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**THE UNIVERSITY OF CRIMINAL**  
**INVESTIGATION AND POLICES STUDIES**

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Pursuant to Article 60 paragraph 1 of the Statutes of the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies (18 No. 72/4-2-2018 of 17/07/2018), at the proposal of the Rector, the Senate of the University adopted

**THE INTERNATIONALISATION STRATEGY**  
**OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND POLICE STUDIES**

***1. INTRODUCTION***

The University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies rose from the foundations of the first state Police School founded on February 9, 1921, by the Decree of the then Ministry of Interior. The founder of the first police higher education institution and also its first director was Rodolphe Archibald Reiss. Therefore, the first state Police School can be regarded as a starting point of Serbian police higher education.

In this region, police education has often changed its form. However, with the founding of the Advanced School of Internal Affairs in 1973 and the Police Academy in 1993, and later their integration into the Academy of Criminalistic and Police Studies in 2006, as the only independent higher education institution for the needs of police higher education, a unique model of police education was established.

Within the police education reform and in accordance with the contemporary demands and needs of the police profession, the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies was established on March 7, 2014, by the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, as a new (adapted) form of legal organisation of the only state higher education institution established for the needs of police higher education.

Thus, the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies is today a higher education institution belonging to the unified system of higher education in Serbia, but is also a confirmation of the specificity and uniqueness of police higher education.

The University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies comprises three Departments: Department of Criminalistics, Department of Information Technology, and Department of Forensic Engineering.

When performing its activities, the University encompasses the educational, scientific research and professional work as components of the unified higher education process, and performs the accredited study programmes at all study levels within the three fields, namely: in the field of social sciences and humanities – study programmes of the undergraduate academic studies, master academic studies and specialist academic studies in Criminalistics, study programme of the undergraduate vocational studies in Criminalistics, study programme of the doctoral studies in Criminalistics and Law; in the field of natural sciences and

mathematics – study programmes of the undergraduate academic studies, master academic studies and doctoral academic studies in Information Technology; in the field of technical and technological sciences – study programmes of the undergraduate academic studies, master academic studies and doctoral academic studies in Forensic Engineering.

In this way, the University carries out:

- academic and vocational study programmes for the needs of the police profession and for the needs of other lines of work closely connected to the core activity of the Ministry of Interior;
- other forms of professional education and development of importance for criminalistic, police and security affairs;
- fundamental, applied and developmental research in the field of Criminalistics and Security, Forensic Engineering and Information Technology, as well as researches for the purpose of the development of educational activity and performance of police affairs.

The University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies is committed to achieving high standards when performing the aforementioned core tasks, while observing the European university education principles and standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area.

The process of transformation and change of legal form of organization into the University has caused particularly intense activities in the international field, in accordance with the global trends emerging nowadays in the field of higher education and refer to the increase of multicultural tolerance and knowledge exchange through the mobility of students, teaching and non-teaching staff. Precisely for these reasons, through the Internationalisation Strategy, the University has defined in more detail the institutional frameworks and activities envisaged in its implementation, as well as the guidelines for the work of the whole University aimed at further and a more comprehensive development of the international cooperation.

## ***2. DEFINING THE CONCEPT AND MEANING OF INTERNATIONALISATION***

Internationalisation is a process of implementation of international, intercultural and supranational educational models into university teaching, research, and associated activities, for the purpose of a more comprehensive involvement of the University in the regional, European and global trends in the fields of science, higher education and knowledge transfer.

## ***3. ORIENTATION FOR INTERNATIONALISATION***

The University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies is oriented towards developing and promoting internationalisation among students, teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as towards flexible innovation and adoption of the new and better standards arising from the process of internationalisation and mobility.

The University's activities will be directed towards expanding the circle of institutions with which it will cooperate in the fields of science and higher education. When there are justified interests, bilateral cooperation will be raised to the level of strategic partnership.

The Internationalisation Strategy will be available on the University's website.

In order to monitor the internationalisation process, the University will periodically draw up reports on realized cooperation and mobility.

