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## **EPS (Erasmus Policy Statement) 2021-2027 ITSAR**

Participating in the Erasmus Programme ITS Angelo Rizzoli (ITSAR) aims to further develop its network of international relationships with different partners in the business, education and training world, allowing incoming and outgoing staff and students to have professional experiences, training or technical specialization in another country. Although ITS courses (Higher technical Education Institutions EQF level 5) are still fairly new in the Italian Higher Education system, they are attracting more students every year, willing to acquire specific, technical competencies which are highly requested on the labour market. The motivation that has led us to look for collaborations with foreign countries is related both to the professional curriculum of our courses and to the necessary confrontation with a world that is everyday more interconnected and overcomes the national borders, especially in the ICT field.

An experience of work or study abroad is something that many of our students ask to do, and we aim to provide all of them with this opportunity in order to improve their professional but also their intercultural and language skills, knowing that Italian and European companies will take it in consideration when hiring. Our students are strongly motivated to learn a language through a mobility experience because they know it will be necessary for their future employability.

The contents of our courses are transnational in nature and are also the result of a careful analysis of the needs of a national and global context that is everyday more inter-connected. That's why we believe that a mobility experience abroad, both for students and staff, is what they need to make their training and professional skills more updated and complete.











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We believe that the exchange of expertise between the different institutions, as well as an open mind and intercultural attitude, can be an advantage for all the contractors.

By participating in the Erasmus program we intend to achieve the following strategic objectives:

- 1) Increase the level of qualification and employability of our graduate students according to the European labour market needs; All courses at ITSAR are tailored according to the ICT- CCI labour market, its needs, and its continuous changes and updates, keeping an eye on the national and international dimension. Most of our teachers are professionals working in ICT companies/CCI or running their own business and start ups, that worked and studied abroad, that's why we can offer our students updated courses every year and a strong practical application of the course contents to business environment. Allow students and staff to do international mobilities will maintain and increase the international dimension of our institution.
- 2) Enhance the professional, linguistic and intercultural skills of our students and staff; The possibility to do students and staff mobility will increase the quality of ITSAR courses through the share of expertise and competences with international Institutions and enterprises. Moreover, implementing the recognition of students and staff mobilities, ECTS credits, and diploma supplement will make international mobilities more attractive both for students and staff.
- 3) Improve the quality and relevance of Higher Technical Education through international mobilities and transnational cooperation; Although ITS Courses are still fairly new in the Italian Higher Education system, they are gaining more visibility every year and are becoming an appealing alternative to University courses for secondary school graduates due to their strong











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connection with the labour market, a very high rate of employability and a strong European dimension.

- 4) Creating links between Higher Education, VET, Research and businesses to promote excellence, innovation and regional development. As mentioned before, to create a network of education, research and business is the recipe of ITSAR. Thanks to its international strategy and Erasmus+ mobilities ITSAR aims to enhance and broaden the partnerships with Educational Institutions and companies that developed in the past years through the Erasmus+ programme, sharing innovative learning and teaching methods (with particular attention to business oriented and innovative projects), best practices, organizational and project management competences. In order to strengthen the cooperation with European partners ITSAR is working to sign more Interinstitutional agreements with Higher Education Institutions in the field of ICT and CCI and to design and implement projects aiming to cooperate with businesses, Research and Education Institutions.
- 5) Improving governance and funding. Cooperation with other national and international Higher Education Institution will allow ITSAR to share effective models of governance and funding. Sharing good practices can help all partners to seek the best solutions to common problems or to ratify and implement efficient procedures. We plan to increase funding by carrying out applied research activities on behalf of companies, through the co-financing of ITSAR, businesses and through European and national contributions. In this way Erasmus+ programmes will contribute to diversify the sources of funding while improving the quality of ITSAR courses.

