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Program	The EU programme Erasmus + adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on 11 December 2013* (hereafter the Programme)
Action	Erasmus Charter for Higher Education
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Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy) section D of this application form - original language (official EU languages): EN

If the original language is not English, French or German, the Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS) should also be provided in one of those three languages.

Erasmus Policy Statement translation language (if applicable): -

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Applicant Organisation

A.1. Applicant Organisation

PIC	934979315
Full legal name (official name in latin characters)	FONDAZIONE ITS - ISTITUTO TECNICO SUPERIORE NUOVE TECNOLOGIE PER IL MADE IN ITALY - SISTEMA AGROALIMENTARE E SISTEMA MODA
Full legal name (English name)	FONDAZIONE ITS AGROALIMENTARE TERAMO
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The purpose of these statistics is to put into context the actions and strategies the institution is asked to present in the following sections.

For the academic year 2014-2015:

Total number of students enrolled in all Higher Education degree programmes offered by your institution (data from official HEI register)

Short cycle:	41.0
1st Cycle: (e.g. Bachelor)	0.0
2nd Cycle: (e.g. Master)	0.0
3rd Cycle: (e.g. Doctoral)	0.0

Number of staff (Equivalent full-time) involved in Higher Education

Teaching:	25.0
Administrative:	5.0

Number of degree courses (study programmes in Higher Education) on offer

Short cycle:	2.0
1st Cycle: (e.g. Bachelor)	0.0
2nd Cycle: (e.g. Master)	0.0
3rd Cycle: (e.g. Doctoral)	0.0

STUDENTS (academic year 2014-2015)

1. Credit Mobility for Students (all types of mobility programmes for periods between 2 and 12 months)

Number of outbound students for study mobility (Erasmus and/or other programmes): to programme countries	0.0
Number of outbound students for study mobility (Erasmus and/or other programmes): to partner countries	0.0
Number of outbound students for traineeships (work placement -Erasmus and/or other programmes): to programme countries	0.0
Number of outbound students for traineeships (work placement - other programmes): to partner countries	0.0
Number of incoming students for study mobility (Erasmus and/or other programmes): from programme countries	0.0
Number of incoming students for study mobility (Erasmus and/or other programmes): from partner countries	0.0

2. International Degree Students (students with foreign nationality enrolled for a full degree programme and/or students having completed a foreign previous degree)

Number of foreign degree students, if applicable: from programme countries	0.0
Number of foreign degree students, if applicable: from partner countries	0.0

3. If applicable, number of local (having the nationality of the country) and international students (of foreign nationality / with foreign previous degree) enrolled in double/multiple/joint degrees:

Number of local students enrolled in double/multiple/joint degrees	0.0
Number of international students enrolled in double/multiple/joint degrees	0.0

ACADEMIC STAFF (academic year 2014-2015)

All types of higher education staff mobility within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme (for periods between 2 days and 2 months) for teaching and training purposes

Number of outbound staff to programme countries	0.0
Number of incoming staff from programme countries	0.0

COOPERATION

HEI AGREEMENTS IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH valid in 2014/2015: European and International HEI Agreements / Consortia / Networks

Number of Erasmus inter-institutional agreements:	0.0
Number of other cooperation agreements (e.g. Memorandum of Understanding) with HEIs from programme countries	0.0
Number of other cooperation agreements (e.g. Memorandum of Understanding) with HEIs from partner countries	0.0
Total number of consortium agreements for double/multiple/joint degrees:	0.0
Of these, number of the consortia involving partner countries	0.0

European and International Education and Training Projects with contracts running in 2014-2015 (e.g.: Erasmus+, Erasmus Mundus or Tempus)

Number of projects as coordinator:	0.0
Number of projects as partner:	0.0

Equivalent full-time administrative staff engaged in the HEI's European and International Offices working for the Programme (2014-2015)

Number of staff at the central level:	0.0
Number of staff at the Faculty/School/Department Level:	0.0

General Organisation of Programme activities

C1. General Organisation

Please describe the administrative and academic structure put in place at your institution for the organisation and implementation of European and international mobility.

