

### 3.1.9 Internationalization Strategy

- Integration of the international dimension in the curricula
- Integration of the international dimension in research
- Integration of the intercultural dimension within the campus
- Participation in international HEI networks
- Collaboration with HEIs in other countries (with a specific collaboration agreement) - measures taken to reach goals

The TEIWM interacts with the international community to the extent to which it is able to. A number of its faculty members have studied abroad or have work experience in Greece or other countries; they also have publications and projects in collaboration with researchers and research centres in Greece or abroad. However, compared with other comparable institutions, as a whole, the TEIWM appears less well-integrated with the international community, leading to a mixed record regarding internationalization at an institutional level. The institution's President appears to push in this direction, but the overall weight of problems and certain objective factors (the attractiveness of Kozani among them) seems to drag this process back. International collaborations seem to centre on the neighbouring countries (Albania, FYROM and Bulgaria) and Azerbaitzan. The efforts to build up international collaborations and participation in international institutional networks appear rather limited. Furthermore, whereas a satisfactory and systematic effort is made regarding students' participation in exchange programs like ERASMUS. (Incidentally, the presentation of the ERASMUS programme was timely, effective and efficiently done. It stands with the best presentations we attended). The result of all this is a small number of incoming ERASMUS students and a considerably larger one for outgoing ones. The new rules for internships stopping interns from going to countries other than those in which they study and the continuing economic crisis may also affect this balance.

The EEC recommends further measures, such as strengthening collaborative relationships across the border areas and internationally.