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**Internationalization**

**Objectives and content of the delegation**

The strategic objective of the delegation is to solidify, spread and intensify our international presence, integrating, at the same time, the intercultural and global dimensions of our training, research, and innovation activities.

This dual way of being international (externally and internally) is necessary to implement our institutional missions in the best way; for example, consider how graduates are increasingly required to be adequately prepared for careers that involve significant relationships with foreign countries.

But a good degree of internationalization is also a determining factor for the overall evaluation of a University (by institutions and in the most important rankings) and is one of the most relevant elements in attracting Italian students as well as, obviously, foreign ones.

This, operationally, means consolidating our relationships with foreign universities to offer our students educational opportunities abroad and, at the same time, opportunities for teaching staff and researchers to collaborate in prestigious contexts, especially in the case of reciprocal exchange.

But it also means offering interesting programs and initiatives to increase the amount of foreign students (both European and non-European) enrolled in degree courses or attending Masters and PhDs at our University.

For the first two years, the following five points are the main focuses:

1. Introduction of double and joint degrees

One of the current limitations of European programs is the limited possibility to effectively integrate the formative period abroad with the course of study envisaged by our system, which increases the time and costs of study. The introduction of double degrees and involvement in joint degree activities with other prestigious European and non-European universities gives students the opportunity to have educational and human experiences within international realities, so as to increase the possibility of entering the world of work. The introduction of joint research doctorates with foreign universities will also be pursued.

1. Development of agreements to further qualify the Erasmus network

The Erasmus program, in all its forms, still represents the most important way for students to access an educational experience abroad. However, the quality of the universities with which exchange relationships are in force has become increasingly decisive. In this sense, the University of Pavia is called to improve its offer, especially in a context of growing competition.

1. Increasing bilateral teaching staff mobilities

The creation of double and joint degrees requires expansion of the mobility of teaching staff, who will be encouraged to develop collaborations with other prestigious universities, as well as carrying out teaching and research activities at them. The involvement of colleagues from other universities in study stays at Pavia will also be encouraged. The University will encourage these experiences in order to also enhance relations and access to European Union funding.

1. Summer/winter schools for foreign students and summer/winter schools abroad for students at Pavia

We will identify themes around which to build summer schools specifically aimed at foreign students. And, in collaboration with foreign universities and/or research centers, summer programs for postgraduate students will be proposed, especially focused on research purposes.

1. Creation and participation in university networks both on project and stable bases

Beyond the activities described above, the University of Pavia will have to further strengthen and qualify its presence in international networks both related to specific projects and related to stable associations between universities (e.g. Coimbra Group). In particular, the relationship between formally signed partnerships and their effective implementation must be improved.

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