Please provide a detailed description of the division of tasks and responsibilities among the staff in charge, with regards to respectively the administrative and academic decision-making process.

Describe also the operational and communication methods.

Please provide the direct web link with the contact details of the international office (or equivalent) in your institution dealing with the implementation and organisation of European and international mobility:

ITS Foundation of Teramo performs biennial short cycle courses of higher Education in Agribusiness System and intends to participate to Erasmus+ Programme, with staff as follows: •President and Executive Committee for political direction;•Scientific and Technical Committee to supervise the teaching;•Teaching staff providing didactic activities; •An administrative manager experienced in Management and Reporting of European Projects;•Three employees for coordination, mentoring and services for teaching;•Two employees for administrative and accounting office.Following the decisions taken by the politic authority direction of the Foundation, regard the teaching and management activities, the entire staff will conduct their own working activity and supervised.The communication will be based on the mail list and website posting methods. On the ITS official website (www.itsagroalimentarete.it) a specific section of Erasmus + activities will be created to give information's and staff contacts.

C.1.1. (Optional) Additional Information for HEIs belonging to an Umbrella Organisation

Please fill in this section only if you are applying for a HEI which does not have its own legal entity. For example, if it is part of a foundation or other similar umbrella organisation composed of several institutions or bodies.

Please give information of the composition of this umbrella organisation and explain in particular if there are other education institutions and if those are already holding the Erasmus Charter:

C2. Fundamental Principles

By applying for the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education my institution will:

Respect in full the principles of non-discrimination set out in the Programme and ensure equal access and opportunities to mobile participants from all backgrounds.

Ensure full recognition for satisfactorily completed activities of study mobility and, where possible, traineeships in terms of credits awarded (ECTS or compatible system.). Ensure the inclusion of satisfactorily completed study and/or traineeship mobility activities in the final record of student achievements (Diploma Supplement or equivalent).

Please explain the academic credit system (e.g.: average number of credits per semester provided by your degree programmes) and the methodology used at your institution to allocate credits to the different course units.

In addition, please provide the direct web link where the methodology is explained:

The Diploma Tecnico Superiore (The High Technical Diploma) released by Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) and corresponds to the fifth EQF level. ITS courses have a duration of two years. The first year includes formation for 900 hours (h), divided in: 560 h of frontal lessons, practice exercitations and laboratory experiences, 340 h of traineeship and 600 h of individual study. The 2nd year includes formation for 900 h, divided in: 500 h of frontal lessons, practice exercitations and laboratory experiences, 400 h for traineeship, 500 h of individual study and 100 h dedicated on writing a project work and affording the final examination. The annual working load of students corresponds to 60 credits ECTS; 1 credit is quantified in 25 hours over all. ITS Foundation intends using the ECTS system to recognize credits earned by students during mobility. ITS ECTS system and its awarding details reported on the website (www.itsagroalimentarete.it).

Charge no fees, in the case of credit mobility, to incoming mobile students for tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratory and library facilities.

C3. When Participating in Mobility Activities - Before mobility

Publish and regularly update the course catalogue on the website of the Institution well in advance of the mobility periods, so as to be transparent to all parties and allow mobile students to make well-informed choices about the courses they will follow.

Please explain if all courses taught at your institution are described in your public course catalogue and in which languages they are taught.

In addition, please provide the direct web link to the course catalogue of your institution:

ITS courses explained in Italian into our public course catalogue and on ITS official website (www.itsagroalimentarete.it). The course characteristics reported: professional profile, course duration, access mode, teaching plan, specific knowledge and technical skills reached. Italian is the official teaching language, but English is taught during the whole course and many technical subjects are taught in English. All these information will be published in English on the ITS website.

Carry out mobility only within the framework of prior agreements between institutions. These agreements establish the respective roles and responsibilities of the different parties, as well as their commitment to shared quality criteria in the selection, preparation, reception and integration of mobile participants.

Please describe the institutional procedure for the approval and monitoring of inter-institutional agreements for study and teaching mobility.

