



## Erasmus Policy Statement 2014-2020

The Escuela Superior de Arte del Principado de Asturias (ESAPA) provides since 2002 degree-level artistic studies which are organized into the following disciplines:

- Graphic and Product Design
- Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage: Painting, Sculpture and Graphic Document specializations.

Since its foundation, one of the key objectives of ESAPA is to promote internationalization as part of the institution's plans for strategic development.

In the framework of the 2014-2020 EU Programme for education, training, youth and sport, mobility actions at ESAPA will be based on inter-institutional agreements with higher education institutions (Universities, Art Academies or Polytechnic Institutes) with an educational offer similar or complementary to our academic programme. Our aim is to provide our students and staff with the opportunity of enriching and strengthening knowledge and competences in the fields of Design and Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage in an plural and international context.

ESAPA will promote that agreements with long-term cooperation institutions under the Longlife Learning Programme are renewed. We will continue to develop our strategy to broaden our geographic influence area of cooperation at the European Union by actively fostering new collaboration agreements.

ESAPA will also encourage association with industry and commerce in an international level to guarantee that students and staff can add a European working experience to their personal curriculum and to promote knowledge transfer between academic and business sectors.

According to the principles of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 2014-2020, our institution will work towards achieving the objectives of the European Union's modernization and internationalization agenda in higher education by participating in the following activities:

- Key Action 1: student and staff mobility (with Europe and / or to / from Third Countries)
- Key Action 2: strategic partnerships, knowledge alliances, capacity building with neighbouring countries and Third Countries

Objectives of the mobility actions at the Escuela Superior de Arte del Principado de Asturias:

- ESAPA will make mobility and cooperation the central elements of its international policy. Our institution will promote lecturers and students mobility to favour their academic training and to increase their knowledge.
- ESAPA will apply an academic credit transfer system (ECTS) to guarantee the quality of mobility activities and transparency of recognition procedures.
- ESAPA will promote student mobility for studies and/or traineeships. It is the institution's commitment to ensure excellence in the mobility actions and transparency of recognition of activities and studies. An advisory committee, comprised of several members of the education community, will help the student to establish the corresponding learning or training agreement, and will participate in the recognition process of activities after completion of the mobility period.

- ESAPA will favour the visiting students' incorporation and integration by means of intensive courses of Spanish, as well as helping out with their accommodation and their integration in the socio-cultural background of our city. The visiting students will have the help of a tutor to deal with problems related to the academic issues and their integration in the institution's academic life.
- The ESAPA website will give access to the curricula of the disciplines and specializations of the studies offered. In the same way, it will offer information about the academic and cultural activities carried out at our institution.
- ESAPA will encourage staff's mobility for academic and training activities at other institutions and organizations (public and private) at the European Union or/and third countries. International staff mobility at ESAPA will become an integral part of its modernization process and the way to improve the staff preparation according to their professional development needs.