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**Subject: Erasmus+ Programme
Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)
Call for Proposals (EACEA/08/2016), Selection Year 2017**

**Reference: Your application 271578-EPP-1-2017-1-IT-EPPKA3-ECHE
Erasmus code: I CATANIA08
PIC: 944179765**

Dear Dr. Maria Pagano,

Thank you for your interest for the Erasmus+ Programme and for applying to the 2017 call for proposals for the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) received 331 applications for this call.

A panel of external experts assisted the Evaluation Committee in the evaluation of your application against the award criteria indicated in the call for proposals. The European Commission adopted its Decision for award of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education on 27 October 2016 after taking into consideration: (a) the eligibility decision of the National Authority of your country; (b) the formal eligibility verifications for conformity with the call for proposals eligibility criteria; (c) the evaluation and the recommendations of external experts.

I am pleased to inform you that your application has been selected for the award of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). You can find the Erasmus code and the PIC attached to your Charter in the subject line of this letter. These two codes must be used in every future Erasmus+ grant application.

Please note, however, that, in the framework of the monitoring process, your National Agency will verify the **follow-up action** undertaken by your institution in order to comply with the comments and recommendations hereby enclosed. **Your institution is expected to have implemented measures for improvement by the time you start the activities funded by the Erasmus+ Programme.**

Non-compliance with the recommendations, the principles of the Charter and the objectives of the Programme may result in the withdrawal of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

In this light, please note that a new 360° self-assessment "ECHE: make it work for you!" will help you to find out which areas you could strengthen and will provide tailored suggestions to improve your institution's performance. It will be available early next year and you, as a charter holder, will be informed on its release.

In addition, by applying for this Charter, your institution has committed itself to implementing the activities funded by the Erasmus+ Programme in line with the fundamental principles of the Charter and to publishing the Erasmus Policy Statement of your institution on the institution's website within one month of receipt of the Charter. The Charter will be sent to you shortly in an electronic format only. As an expression of your commitment to adhere with the Charter, we kindly ask you to publish the copy signed by the legal representative of your institution on the institution's website.

For your information, out of the 331 received applications, 218 have been selected for award of an ECHE.

The list of all selected institutions will be published on the website of the EACEA when all applicants have been notified about the selection results. You may find all the relevant information on selected institutions as per Award decision on:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/selection-results_en

Should you have any questions concerning your application please do not hesitate to contact the Erasmus Charter Team (EACEA-ECHE@ec.europa.eu) at the Executive Agency. In all communications please use your application reference number and Erasmus code.

I would take this opportunity to congratulate you on your successful application and to wish your institution every success with its participation in the Erasmus+ Programme.

Yours sincerely,



Ute HALLER-BLOCK
Head of Unit

Annex: Evaluation of your application with recommendations

cc: Erasmus Co-ordinator



ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education

Evaluation Report

Call for proposals EACEA/08/2016

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Part B - Statistics

The information provided is sufficient to assess the application.

Part C – General Organisation of Programme

C.1 The organisational structure is fully described; the director is the Erasmus coordinator. It is not clear how such a robust organisation subsists in the absence of mobility, especially as several departments and study programmes are mentioned, whereas in the statistics only one programme at each of the two levels is mentioned. The weblink and the other links on the website are not active, whether in the English or the Italian version.

C.2 The application of ECTS is described in a very formal way (a certain percentage of each credit to be formed by each activity, including laboratory, which brings the total number of hours per credit to 45 hours). The weblink indicated gives 'not found'.

C.3 Rather than explaining whether there is a Course Catalogue, the applicants have pasted in a brief description of their two degree programmes in Italian. The weblink indicated yields 'not found'.

The procedure for formulating and approving the inter-institutional and Learning Agreements is correctly described. Language support includes three courses in the English language and the possibility of further training in other languages before mobility. There is no weblink to the language policy.

C.4 Incoming and outgoing student support are described in detail. There is no weblink.

C.5 The recognition procedure is correctly described, on the basis of the Learning Agreement. The weblink given leads to 'not found'

C.6 With regard to staff mobility, the policy of making known the opportunities and valorising the mobility experience are correctly described.

C.7 The web page indicated for the future EPS leads to 'not found'

Part D – Erasmus Policy Statement

The EPS describes the actions taken to create conditions for successful international mobility and cooperation projects. A final part is dedicated to distinguishing geographic areas of greatest interest (Mediterranean, Japan, China and some EU countries). Ambitious support for cooperation projects is described.

Potential impact in terms of the five priorities is convincingly described

Summary of recommendations

The application is complete and the way fundamental principles will be respected is described in a competent way.

However, most of the web links provided are not working and the course catalogue needs a revision and additional information.

This application is therefore accepted with the strong recommendations that a proper course catalogue including all required sections among which the information for students will be made available on the website.

It should be in English if possible (as would be in line with the language policies described), or in another international language.

The whole website of the institution needs to be updated and made to function properly in order to support mobility in an appropriate way.