In addition, explain how and by whom the learning agreements for the mobile students will be managed:

ITS institutional procedures for the approval of inter-institutional agreements for study and teaching mobility implemented according to ITS policy.
Foundation will propose mobility agreements to the homologous HEI, which are holders of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (EACEA website) or to other HEIs indicated by teaching staff and to other European Institutions and agribusiness enterprises.
After a preliminary contact between HEIs, in order to present organizations, courses and to share the agreements objectives, the final format of the agreement will be prepared and signed both by HEIs legal representatives.
Learning agreements for incoming and outgoing students or mobility programme for staff will be prepared and signed before mobility.
When outgoing and incoming mobility develops regularly, the agreements will renew automatically. Inactive agreements will close after three years of no mobility results.

Ensure that outgoing mobile participants are well prepared for the mobility, including having attained the necessary level of linguistic proficiency.

Please describe your institution's language policy for preparing participants for mobility, e.g.: course providers within or outside the HEI.

If possible, please provide the direct web link for your language policy:

ITS will begin mobility experiences for student and staff in European Countries that use English language. English skills of ITS students evaluated before the access to the course and, during its duration, they continuously improve their skills, by English lessons and by follow-up meetings with specialists of enterprises. ITS Foundation intends applying a language policy in order to evaluate English skills of selected students and staff and, during the semester before mobility, language courses will take place to improve English skills and to reach the necessary level of proficiency. Details about mobility English courses will be published on the ITS website (www.itsagroalimentarete.it) and participants could download specific on-line mater

Ensure that student and staff mobility for education or training purposes is based on a learning agreement for students and a mobility agreement for staff validated in advance between the home and host institutions or enterprises and the mobile participants.

Provide assistance related to obtaining visas, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants.

Provide assistance related to obtaining insurance, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants.

Provide guidance to incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation.

C4. When Participating in Mobility Activities - During Mobility

Ensure equal academic treatment and services for home students and staff and incoming mobile participants.

Integrate incoming mobile participants into the Institution's everyday life.

Have in place appropriate mentoring and support arrangements for mobile participants.

Please describe mentoring and support arrangements (e.g. peer mentoring, social integration of mobile participants within the institution and its local students and staff, information on accommodation, insurance, etc.) for incoming mobile participants and outgoing students for study and traineeships:

ITS Foundation of Teramo will organize information meetings, with mentoring and staff, for mobile participants (incoming and outgoing). Its aim will be to explain and support logistical and administrative items (transport, accommodation, assurance, location of structure, contacts of coordinator and staff, etc.), according with HEIs inter-institutional agreements. Moreover, incoming students will be supported by home students (volunteers) and involved in local sport and cultural events. All the details published on the official website (www.itsagroalimentarete.it).

Provide appropriate linguistic support to incoming mobile participants.

Please describe your institution's language support for incoming students and staff with a minimum of 2-month mobility period.

If possible, please provide the direct web link for your language policy:

ITS Foundation will offer intensive Italian language courses to incoming participants before starting mobility activities. Advanced Italian courses activated among the Schools members of ITS Foundation. Incoming participants will be involved in local sport and cultural events, in order to improve their level of Italian proficiency. Details of these activities published on the official website (www.itsagroalimentarete.it).

C5. When Participating in Mobility Activities - After Mobility

Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement as counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily completed by the mobile students.

Provide incoming mobile participants and their home institutions with transcripts containing a full, accurate and timely record of their achievements at the end of their mobility period.

Regarding the above two Charter principles, please describe the mechanisms your institution has in place to recognise mobility achievements for study and traineeships in enterprises.

Please describe the internal administrative steps and procedures established to recognise the mobility achievements.

In addition, please provide the direct web link for this recognition procedure:

Incoming student procedures: based on the official activities registered, according with Learning or Training agreements, Foundation will provide to sending HEI the Transcript of Records signed by legal representative of Foundation, stamped and dated.

Outgoing student procedures: based on the information reported on the Transcript of Records sent by the receiving HEI, our Scientific and Technical Committee will recognize ECTS credits earned by students during the study period abroad. For traineeship, a final project work of student, the enterprises mentoring evaluation, attendance sheer considered and reported on the traineeship certificate.

Procedures published on the official website (www.itsagroalimentarete.it).

