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Dear colleagues

Dear Students

It is a great pleasure for me to open this day of work dedicated to international cooperation implemented under the Erasmus + program.

The University of Skikda is one of the top 20 higher education institutions in Algeria. In recent years, we have seen growth and development in all directions. One of our missions is to develop and promote partnerships with academia, business and society for its students and staff.

Openness to the international is one of the strategic principles of our university to improve its training and research activities and consolidate its influence in the world. Attractiveness is the first strategic element of a coherent and controlled international development policy, as it is the first lever for the development of student and teacher mobility.

Since 2017, the university has made every effort to boost outgoing student mobility and create the best conditions for welcoming and accompanying students, lecturer-researchers and foreign researchers. An exchange program with different partners has been set up to boost outgoing mobility. The implementation of the mobility is led by the university which provides administrative follow-up, management of departures, arrivals and returns, and coordinates operations to promote mobility.

Actions to achieve this mobility are planned:

- Establishment of an International Policy Council to be chaired by the Rector of the University, and composed of the Vice-Chancellor of External Relations and Directors of Laboratories. This council will be the place of debate, reflection and orientation in the field of international cooperation;
- Establishment of a strategic steering committee for the international,
- Installation of an "international" correspondent in the sectors involved, which will be responsible for stimulating the mobility appetite, helping the student to build his educational pathway and follow it up;
- Encourage the incoming and outgoing international mobility of teacher-researchers,
- Encourage the mobility of administrative staff
- Offer multilateral aid for the organization of international research seminars
- Increase the involvement of research laboratories in the university's efforts to open up internationally by disseminating scientific information in French, Arabic and English.

The policy put in place by our university aims to develop student mobility particularly outgoing for three cycles, based on academic excellence as a criterion of choice towards international reputation institutions with the objective of international visibility. Actions are envisaged:

- Develop an international policy for the third cycles, especially through the multiplication of co-tutorships of theses,
- Improve the attractiveness of the school, encourage teachers and students to practice science in foreign languages,
- Ensure the training of future managers in an international and multicultural environment
- Encourage and concretise international openness by establishing bilateral conventions, networks of international partnerships, joint curricula or participation in international research projects.

In her statement earlier, the Vice-President will present the results of the participation of the University of Skikda in the Erasmus + program in its key actions 1 and 2:

- The development of exchange programs for students, teacher-researchers and staff
- Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices

I thank you and wish you fruitful exchanges.

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Rector of Skikda University