

UNIVERSITY OF KRAGUJEVAC
INTERNATIONALISATION
STRATEGY
2015 – 2020



University of Kragujevac was established and developed based on the concept of dispersed university. However, the University managed to turn this into one of its most distinctive advantages which allows it to use economic and geographical potentials and human resources from the territory which spreads over an area of 5000 square meters and has about 2.5 million citizens.

Starting from the reputation it enjoys in the area of international cooperation with universities from Europe and the world, as well as its openness towards the world, the internationalization of the University of Kragujevac rests on its commitment to become the part of international, particularly European, educational, scientific and artistic space. Through the organization of studies and research, the University's aim for the period 2015 – 2020 is to continually carry out the transfer and creation of scientific knowledge and professional competences which allow not only the further affirmation of academic relations with universities from all around the world, but also the mobility of teachers, students, researchers and administrative staff.

With the obligation of all university structures to carry out the process of internationalization of the University of Kragujevac, fully respecting the institutional autonomy and academic freedom defined by the law and improving at the same time the quality assurance system for educational process and research, the Senate of the University of Kragujevac, based on Articles 18 and 104 of the Statute of the University of Kragujevac, at the meeting held on 24 December 2015, adopted

THE STRATEGY OF INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KRAGUJEVAC

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INTRODUCTION

University of Kragujevac rose from the foundations of the Lyceum of the Principality of Serbia, the first higher education institution in modern Serbia, established in Kragujevac by the decree of Prince Milos Obrenovic on July 1st, 1838. Its first rector was Atanasije Nikolic (1803 – 1882).

The Lyceum of the Principality of Serbia planted the seed of higher education from which first modern higher education institutions originated in the beginning of the 1960s, and in 1976 the University of Kragujevac was established.

The University of Kragujevac consists of twelve accredited faculties as legal entities with work permits which are located in six cities of Central Serbia region: Kragujevac, Čačak, Jagodina, Kraljevo, Užice and Vrnjacka Banja.

The University Library is also a member of the University of Kragujevac. It is a library of general scientific character whose activities are in the function of teaching, scientific and research processes at the University. In this way, it contributes to the successful practice of study, dissemination and affirmation of knowledge, educational and scientific creativity of professors and associates of the faculties and institutes of the University of Kragujevac.

The University integrates the functions of all faculties and its organizational units by carrying out the unique policy with the aim to constantly promote higher education activities, improve the quality of teaching process, educate scientific, research and art offspring, introduce the scientific research to students, as well as to create material conditions for work and development of the University.

VISION

The University of Kragujevac in 2020 is a generator and driver of innovations in the field of education and research which through the internationalization encourages the synergy of all University members, giving the strong contribution to the strengthening and improvement of University's reputation in the country and abroad.

The University of 2020 is a partner recognized by international higher education and research institutions, with highest academic standards which provides students, teachers and researchers with the opportunity to acquire general, scientific and artistic knowledge and skills in compliance with the needs of the society and planned regional and national development that through scientific and creative process provides the advancement of society at large.

MISSION

By realizing international activities, the University will strive to provide its teachers and researchers with the most favorable research environment, and its students with opportunities to gain knowledge, skills and competences that will raise their competitiveness not only at national level, but also at European and global labor market, and within the academic community at the same time.

Through mutual cooperation among faculties within the University, their students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff in the area of international cooperation, the University of Kragujevac tends to provide best conditions, mechanisms and procedures that will encourage and support the realization of activities necessary for the process of internationalization.

GOALS

1. PROMOTION OF STUDY PROGRAMMES

(IN-HOUSE INTERNATIONALIZATION)

This goal will be accomplished through:

- 1.1 Promotion of existing and development of new study programmes in English or any other foreign language that will enrich the academic offer of the University for both domestic and foreign students;
- 1.2 Support to promotion of language skills (*English and other foreign languages*) of students, teaching and non-teaching staff, which will ensure their active participation in the process of University internationalization.

2. INCREASE OF THE NUMBER OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING MOBILITIES

(STUDENTS, RESEARCHERS, TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF)

This goal will be accomplished through:

- 2.1 The legal and administrative preparation for full participation in Erasmus+ credit mobility programmes, future programmes of the European Commission in the area of higher education and other mobility programmes;
- 2.2 Raising the level of cooperation with foreign higher education institutions with which University of Kragujevac already has signed cooperation agreements;
- 2.3 Establishment of Alumni Association of the University of Kragujevac;
- 2.4 Raising visibility of academic offer of the University in order to attract foreign students, teachers and researchers;

3. PROMOTION OF THE COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, INDUSTRY AND OTHER PARTNER INSTITUTIONS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

This goal will be accomplished through:

3.1 Administrative and legal preparation in order to provide the conditions for higher participation rate in international funding programmes within Erasmus+, Horizon 2020 and other programmes;

3.2 Increasing the participation in international projects and promotion of cooperation with foreign universities, research institutions, industry and other partner institutions in various fields of science, education, research and innovation;

3.3 Raising the visibility of research capacities and results achieved at the University of Kragujevac at national and international level.

4. UNIVERSITY'S COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONALIZATION

This goal will be accomplished through:

4.1 Development of the Action Plan for the realization of University's Internationalization Strategy;

4.2 Definition and establishment of the unique monitoring system for the implementation of the Internationalization Strategy and regular reporting on achieved results;

4.3 Strengthening the capacity of the University of Kragujevac that will enable realization of the Action Plan and high quality implementation of the Strategy;

4.4 Providing appropriate financial resources that will allow smooth realization of the Action Plan and high quality implementation of the Strategy.

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Senate President

Prof. Dr. Nebojsa Arsenijević, Rector

