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Student Affairs Office

## **Erasmus Policy Statement 2021-2027**

The Royal College of Music in Stockholm will take part in KA1, KA2  
Partnership for Cooperation and Innovation.

The Royal College of Music in Stockholm (KMH) is the second oldest higher education institution in music in the world, founded in 1771. KMH's vision is to be a prominent international center for higher education of musicians and music teachers of the highest quality.

KMH is educating students on a high international level in Folk music, Jazz, Classical music, Conducting and Composition, Music and Media Production, Musical Therapy and Music teachers. In total we have 1300 students.

KMH is a State Agency in Sweden and as such must share and work for democracy, legality, freedom of speech, objectiveness, equality, freedom, justice and effectiveness and service. These are values that all State Agency's in Sweden must share. Adding to that is KMH's own values; Competence, Creativity and Commitment. The education at KMH should have a strong connection to research as well as an entrepreneurial focus.

In order to achieve the above vision and values KMH want to continue to be part of the Erasmus collaboration. It is an important part of our Internationalization strategy. It allows KMH to work close together with important partners within the EU. KMH strongly believes that internationalization will add to the quality of our education, our research and our collaboration with the society. The Erasmus programme is also very important in order to fulfill our vision in being a prominent international center for higher education of musicians and music teachers of the highest quality.

In order to achieve a better effectiveness and service our strategy plan also states that KMH shall investigate how to better use digitalization. The progress being done in this area by the Erasmus programme is therefore something we follow with great interest and the different digital solutions being present by the programme will also be implemented by KMH.

Our Internationalization strategy states that KMH shall develop contacts and collaboration with higher education institutions outside of the EU as well, to a



higher degree than we have so far. Being part of the Erasmus programme for International Credit Mobility would make this possible.

KMH want that more of its students take part in an international mobility period, in order to do so the Erasmus Programme is vital and extremely important. It is also important that our teachers and staff take part of the international trainings and teaching mobilities that the programme offers, both for personal and profession growth, but also in order to add to the internationalization of our campus. A staff member that have international experience will bring that into their classrooms and their courses, giving the students at home added values and international perspectives. It is the same value that the presence of international students gives to our campus, classrooms, student union and the city at large. This internationalization of our campus is also assisting our own students in broadening their horizons and creating global minds and perspectives.

Furthermore, KMH's internationalization strategy states that KMH should mainly collaborate with internationally prominent higher education institutions. One European association play an important role for KMH's collaborations in international relations and mobility; Association Européene des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen (AEC). All higher education institutes in AEC are normally also partners in the Erasmus programme. Which is why it is important for KMH to be part in both the Erasmus programme and the AEC network. KMH is an active partner in different educational and research project within the AEC.

In KA2 KMH is taking part in Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices and are planning on continuing with that.

The action matches well with KMH's goal to carry out strategic goals that cannot be achieved as a single institution but in collaboration with networks and institutions across Europe within our field of education and research. Again, AEC is an important network for our involvement in KA2 projects as it could be involved as a partner for dissemination, communication and evaluation in order to take advantage of its unique network of contacts, international events and list of experts in the field of higher music education.

KMH long term goal and vision is that more student, teachers and staff get an international experience and that we receive more incoming exchange students and send out more outgoing exchange students. The international experience will add to KMH's overall intercultural competence and in the long run add values so that KMH can become an International Center in our field of education.

KMH is currently taking part in Erasmus KA1 learning mobility within the EU. KMH want that more of its students take part in an international mobility period, in order to do so the Erasmus collaboration is extremely important. It is also important that our teachers and staff take part of the international trainings and teaching mobilities that the programme offers, both for personal and



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Our Internationalization strategy states that KMH shall develop contacts and collaboration with higher education institutions outside of the EU as well, to a higher degree than we have so far. Being part of the Erasmus programme for International Credit Mobility will make this possible and this is an area that we are developing. At this point we have exchange collaborations with two Universities in the US. KMH also have as a Memorandum of Understanding with another US University and one University in Thailand, that we are planning on starting mobility agreements with as well.

The International Coordinator at KMH is working close with the responsible academics in the different departments at KMH to further inform student and staff about the Erasmus programme and its possibilities. KMH have also worked towards creating “mobility windows” in its academic programmes in order to offer a semester better suited for mobility and exchange.

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KMH is a partner in the Strategic Partnership Creative Europé: Culture Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency. This project is quite successful and has helped us to further develop in this research field. Our next goal is to be the main applicant for Partnership for Cooperation and exchange of practices as well as being active partner in other projects in the action. Our focus is on intra-European collaboration, with a number of partners within Erasmus and the AEC network, sharing the same vision and mission and focusing on developing shared methodology in courses and on-line learning methods and platforms, as well as research.

Partnership in Innovation is another action that KMH is planning on participating in since Innovation and Entrepreneurship is important areas for our student body to get a knowledge of and is part of all academic curriculums at KMH.

KMH long term goal is to increase the number of students, teachers and staff that gets an international experience. KMH is also working towards increasing the number of incoming exchange students. The numbers on all levels have, in the passed three years already increased, and we see that the increase of



mobility is also impacting our campus and adding values to our internationalization at home strategy and our own students in broadening their horizons and creating global minds and perspectives. The increase of mobilities is almost entirely done because of the Erasmus+ programme, since KMH is mainly having mobility agreements with Universities and Conservatories within the EU, that is also part of the Erasmus + programme. In terms of International mobility the Erasmus + programme is our International strategy and KMH is planning on providing more opportunities for students to gain additional skills through study or training abroad, through the full exploitation of the study abroad opportunities covered by the Programme. KMH goal is to increase the number of mobilities on all levels with approximately 10% yearly in the next 5 year period.

KMH has the ambition to foster constant internal modernization and contribute to the achievement of the EU 2030 policy priorities and objectives through international cooperation as follows:

To increase the number of graduates; KMH has worked intensively with creating a sustainable system for various degree programmes the last years and the figures of graduates in relation to enrolled students are high (90%) and have been so for the last decade. However, KMH will continue on to work and combat the pattern in European society and encourage and attract students from underrepresented groups within the institution and to “non-tradition-learners” and continue to work for equality.

To improve the quality and relevance; The courses at KMH must be relevant, quality assured by internal and external requirements and interact with each other. The education is continuously under evaluation and pedagogical methods under development. KMH have a well structured and transparent quality assurance system. It creates sustainable values for students and employees and will have an impact on recruiting highly skilled students, researchers and employees. It is also of importance for being a respected partner in international networks.

To gain additional skills; The main objective is to provide various opportunities for students and staff to encourage international engagements. International mobility inspires and raises the student's professional performance and makes our students aware of how the music market functions and may improve their employability in the global economy.

To strengthen the “Knowledge triangle”; by making full use of the training and educational opportunities that the Erasmus + KA1 and KA2 Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices will offer.

To create effective governance; As a public funded institution KMH has an ongoing strategy how to reform the use of the resources and increase transparency and enhance the cooperation with the surrounding society.

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