



# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

## ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The University of Palermo, acknowledging the objectives of the Erasmus programme, and also adhering to the Leonardo and Comenius actions within LLP, intends to sustain and participate in the accomplishment of the European space of higher education and research contributing with its model of education and development for the attainment of integration and innovation processes. At present the University of Palermo holds around 400 Institutional Contracts with EU Universities which involve both student and teacher mobility. It has elaborated a system of recognition of ECTS credits; it has accomplished a joint triennial degree course with a European university. It has already taken part in the Thematic Network TREE, in the field of quality assurance and assessment. As a natural development of such a commitment, a programme of supervised exchange of training of undergraduate and graduate students in Engineering has been proposed for the EUC. In this framework, a set of common rules for training goals will be established on a bilateral or multilateral basis, together with the criteria for quality assessment and assurance of the competence acquired by the students, also in view of the training results expected by Industries and companies. The University of Palermo aims to increase the number of agreements stipulated on the bases of workloads, qualification levels, formative objectives and competences to meet its own levels of formation with those of partner countries and to attain joint courses and qualifications; to enhance mobility, through the increase of co-funding, already granted both to student and teacher mobility, and further extend this to staff mobility; to guarantee a suitable and constant training of linguistic competence and management of community programmes. At the end of the year three new university residences will be opened with an increase of accommodation space reserved to incoming students and teachers, who will also be welcomed in hotels and approved structures. Knowledge of European languages will be improved and the teaching and quality of language learning for both incoming and outgoing students and teachers will be implemented through courses organized by the Athenaeum Linguistic Centre; specific Italian language courses, organized by the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, will be designed for foreigners. The offer for apprenticeship activities will also be strengthened for incomings students within enterprises and local institutions. The Erasmus, EUC and EPS programmes will be promoted on the athenaeum web site, on faculty and the International Relations Office noticeboards; brochures of the degree courses will be sent to foreign universities and there will be an informative day-event for students, teachers and staff. The University of Palermo has abolished architectural barriers and is able to welcome disabled students, in particular blind or with impaired speech and hearing disabilities.