobility for academic and administrative staff training, with particular reference to the improvement of linguistic skills;



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- to enhance the international dimension of our academic offer and to encourage the use of English and other foreign languages in teaching;
- to stress the international recognition of the University of Torino as an international education and research centre to increase the number of incoming students and researchers;
- to settle a wide range of distance learning courses, including e-learning.

UNITO will take and enhance specific actions for the visibility of international activities under the Programme through web pages in Italian and English dedicated to the different actions and projects, as well as newsletters, radio and TV communication, dedicated web applications and procedures, orientation meetings for outgoing and incoming students.

UNITO organises and supports with specific actions the different mobility initiatives:

- by ensuring high quality standard of its partner institutions for education and placement;
- by funding outgoing student and teaching mobility;
- by ensuring high quality international academic participation, by joining the ECTS and offering "diploma supplement" to graduate students;
- by supporting international guest students, researchers and professors, in their prospective study or research period at UNITO through specific assistance, with dedicated services offered by our Institution (procedures for visa and residence permit, accommodation at university residences or assistance in finding accommodation, free Italian courses for all incoming students, weekly orientation meetings for incoming students, etc.).

The University of Torino is aware that internationalisation is a key factor in attracting national and international students, who choose to enrol at UNITO to take advantage of the international academic programmes that a leading HEI can offer. Joining the Programme will be a fundamental opportunity to increase the international cooperation dimension of our Institution, considering that this programme will involve both EU and non-EU countries, thus implementing the chances of our graduates to be equipped with knowledge and competences required for high-skill occupations.

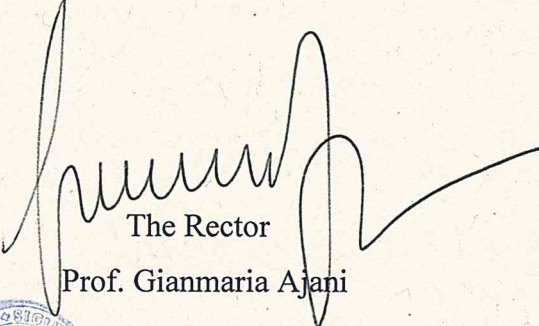
The participation of UNITO in cross-border cooperation projects, multilateral networks, consortiums and strategic partnerships involving not only HEIs, but also key stakeholders and regional Institutions, will provide students with more opportunities to get an international education



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or placement experience before their graduation. It will also strengthen the link among education, research and business and pave the way to students joining the labour market.

With reference to teachers and researchers, the cooperation and comparison with colleagues from partner Institutions under the Programme will boost the modernisation of the organisational framework, the updating of teaching methodology, the internationalisation of academic programmes and the improvement of research quality.



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