

## **Ss. Cyril and Methodius University ERASMUS statement policy**

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje is part of the growing interdependence of the international academic communities in building new forms of creative cooperation keeping with the global scientific, technological and educational innovation.

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University considers the Erasmus mobility programme to be essential regarding many factors, including improving the quality and increasing the number of student and teaching staff mobility throughout Europe. With the participation in the Erasmus mobility programme, the University will contribute to the realization of the goals of the programme: to create a European Higher Education Area and foster innovation throughout Europe, as well as to contribute to the target of 3 million individual Erasmus participants in student mobility by 2012.

Furthermore, the participation in the Erasmus programme enables Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje to improve the quality and increase the volume of the cooperation with many other European Higher Education Institutions. The Erasmus University Charter that was granted to the University by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency of the European Commission in April 2009 enabled the University to foster and further develop the cooperation with many higher education institutions. As a result, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University has signed many Erasmus Bilateral Agreements with a great number of institutions throughout Europe.

Additionally, since the University has established and implemented the European System for Transfer and Accumulation of Credits (ECTS), the participation in the Erasmus mobility programme will contribute to increasing the quality and compatibility of the study programmes, as well as increasing the degree of transparency between the qualifications gained in Europe.

Furthermore, the participation in the Erasmus programme will contribute to the development of methods that are based on best practices and transfer of innovative solutions in the field of education, which, on the other hand will have a direct impact on the future employability of the graduates.