#### **4. VISION**

In the forthcoming period, the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies will implement the European and world models and standards of education, both in the knowledge transfer and in the application of contemporary methods in education, especially in the field of police higher education. The University will be a partner recognized by international higher education institutions with the highest academic standards which provides students, as well as teaching and non-teaching staff, with the opportunity to gain general, scientific and professional police knowledge and skills, in compliance with the needs of the society and planned regional and national development, as well as the vision of the Ministry of Interior.

The University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies should be recognized, acknowledged, and known as an institution that plays an active role in the field of police education, knowledge transfer and science at the global level.

The University will deepen its activities within the Association of European Police Colleges and more actively participate in the already achieved international inter-institutional cooperation.

#### **5. MISSION**

The mission of the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies is, through international activities, to tend to provide its students, teaching and non-teaching staff with the most favourable conditions, mechanisms and procedures that will encourage and support the realization of activities necessary for the internationalisation of the University.

The University fulfils its mission in the field of police education, science, knowledge and skills transfer and exchange in accordance with the system of values and higher education, especially police higher education, which are generally accepted in developed European countries and applies the academic standards defined in international agreements signed and ratified by the Republic of Serbia. In this way, the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies will be a higher education institution which will ensure the highest academic standards in acquiring knowledge and skills, through involvement in the unified European Higher Education Area, through internationalization and implementation of mobility, which will allow a more lasting and direct connection in the field of science, education and knowledge transfer. To this end, the University will strive to achieve a wider exchange of teachers, students and non-teaching staff under the mobility programme run by the European Union.

Through the internationalisation of scientific and research work, the University plans to intensify international activities in this field. Participation in European scientific research programmes and projects and improvement of cooperation with the institutions from abroad, will represent a priority in the coming period. The University will strive to increase the visibility of its research capacities and achieved results of the scientific research work at the international level, through: organising even greater number of international conferences and scientific seminars in cooperation with partners from the region and abroad; further development of the unified digital repository of scientific papers; infrastructural support and implementation of the open science principles.

#### **6. GOALS**

The goal of the Internationalisation Strategy of the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies is improvement of the existing study programmes aimed at their better harmonization with those delivered at numerous European higher education institutions specialized for police education, increase of competencies of teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as development of knowledge, experience and skills of students staying abroad.

The University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies sets the following main long-term internationalisation goals:

1. creating an institutional framework for the implementation of the internationalisation process through the development of documents that will facilitate the internationalization process;
2. promotion of existing and development of new study programmes in English or other foreign language that will broaden the academic offer of the University for both domestic and foreign students;
3. establishing a broader cooperation with related educational institutions in Europe and the world;
4. improving the network of contacts within the Association of European Police Colleges;
5. improvement of the ongoing cooperation with the Ministry of Interior in defining the structure, content and quality of study programmes in order to achieve internationalisation, which will ultimately enable better competences of graduates;
6. support to promotion of language skills (English and other foreign languages) of students, teaching and non-teaching staff, aimed at ensuring their active participation in the process of University's internationalisation;
7. increasing the number of incoming and outgoing mobility through the legal and administrative preparation for full participation in Erasmus+ credit mobility programmes, as well as future programmes of the European Commission in the area of higher education and other mobility programmes;
8. raising the level of cooperation with foreign higher education institutions with which the University already has signed cooperation agreements;
9. ensuring visibility of academic offer of the University in order to attract foreign students and teachers (study programmes in English language);
10. availability of all data relating to the mobility of students, teaching and non-teaching staff on the University's website in order to achieve their transparency;
11. increasing visibility of research capacities and the achieved results of the University at the national and international level.

## ***7. MEASURES TO ENSURE THE INTERNATIONALISATION***

The University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies will ensure the internationalisation through the application of the following measures:

- development of the Action Plan for the realization of internationalisation of the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies;
- administrative and legal preparation in order to provide the conditions for participation in international funding programmes within Erasmus+, as well as other programmes of the European Union;

- in coordination with the Ministry of Interior, while taking into account the need for specific competencies of graduates, apply for EU projects;
- defining and establishing the unique monitoring system for the implementation of the Internationalisation Strategy and regular reporting on achieved results;
- providing appropriate financial resources that will allow smooth realization of the Action Plan and quality implementation of the Internationalisation Strategy.

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