

## European Policy Statement of JVLMA

JVLMA is the only one university-type education establishment in Latvia providing higher musical education in performing arts, composition, musicology, music education and choreography, as well as carrying out research. JVLMA offers internationally accredited study programmes on Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level and professional qualifications.

International policy of JVLMA aims to develop international cooperation and integration into the European and global academic community, to ensure high quality standards in higher education in music. International collaboration is based on short-term educational activities (masterclasses, workshops, intensive courses, seminars, lectures), student and staff exchange, various events (performances, competitions, festivals, conferences, individual research), as well as collaboration with the international youth orchestras and choirs.

JVLMA joined Socrates/Erasmus programme in 1999, and since then has signed bilateral Erasmus agreements with more than 100 Academies of Music and Universities in 21 countries of EU, as well as collaboration agreements with P.Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory, N. Rimski-Korsakov St.Petersburg Conservatory, Academies of Music in Minsk, Tbilisi and Baku. Membership in AEC (Association of European Academies of Music) and ABAM (Association of the Baltic Academies of Music) determined our professionally oriented choice of partners. Since 2008 Latvia is full member of the Nordic Council of Ministers educational programme Nordplus, which also offers possibility of student and staff exchange in frames of Sibelius, NordTrad, NordPuls (Jazz) and NordOpera networks.

We are working on the development of collaboration on permanent basis with several Universities in the United States of America.

International strategy of JVLMA envisages further internationalization of the tuition process to give students and staff international perspective in all areas of studies and administration. Main goals of the international strategy for the next period are

- To promote European dimension in music education;
- To expand existing partner network encompassing countries in Balkan region with extremely rich musical heritage and well developed traditions of contemporary performing arts;
- To increase international marketing with the aim of attracting talented students from EU and other countries;
- To support measures which would result in considerable increase of the number of study courses delivered in English language, including translation in English of study courses offered in E-learning Environment of JVLMA;
- To develop Academic Master`s joint degree study programme Music with subprogrammes in Musicology and Ethnomusicology.

In the forthcoming period JVLMA shall contribute to the following priorities:

- Student mobility for studies and work placements on bachelor, master and doctoral level within Europe and including also Third Countries;
- Academic and non-academic staff mobility for teaching and training which contributes towards international sharing of knowledge and experience involving all

departments and administrative units of JVLMA within Europe and including also Third Countries;

- Further development of non-discrimination policy in student and staff mobility;
- Development of transnational teaching activities (joint study courses, joint master's degrees);
- Participation in the international intensive projects in frames of Erasmus and Nordplus programmes;
- Participation in multi-lateral thematic networks administered and coordinated by AEC;
- Development of artistic research in frames of international collaboration resulting in the innovative and interdisciplinary curricula.

Participation in the Erasmus+ Programme is closely connected with the JVLMA Study Programme Development Plan for 2014-2020, directed towards modernisation of the Academy.

Goals to be achieved:

- a) content of study courses based on requirements of labour market in the context of Latvia and Europe,
- b) to ensure content and volume of the students' independent work according to ECTS requirements, employing high-quality contemporary equipment, as well as technologies of E-learning Environment,
- c) to increase number of study courses delivered in English language,
- d) to provide maximum opportunities for students to gain additional skills through study or training abroad,
- e) to develop joint degree Master's study programmes in collaboration with partner HEIs,
- f) to strengthen „the knowledge triangle” linking education, research and business – this principle stipulates introduction of new study courses connected with the producing, scheduling and realization of music projects, project management and self-management: development of fundraising skills, marketing skills, leadership skills and communication skills,
- g) to support mobility of academic staff as one of the essential prerequisites of the professional development,
- h) involvement of international teaching staff in tuition process with the aim to improve the quality and relevance of teaching and researcher training (Master's and Doctoral study programmes),
- i) to attain changes in budget policy for state-financed HEIs creating effective governance and funding mechanism ensuring successful realization of modernisation and internationalisation of JVLMA in the period till 2020.