

## *Roma Tre Erasmus Policy Statement*

Roma Tre's mission statement focuses on three points: advanced research programmes and facilities, a commitment to excellence in higher education. International relations, inter-university co-operation and international mobility are focal points within Roma Tre Development Strategy. Co-operation with foreign universities is based on a global network of partners that includes all the European Institutions involved in LLP, South American Universities (Argentina: Buenos Aires, Belgrano; Brazil: Brasília, Sao Paulo; Chile: Santiago, Valparaiso); Canada: Montreal; USA: Un. of California, Cornell; Australia: Macquarie, La Trobe. In this last ten years Roma Tre has developed an intensive student exchange Programme with several Chinese Universities within the framework of Marco Polo Programme.

Roma Tre's international relations strategy mostly focuses those universities which didactic and research lines are compatible, and we do follow the growing demand from the students who ask for foreign destinations in the EU-area: France, UK, Spain and Germany universities attract every year approx. 400 Roma Tre students. Furthermore, Roma Tre's international programme answers promptly to the demand of new opportunities of study in the universities of emergent countries such as Brazil, Argentina and Chile. Some of these agreements foresee inter-institutional research programmes like the Human Development & Food Security master in partnership with agencies of United Nations and NGOs.

Roma Tre takes part to the Ciencia sem Fronteiras Programme with Brazilian Universities (25 incoming students).

A particular attention has been dedicated to develop an intense exchange programme with some relevant Chinese Universities such as Beijing and Xi'an (80 students incoming per year and 20 outgoing students).

Roma Tre University has a wide range of double degree programmes. While most initiatives are carried out with EU partners, facilitated by a certain degree of valuable compatibility among EU university national systems, we have also developed such programmes with Latin American and USA partners. Double and joint degree programmes represent the advanced internationalisation of education programmes, and therefore we consider this partnerships the arrival point of several years of joint cooperation with the partners involved.

To be mentioned among the most appreciated double degrees, the master with the Université de Poitiers in Droit Privé – Les contrats en Droit Européen, the Grado en Derecho with the University of Murcia, the double degree in European History with the Humboldt University, the international master in Human Development and Food Security with Universidad Nacional de Rosario (Argentina).

In order to implement and improve the international EU-cooperation projects, every year the teaching mobility grants are distributed according to the expected results concerning enforcing, developing of agreements and enrichment of the didactic methodology. Every Professor, at the end of his teaching staff mobility period, is requested to report about the new signed contracts and the match of the academic offer.

In 2013 Roma Tre is going to launch a call for funding 10 international research projects for a total amount of 250.000,00 euros.

Fields activities (archeological excavations, laboratories, information campaigns, demographic services) included in international agreements are organized in specific seminars by the teacher in charge of the project, as with the master in Human Development & Food Security.

The development of international exchange programmes is assumed by Roma Tre as a mean to enhance furthermore its general teaching level. Under this perspective Roma Tre is increasing the number of courses taught in English in many faculties, with a double goal; to be more attractive toward incoming students and to improve the language level of its outgoing students. Concerning this point, Roma Tre foresees that, in the future Erasmus call, linguistic level requested should be the B1 level. In

order to give its students the opportunity of improving their foreign language skills, Roma Tre has enforced the Language Centre of the University.

Regarding the recognition of academic performance abroad, the number of Erasmus disciplinary Coordinators has been increased, in order to follow personally each student while preparing his/her learning agreement. Furthermore, Roma Tre is progressively adding to all bilateral agreements a list of exams which are automatically recognized. We believe that this methodology can simplify and speed up the recognition mechanism.

In order to improve the students' performance abroad, Roma Tre has created an Erasmus Prize for those who have obtained the largest number of cfu (min. 24 cfu for one semester and min. 36 cfu for one academic year). Roma Tre supports the Erasmus programme funding an integration of Erasmus grant of approx. 200 euros per month. To emphasise the Erasmus experience, the passed exams abroad will be specially underlined in the final degree certificate.

Roma Tre promotes the professional qualification of their researchers and students through the participation in mobility Programmes such as Erasmus Placement and Leonardo da Vinci. Furthermore, and in the same perspective Roma Tre encourages students to do their internship during the Erasmus period, in order to integrate study and work in an international perspective. To facilitate both experiences, study and work abroad, Roma Tre allows, promotes and eventually funds the prolongation of stay.

For the best integration of the incoming students in the cultural and academic context of the city, Roma Tre supports the Erasmus University Network in the organization of welcome weeks (first week of October; last week of January), cineforum, sport activities and cultural visits trough Italy. A special convention with an external agency and Roma Tre has been stipulated in order to assist the incoming student in his accommodation search and to solve all eventual hosting problem.