Support the reintegration of mobile participants and give them the opportunity, upon return, to build on their experiences for the benefit of the Institution and their peers.

Ensure that staff are given recognition for their teaching and training activities undertaken during the mobility period, based on a mobility agreement.

Please describe your institution's measures to support, promote and recognise staff mobility:

ITS Foundation will promote and encourage staff and teaching mobility interested in the Erasmus + activities through specific informational advertisings even on the official website, on the Erasmus + section.

The ITS will organize meetings with other institutions (Italian ITs, School members of Foundation and University) staff already prepared in mobility experiences to give the necessary support to the initial staff and teaching.

Moreover, English courses offered before and during mobility.

To support mobility, our Organization will adopt specific measures in order to adapt workload and schedules according with the agreement requirements.

C6. When Participating in European and International Cooperation Projects

Ensure that cooperation leads to sustainable and balanced outcomes for all partners.

Provide relevant support to staff and students participating in these activities.



Please describe your institutional measures to support, promote and recognise the participation of your own institution's staff and students in European and international cooperation projects under the Programme:

ITS Foundation intends to participate to European and international cooperation projects in order to have further impulses to improve its training quality and to strengthen the synergies with the world of work.
For these reasons, ITS will promote the participation of own institution's staff and students through continuous information about the specific cooperation project and supporting them by specific, concrete and different measures to carry out their project work. Moreover, ITS will support the project providing administrative back up, such as financial management, and ensure the visibility of project activities and results on the website: www.itsagroalimtarete.it.

Exploit the results of the projects in a way that will maximise their impact on individuals and participating institutions and encourage peer learning with the wider academic community.



C7. For the Purposes of Visibility

Display the Charter and the related Erasmus Policy Statement prominently on the Institution's website.



Promote consistently activities supported by the Programme, along with their results.



Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)

D. Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)

The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees:

Original language [EN]

The Higher Technical Institute (ITS) of Teramo is one of 74 Italian ITSs, operating as a part of the National System of Education and Technical Training. They represent an innovation in the field of non-university tertiary education, as they are educational institutions included in the territorial plans of Regions, specialized in specific technological areas and focused on the formation of higher technicians. Legally ITSs are "foundations of participation", which they must consist in: a vocational or technical school; an training facility, accredited by Regions for higher education; enterprise and / or pool of the referential ITSs segment; an university department or other research bodies and a local authority.

The main activity of ITS consists of planning and management of two years courses to obtain the "High Technical Diploma" (corresponding to level V EQF), released by the Ministry of Education, University and Research. These courses are divided into four semesters, for a total of 1,800 hours and they are characterized by two qualifying aspects: at least 30% of their duration is carried out in the enterprise through traineeship (activated even abroad) and at least 50 % the teachers come from the world of work.

The ITS Foundation of Teramo, found in 10.10.2010, is operating in the field of new technologies for the Made in Italy - Agribusiness System and it achieved, as part of the ESF Operational Programme 2007/2013 Abruzzo – ob. CRO, three courses. The first was for the formation of "Technician for the Enhancement of Plant Products in the Mediterranean Diet" and the last two course were for the formation of "Technician for the Economy and the Marketing of Agricultural Food Production".

The ITS Foundation included in its politic strategy the participation to the Erasmus + Programme with the conviction that the mobility activities and the participation to international cooperation projects could facilitate the modernization and internationalization process and to increase the high education quality.

The main purpose of the mobility strategy is to promote the personal development, employability and the participation to the European world of work of the own students and facilitate knowledge and skills exchange among other educational sectors. To induct this process, the Foundation has already deliberated to stipulate Inter-institutional agreements with European HEIs, private and public bodies and EU enterprises, with whom ITS partners have already established relations, in order to experiment in 2015 the first contacts and the preparatory mobility toward the development of Erasmus + projects from 2016.

It has therefore, started the process to ensure the full recognition of study or traineeship activities among the diverse institutions forwarding to the implementation of the ECTS system choose by the Scientific and Technical Committee.

The ITS Foundation of Teramo offers training in the traditional Italian Agribusiness and in particular in the Abruzzi Region, it will choose foreign partners that work in the same sector to cooperate towards a series of aims as study activities, traineeship, follow-up meetings, conferences, work experience and good practices exchange, etc.

