

ERASMUS+ POLICY STATEMENT (OVERALL STRATEGY)

International Strategy

The international strategy of ANMB is established through Institutional Development Strategic Plan, detailed in the Rector's Managerial Plan and, further, in annually operational plans¹. Thus, according to the Institutional Development Strategic Plan, ANMB may be characterized as a higher education and research institution, whose mission is to train specialists in the fundamental field of naval and maritime engineering studies. Consistent with its university traditions, ANMB assumes the task of cultural national and universal values assimilation, getting permanently involved in the process of European Union spirituality consolidation. The strategic intention of ANMB to become a HEI with international vocation is proved first by the all quality assessment and accreditation granted from National Agency for Quality Assessment in Higher Education, Bureau Veritas Quality Assessment Agency, European Maritime Safety Agency and European University Association. Second, the international character is based on the international affiliations to the major educational networks and professional associations from naval area and, and further on the international partnerships enclosed with a wide HEI's or R&D institutions or economic entities from naval industry. ANMB is selecting its partners foreseeing development opportunities in naval and port industry education, as main core of its research and educational expertise. In order to enclose a partnership ANMB is following to discover first common research, education or training needs or interest, being focused mainly in naval area and in port operation industry approaching naval engineering, mechanics, electric engineering, electronics, naval communications, automation, marine environment, port operation technology, weapon systems, military techniques, tactics and logistics matters. Most of our partners are meeting the same educational targets in naval area or in connected sectors, usually being located in the Central, South Eastern European or Black Sea region, as similarly higher education entities (Poland, Bulgaria, Turkey, Ukraine, Moldavia, Spain or France), or in the northern part (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark), as representatives of off-shore focused activities in maritime area, in which future development Naval Academy is interested. The main objectives of study placement attended by students on bachelor and master degree programs are focused on: knowledge transfer in naval and port engineering area (navigation, mechanics, electro-mechanics, automation,

¹ <http://www.anmb.ro/ro/files/despre/management.html>

marine environment or weapon systems), enriching of domestic curricula, communication skills improvement, interpersonal aptitudes development, foreign language practicing, research incentive, partnership enhancing or training in simulation environment or on-board to merchant or navy vessels. In case of trainee-ship stages by mobility, ANMB is watching to assure the cadet-ship stages for cadets, attending navigation and naval mechanics engineering study degrees, according to IMO and STCW standards and requirements. The mobility stages on-board to merchant vessels are fully recognized as cadet-ship stages in order to accomplish the minimum stage required by STCW and further to access the accreditation exam as rated seagoing officers. Regarding Romanian Navy needs, ANMB is implied in military students' mobility network, namely European Initiative for exchanges of your officers program - EMILYO, together with similarly military higher education institutions from NATO countries (Poland, Spain, Italy, Greece or Bulgaria). The military placements were targeted toward trainee-ships on-board of navy vessels as incoming students (on board to Mircea Training Ship) or as outgoing students (on-board to partner's training ships). In case of academic staff mobility, ANMB is aiming to develop its educational and research activities by providing dissemination and training opportunities for employees, in order to achieve additional benefits and competencies by: knowledge transfer, bilateral information exchange, communication enhancement, course fundamentals enlargement and enriching, research idea exchange and project innovation in partnership stimulation. Working in Erasmus program, ANMB has understood and assumed that European vocation is an uppermost objective on medium term for sustainable development, but should be achieved only by a fully involvement and commitment within European Research Area and European Higher Education Area, as active partners. In this respect, our institution took under consideration for the very next future the development of such common joint degrees programs in partnership, especially for the 2nd cycle, in maritime area, aiming for harmonized curricula in Black Sea area.

Strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Programme.

ANMB have implemented a coherent strategy regarding the organization and the implementation of international cooperation projects with active components in teaching and training, with relevance regarding the mobility program and transnational cooperation in academic and research area. The institutional internationalization suppose a core measures of project proposal and implementation mainly as of LLP programs development related to training

requirements accomplishment according to IMO and STCW standards and rules. In this respect, ANMB is involved in Comenius and Grundtvig program initiatives, and also in EMILYO military officers mobility program, exchanging teachers in field of English communication, training the trainers, e-learning techniques and staff management, solving issues in teaching activities, decision making processes and so on. ANMB is developing the mobility and implicitly the internationalization of academic life, through specific projects, with impact in mobility policy of students and teachers, developed in cooperation with international partners, but with a notable impact in viewed area of mobility and knowledge international transfer. As good practice examples, in the last years, ANMB had been involved as partner in Ro-No-Mar project, financed from EEA grants in partnership with academic and research institutions from Norway, one of the most relevant activities within project implementation consisting in LLP Centre development. Under the Romanian-Norway partnership it had been developed a mobility program, on study placement and academic staff exchange that is still on the functioning, on efficient basis, but under Erasmus program. Nowadays this project has been already finalized recording as final results beside mobility exchange enhancing, a strong LLP Centre, an Advanced Distributed Learning System and a Joint Curricula for some LLP courses.

The expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda*) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve. (max. 3000 characters)

According to Bologna Process and to EU Agenda for the modernization of universities and the creation of the European Research Area, ANMB has understood that the challenges and policy responses overcome national borders. Afterwards, to enhance the contribution of Europe's higher education systems to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, ANMB has to adopt the EU proposed reforms in appointed key areas, in order to increase the quantity of higher education graduates at all levels, to enhance the quality and relevance of human capital development in higher education, to create effective governance and funding mechanisms in support of excellence, to strengthen the knowledge triangle between education, research and business and to increase the international mobility of students, researchers and staff, in order to stimulate the higher education internationalization. In the respect of COM (2011) 567 provisions, ANMB is aiming to acquire the European values and objective as have established through EU policies, by specific strategies and specific actions, that have been further distinctively detailed, apart for each proposed policy. As participant to the mobility

program ANMB will aim to increase attainment levels and to provide the graduates and researchers for region, by attracting a broader cross section of society into higher education, by improving earlier educational outcomes and reducing school drop-outs. The institutional involvement in Erasmus program will bring a further recognition of ANMB education and training quality, performing into an international environment, as required for an appropriate scientific and didactic knowledge transfer. The enhancement of mobility program will support ANMB to achieve the students and academic staff related international strategic objectives regarding the academic communication incentive, the revision on teaching and learning methods, curricula evolvement and enlargement, students involvement, research diversification and development or common project proposals implementing, offering the opportunity to become a pool of competitiveness and quality on Black Sea region higher education system. The Erasmus programme will support ANMB to offer the operational and financial support to enhance the knowledge transfer and new research projects implementing in maritime engineering area, putting in a same space together educational, economic and research actors in science progress and EU higher education benefit. By involving in Erasmus program, ANMB will come to support the academic progress, but also the sustenance of low income students, stimulating their performance in respect of chances equality principle. ANMB complies to and enforces the equality of chances in the educational process. There is no discrimination applying to any student or staff based on gender, religion, race or nationality. Hence, ANMB's E&T logistics provides special facilities only to the students with a lower, accepted, degree of disability.