

Erasmus Policy Statement

At present, NDURO is the most important military higher education in Romania, offering high level education to professional military officers and civilian experts working in various institutions in the security and defence sector. Our university is also an acknowledged research centre in the field of military sciences.

The university aims to develop a coherent strategy in order to promote its international relations and international competitiveness. To this end, the main approaches are to:

- promote deeper engagement with key countries/regions
- develop international collaborations in the fields of education and research
- provide students with a comprehensive international educational experiences
- integrate international academic staff and students

NDURO has bilateral relationships with foreign institutions providing education in the same field. The further development of this cooperation within the Erasmus framework would widen the opportunities of mobility offered to students, teachers and staff. We intend to develop our cooperation with public and civilian institutions operating in the defence sector through joint research programmes and Lifelong Learning Programmes. In this respect, we strongly support the mobility of students and teaching staff, not only by hosting representatives of foreign institutions but also by sending ours to similar partner institutions. In order to further develop our international cooperation, the university places emphasis on the following directions of action:

- to produce research of international impact and significance, shaping the way in which the world is seen and understood;
- to welcome students, teachers and researchers from across the world, thus celebrating diversity in culture and perspective;
- to enable students, teachers and staff to emerge in international cultures in order to further their personal and professional development
- to educate students to become informed and responsible citizens and support them to make leading contributions at international level
- to promote partnerships with universities and public and private organizations functioning in the security and defence sector.

We are interested in furthering our cooperation and development at international level by providing new and useful opportunities for our students, teachers and staff. We intend for our collaborations to take an array of different forms, ranging from student exchange and teaching partnerships to joint research on global issues. We intend to actively promote mobility and cooperation between the students and staff of different European countries through an extensive network of international exchange partnerships that will provide opportunities for students and staff to gain international experience in the global community.

The international context in which higher education operates has become more dynamic, more volatile, more global and more competitive, being an environment affected by the current economic difficulties. For the coming years, we will actively seek to develop our cooperation in the following directions:

- with countries in areas of interest for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, such as countries that are part of the Partnership for Peace or Mediterranean Dialogue;
- at the same time, our strategy will continue to promote cooperation with similar military higher education institutions in the European Union and North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries, due to a range of common interests with regard to issues of common interests in the field of security and defence;
- at regional level, we are interested in developing our cooperation with defence universities in the area of Central and Eastern Europe, having in mind the necessity to study and address security issues specific to his part of the world;

We intend to make every effort in order to identify new partners and to actively develop cooperation with various organizations that operate in the field of security and defence. In an increasingly global society, it is obvious that graduates will be required to have a higher degree of international awareness and to be able to communicate across cultures. These will be achieved either by students undertaking a significant period of study abroad or by embedding aspect of international education in our university. By having students from various geographical locations study together we ensure that they will be equipped with an understanding of how other countries and cultures work. This is because overseas bring a constantly renewing range of new and challenging perspectives and cross-cultural student groups can create a dynamic learning environment. Realizing the benefits of the presence of international students will require sufficient staff knowledge and understanding so that the contributions by the international students are guided to the student body as a whole.

NDURO strategy for the organization and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects

NDURO is trying to further develop of cooperation programmes, education and research line with similar universities from abroad (Organization of joint masters University mutual recognition, creation and implementation of mobility programmes with these universities): the continuation and development of curricula with teaching in foreign languages and international studies programs in Romanian language with the participation of a large number of foreign students: making the necessary arrangements for the participation of researchers from universities in the international mobility grants of research contracts with international partners, as well as the involvement of teachers in major European research programmes: easing of conditions for the participation of PhD students in international internships, as well as for the publication of research results in internationally recognized journals; enhancement of the participation of the University teachers at actions aimed at promoting the NDURO in academia, social economic-oriented approach; the establishment of closer relations with mass-media institutions; the development of an inter-institutional communication system able to ensure a permanent contact with the military and civil society; building and expanding partnerships with civil research institutes, with close concern the scope of „Military Sciences and Information”, continuation of the arrangements for the participation of the University in the activities of the University consortia; establishing and extending partnerships with higher education institutions, both military and civilian, as well as with other research institutes whose interests spin around the „military sciences and intelligence” and „national security” areas, emphasizing new ways to unfold the practicum sessions and other means for teaching staff and students` mobility.

The expected impact of NDURO participation in the Programme

By applying to Erasmus, our university intends to fulfill one of its main objective such as promoting and developing values and traditions of Romanian Armed Forces and also assimilating the experience of other armies. Also, we want to fully integrate our University into the European Education and Scientific Research Area. Specific activities that will be undertaken: Students mobility in order to study in institutions from member countries this way providing more opportunities for students to gain additional skills through study or training abroad; Student placement in enterprises, training centers and other types of organizations; Teachers mobility abroad for teaching in higher education partner institutions this way improving the quality and relevance of teaching and researcher training; Multilateral projects focused on innovation, experimentation and exchange of good practice within the areas of interests for creating effective governance and funding mechanisms in support of excellence; Thematic networks run by consortia of academic institutions, representing a discipline or an interdisciplinary field (Erasmus Thematic Networks), in order to develop new concepts in learning and increase the number of higher education graduates.