The partners will be homologous HEIs, which are holders of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (EACEA website), European Institutions and agribusiness enterprises, with whom the Foundation Partners (Polo d'Innovazione Agroalimentare Abruzzo, Confindustria Teramo, University of Teramo) already collaborate with and other subjects. The ITS Foundation intends to induct mobility experience of the students and the staff preferably in English language European Countries. In fact, the English language is object of evaluation during the selection of the students to proceed in the ITS courses and the English language continuous to be studied for all the duration of the formative period and for specific fields of study.

The principal participant of the ITS mobility activities will be students, teachers and administrative staff. The main aims of the ITS of Teramo strategy for the internationalization and mobility are:

- 1.To enforce excellences, contributing to the development of training quality and promoting high results, through the innovation and reaching a European educational target.
- 2.To contribute to the development of skills,

Please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme.

If not applicable, please explain:

Original language [EN]

The ITS Foundation will entrust the realization of the international cooperation projects to its technical staff and external consultants, after the approval of the authorities of the Foundation (President, Members Council, Executive Committee and Scientific and Technical Committee).

In particular, technical staff will carry out:

- the organization of the international activities;
- the management of the projects developments;
- the management of the incoming and outgoing students, teachers, administrative staff and external consultants involved in the projects;
- Guard ship and recognition of the study and traineeship activities abroad.

The print office will sustain the promotion and diffusion of the projects.

The technical staff will wind even with the administrative office, that with the support of external consultants in the management and reporting of European projects, managing the financial aspects of the projects.

It enforced the support activities for students, creating a Student Office that will give the necessary information to students in mobility, in particular:

- room and board;
- transport, assurance, contacts;
- social and cultural activities;
- sport centers;
- Student associations.

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on the modernisation of your institution.

Please refer to each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda and explain the policy objectives you intend to pursue:

Original language [EN]

The participation in projects that encourage strategic collaboration subsidized by the Erasmus + Programme which as an impact on the modernization and on the internationalization of the institutes and of the systems of high instruction of the partner countries will allow the ITS of Teramo to:

- 1.Improve through the amplification of the horizon of reference and of resolution, the qualification level to allow the formation of the specialized technicians of which Europe is in need.
- 2.Improve the quality of high instruction and the connection with the word of work and research developing and adapting educational paths that take into account specific competences and technological applications solicited by the world of work and of professions.
- 3.Improve the professional, social and intercultural competences as well as the employment of their own holders of diploma thanks to the enlarge of the number of students who complete a period of study and formation abroad, of the mobility of teachers and staff as well as the intensification of the cultural changes and of the international cooperation among the institutions.
- 4.Strengthen the quality of the teaching widening the knowledge of methods and teaching techniques comparing the good educational practices of the European countries.
- 5.Improve the competences of the ITS staff incrementing the opportunities for their professional advancement and for their career.
- 6.Evaluate the human resources boosting the motivation and satisfaction in one's own daily work.
- 7.Improve its own "governance" through a simplification of the authorities of management in the prospective of the constitution of the Professional Technical Poles that promotes the regional development thanks to the cooperation among the secondary technical and professional instruction, the high technical instruction and enterprises.
- 8.Improve the disbursement of funds researching complementary source of private financing and public funding, calculating the real costs and orientating the expenses with the help of evaluation systems, of the results and concentrating the efforts on specific priority points.

* COM (2011) 567 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0567:FIN:EN:PDF>)

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Endorsement of the application

I, the undersigned, legal representative of the applicant institution,

certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. All Programme activities will be implemented on the basis of written agreements with the relevant authorities of the partner institutions;

agree to the content of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) application outlined above and commit my institution to respect and observe these obligations;

agree to the publication of the Erasmus Policy Statement by the European Commission

Place: Teramo

Name: Giovanni Di Giosia

Date (dd/mm/yyyy): 28/04/2015

I have read and accept the Privacy statement

Original signature of the legal representative of the Institution (as identified in section A.2 above)

Original stamp or seal of the Institution