

Respect of fundamental principles

I, Lasse Lønnum, the undersigned, legal representative of the applicant institution:

agrees to take over the existing / running activities launched by the previous institutions as for the ID codes and EUC N°s mentioned above .

agrees to respect the fundamental principles as subscribed by the previous institutions as for the ID codes and EUC N°s mentioned above .

Place: **Tromsø**

Name: **Lasse Lønnum**

Date : **25 / 09/ 2013**

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

Lasse Lønnum

Original stamp or seal of the institution



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Not applicable

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Updated Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS)

In order to complete this section, please refer to the instructions given below. Please note that your EPS shall be given wide visibility in your institution and must be published on the web page of your institution.

The EPS should set out the overall Erasmus co-operation strategy of your institution in relation with its mission statement, underlying its Erasmus cooperation plan as well as any other activities to be proposed in the framework of the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP).

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a) Please describe clearly your institution's strategy, objectives and priorities for its Erasmus activities (mobility, multilateral projects and networks, etc.) and any other actions in the context of the Lifelong Learning Programme.

The information under this section should cover the following points:

- What is the institution's previous experience in international exchange and cooperation programmes?
- How does the participation in the Erasmus programme relate to the overall international strategy of the institution?
- What are the institution's priorities/objectives to be reached by participating in the Erasmus programme?
- What are the specific activities to be implemented in the framework of the Erasmus programme (e.g. exchange of students and staff, development of cooperation with higher education institutions or other types of institutions, participation in Erasmus multilateral projects/ networks)?

The University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway is the result of a merger between the University of Tromsø and the University college of Finnmark. It makes it the largest education institution in Northern Norway and the northernmost university in the world. Its vision is to be a national and international powerhouse for competence, growth and innovation in the High North. With a newly elected leadership, a new strategy process has just been initiated.

International cooperation through student and staff mobility and strategic partnerships for cooperation in education, research and innovation is a major part of the current strategy, and will certainly be a part of the new one. The former UiT has taken place in EUs cooperation programmes since its inception. 2/3 of the total student and staff mobility at UiT are Erasmus. UiT's other international cooperation is based on our experience with Erasmus, and aims at implementing the principles/models of the new programme into our overall international cooperation.

Our main objectives by participating in Erasmus are to use mobility as a tool to improve the academic quality of studies and research by adding an international perspective to the education. In order to obtain that we want to ensure the quality of our institutional agreements, and strengthen the institutional cooperation. We are involved in three joint degrees, and want to involve more faculties in joint degrees. Mobility is also a way to recruit foreign students.

Activities to be implemented by participating in Erasmus are:

Student and staff mobility, stronger institutional cooperation by developing joint degrees, partnerships and placements.