

## Erasmus Policy Statement 2021-2027

Internationalisation as such holds high relevance in the strategic agenda of the EAMT and is also stressed as one of the key elements in the Development Plan of the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre for 2015-2020. The strategic plan currently being written for the next period (2020-2025) will contain a separate chapter devoted to internationalisation, in line with both national and EU funding programmes and EAMT's objectives.

EAMT encourages learning from international experience. This makes internationalisation not a target in itself, but rather the means for developing academic quality in all the activities of the university. Being an active member of the Association Européenne des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen (AEC), EAMT strongly endorses its mission related to the topics of social responsibility, diversity and inclusion that are also mentioned as new principles of the Erasmus+ Programme.

The Academy has three general targets in regards to internationalisation that are closely interlinked to EAMT's participation in the Erasmus+ programme and support the principles of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (2021-2027):

- to raise the quality of education and to strengthen the international dimension of its programmes:
  - by promoting the international mobility of students and teaching staff;
  - by inviting foreign top-level experts from the field of music and theatre to contribute to its educational efforts;
  - by modernising its teaching methods and encouraging the sensible use of digital technologies in music performance and music education, including expanding the use of distance learning and virtual mobility;
  - by professional administration of exchange programmes and mobility, paying particular attention to digital solutions.
- to develop an international learning environment in the Academy:
  - by supporting foreign students and lecturers in their admission and organization of life and placing particular focus on social integration in order to promote their involvement in Estonian society at large;
  - by facilitating professional and extracurricular communication between local and foreign students and across faculties and nationalities to support a positive and inclusive academic and social environment for students to thrive;
  - by offering professional development opportunities abroad to both academic and non-academic staff members.
- to improve international cooperation:
  - by strategic partnerships and other international collaboration initiatives that allow to strategically develop key areas, raise international visibility and expertise;
  - by hosting international events profiling EAMT as an internationally oriented high level institution that create opportunities for new cooperation initiatives.

The goal is to maximise the number of Academy members who are able to benefit from international communication and international experiences and to provide our students and staff the best possibilities for professional and self-development in the area of music and theatre. For this very reason, the Academy sees the possibilities provided by the Erasmus+ programme as one of the most relevant tools for reaching its' strategic goals.