

Erasmus Policy Statement

ICMP has always focused on the needs and potential of individual students, ensuring that the education we provide is tailored and personalised, giving them the best chance of success in the very competitive and challenging environment of the music industry.

ICMP understands how the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education is vital to the achievement of our plans, strategies and objectives, as a Higher Education Institution in the 21st century.

We are committed to international relations through academic initiatives, that promote student/staff and tutor networking, development, mobility schemes and joint activities.

Essential to the achievement of our vision as an international music institute, are the benefits that are linked to working in a collaborative manner with international partners.

Many of our current international partnerships are a result from initiatives and communications between academic staff and faculty, and in some cases, by our own students - either through their academic projects, or due to their personal interests.

On the other hand, some partnerships have been introduced through already existing partners or ICMP being approached directly by a prospective partner wishing to collaborate with us.

Diversity is the key word when considering the range of partners ICMP currently has, which also reflects the different needs and priorities of our partners' and our own students and staff.

With a network of 26 partner institutions across the globe, we cherish and promote that diversity anywhere we go in the world and at any given opportunity /activity when presenting the ICMP brand.

The wider international development strategy is achieved through several defined smaller projects.

In addition, the strategy cannot be delivered independently and relies on ICMP's international development, academic, marketing, and admissions departments working together.

It is also necessary to ensure the admissions department are aware of the strategy and align their processes to encourage international students to come and study at ICMP.

At the post recruitment stage, it is paramount to develop and implement up-to-date and relevant processes for inducting international students and supporting them throughout their studies at ICMP.

The geographical areas where ICMP has more of a presence already (EU, South Korea and United States) have shown to be sustainable in many ways in recent years - for all the parties involved. However, we remain open to new territories and opportunities, all in the interest of the student, staff and tutor experience - especially considering the creative nature of our provision.

ICMP thrives in the development of initiatives and projects which also have a positive impact in the local community and the communities where our international partners are based/located.

Regarding mobility aspects, we are dedicated to extending the variety and nature of the opportunities we can offer to our students, staff and tutors, reflecting the ever changing and dynamic landscape of programmes, courses, training and initiatives available in the creative industries.

We will build on our experience to improve and grow inclusive policies and practices related to mobility.

In this way, we will aim to promote and support study and work placements in participating and non-participating countries, which will hopefully increase the access and participation by a more diverse group of students and promote study destinations located in non-participating countries.

Opportunities for a joint delivery of Masters programmes with international partners, is a priority aspect for international development at ICMP, in the following years to come.

Regular monitoring and evaluation (with the input from our partners and all the parts involved), is also an important aspect to consider and maintain, as in that way, future practices can be positively influenced.

Aims

- Raising international awareness, profile and reputation of ICMP
- Improved international student enrolment at ICMP
- Cultural exchange to improve the student learning environment
- Opportunity for student exchange and secondment
- Opportunity for tutor/staff exchange and secondment

Equally the expertise and cultural impact that staff, tutors and students from abroad will have on ICMP will be just as valuable. It's a two-way cooperation and the benefits are expected to be mutual, and positively affecting all parts involved.

ICMP's participation in the Erasmus+ programmes will benefit the academic inputs and outputs, which will have an impact in the classroom and in learning content – where new perspectives and ideas can be considered and welcome.

Aiming towards a dynamic approach on Education - through the engagement between partners in developmental and networking activities - other aspects will be influenced as well, such as operational improvements (building capacity, facilities, logistics, provisions and more).

Ultimately the goals will always tend to aim towards individual growth (academically and personally), employment, social and creative impact and inclusion; but the potential is immense for how future generations can benefit from it, in many ways.