

Erasmus Policy Statement 2014-2021

Beykoz Vocational School of Logistics was founded by Turkish Logistics Research and Education Foundation (TURLEV) in 2008. Logistics is a growing industry both locally and in global sense. Hence, there is an ever growing need for a well-qualified labour force with the relevant up-to-date knowledge and related skills. **Beykoz Vocational School of Logistics** was established as the first thematic higher education institution in Turkey to meet this particular need of the industry. The underlying target was to become in both local and international sense, a respectable and credible higher education institution functioning at global standards to raise the highly qualified work force that will contribute to Turkish economy and global economy.

Beykoz Vocational School of Logistics has been awarded the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education for the Erasmus+ program 2014-2020. The Erasmus Policy Statement sets out our institutional strategy in relation to the Charter. BVSoL, has signed Erasmus Mobility Agreements with 23 institutions in Europe, bachelor's degree top-up agreements with 2 higher education institutions and academic collaboration good will agreements with 6 universities to this day.

One of the major aims of BVSoL is to convert the theoretical knowledge of the students into practical experience in their areas of study. So "Learning by Doing" became the education model for BVSoL. Five different laboratories have been designed on the basis of Learning by Doing principles. Student of BVSoL do not only listen to lecturers, watch others perform, read books or instructions they also experience real life incidents by ateliers and laboratories. BVSoL Vocational Skills Center holds laboratories and ateliers are; Mobile Technologies Atelier, Marina Atelier, Logistics and Foreign Trade Atelier, Computer Laboratory, Civil Aviation Cabin Service Laboratory.

In the field of students' mobility Beykoz Vocational School of Logistics international strategy supports strengthening of networking with different universities in short and first cycles.

In order to strengthen the quality of academic and research staff BVSOL implement the policy of sending academic staff to short term mobility trips to partner universities in order to allow them to obtain additional international experience and knowledge.

Another objective of BVSOL is to develop and implement joint programs with partner universities in Logistics and Civil Aviation study programs. Another objective is to provide top-up degree programs to current students in European partner universities..

BVSOL aims to further build the its international profile by:

- BVSOL aims to build high-quality research and teaching partnerships; advancing student mobility; enhancing international student and staff recruitment.
- BVSOL aims to increase partnership agreements. BVSOL will increase the number of exchange partners.
- BVSOL aims to increasing the number of international degree-seeking students.
- BVSOL aims to increase exchange activities. BVSOL will increase of the number of exchange students in and out, not only by increasing the number of exchange partners but also by making a more effective use of the present agreements.