



POLITIHØGSKOLEN

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT 2021-2027

The Norwegian Police University College (NPUC/PHS) is involved in international collaboration activities in several contexts. International relations are linked to the status NPUC/PHS enjoys as an education institution.

- **Nordcop**: Nordic Cooperation in Police Education

NPUC/PHS works with the other police training institutions in the Nordic countries of Denmark, Iceland, Finland and Sweden. The objective is to increase educational mobility through exchange programmes and professional collaboration.

- **Eurocop**: European Cooperation in Police Education

NPUC/PHS has a study exchange agreement with Romania and with four different police colleges in Germany.

- **CEPOL**: European Police College

CEPOL is a network comprising the central police training establishments of the EU member states. NPUC/PHS is included in the network as an associate member and has signed a collaboration agreement that entitles it to participate in all CEPOL activities. CEPOL offers an extensive range of courses and works to raise levels of expertise and promote the harmonisation of police training in Europe.

- **AEPC**: European Association of Police Colleges

AEPC is a network comprising all the European police training colleges.

NPUC/PHS also has a responsibility for training linked to:

- **International civil crisis management**

Training Norwegian and foreign police officers for service in conflict areas under the command of the UN, the OSCE, or the EU, or on the basis of bilateral agreements.

- **United Nations Police Officers Corps**

This is a two-week compulsory course. The course, which is entirely in English, is held 2-3 times a year. International civil crisis management also covers «Human Rights and Law Enforcement».

- **Schengen border and immigration service**

Training Norwegian and foreign police officers to serve as border control agents in the Schengen area.

Participation in the Erasmus+ program will further improve and develop our international cooperation.

We expect the Erasmus+ Programme to impact our institution in the following ways:

1. Increasing attainments levels to provide the graduates and researchers Europe needs.
To work in the Norwegian Police Service you have to have the Bachelor degree. This means that the only way to be a police officer in Norway is through the NPUC. As criminality does not have any border it is important that the police service in at least all European countries cooperate and have some insight in how the police are working in other countries.
2. To improve the quality and relevance of higher education.
Through the meeting between different police cultures the quality and relevance of the education will improve by learning from the best practice in countries.
3. Strengthening quality through mobility and cross-border cooperation.
Again as under 1 and 2. Through the meeting between current and future colleagues both quality and cooperation will be strengthened.
4. Making the knowledge triangle work:
Linking higher education, research and business for excellence and regional development. Erasmus+ trainees are instrumental in making the knowledge triangle work.
5. Improving governance and funding.
Through the experience from traineeships and networking with the police service we will be more efficient in finding the right cooperation partner and funding to improve both the education and the international cooperation.