

# ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT



*An Associated College of The University of Dublin, Trinity College*

**M**arino Institute of Education (MIE) is an associated college of the University of Dublin, Trinity College. It offers a range of specialised undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in education, including programmes that offer teacher certification for primary school teachers. The institute aspires to excellence in every aspect of its programme.

As an academic institution and as an Institute that is centrally involved in the preparation of future teachers, the institute values diversity and sharing of ideas and of personnel within Ireland, the European Union and beyond. Consequently, it welcomes the opportunity to be awarded an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education to promote further opportunities for student and staff mobility. Exchanges to date have been concentrated on institutions with Europe, the United States and Africa. The institute wishes to enhance existing relationships and to develop new relationships with additional institutions.

Professional development of all staff, both academic and administrative, is essential for our programmes, administration and institutional effectiveness to remain relevant, rigorous and inspiring. The institute encourages and supports all staff to participate in teaching and training exchanges with staff from other schools and colleges of education under the Erasmus programme. Academic and professional services staff members are encouraged to collaborate on projects of mutual interest and engage in professional development opportunities where ideas are shared and developed.

Participating in exchanges offers students the opportunity to broaden their understanding of educational and social issues and helps them gain a deeper understanding and an appreciation of the common goals and concerns of people elsewhere. Enhancing such appreciation and understanding comes about through daily interactions with fellow students in other countries on a short or medium term basis.

Students from other countries are welcome and can take modules on any of the programmes offered by MIE. Incoming students are supported academically and pastorally throughout the exchange allowing them integrate fully into the life of the institute.

As a further expansion of our Erasmus objectives, it is anticipated that internship opportunities will be an option for our students. This initiative will be introduced at the earliest opportunity and will be expanded as the institute becomes more adept in working with partner intuitions to identify the supports students require to benefit from such mobility. This initiative will be fully supported by the Institute and the hosting partner.

Marino Institute of Education is committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and students, regardless of sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, disability, age or sexual orientation.

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