Università della Valle d'Aosta (Université de la Vallée d'Aoste) is a young and dynamic academic institution, which—while deeply rooted in its regional context—has always had a strong European vision. The Erasmus program has played an important role in consolidating its international network, and has allowed the University to increase its partnerships and exchanges at all levels (students, academics and non-teaching staff). Such collaborations, as well as its numerous international research projects, are crucial to the University’s mission, and have had a very positive impact on the teaching of its members.

The international spirit of Université de la Vallée d'Aoste is evidenced by the fact that about 150 students (out of a total of about 1000) profit yearly from its international mobility programs. Erasmus+ finances 90 of these, thus being a major asset for its international goals.

In addition to the typical benefits which derive from an experience abroad (cultural and educational growth, the acquisition of new skills—all of which impact positively not only on those who lived such experience directly, but also on the whole academic community), the University has managed to deepen its European connections, which resulted in new partnerships, an increased participation in international programs, as well as in the creation of new double degrees and teaching exchanges.

The developing strategy pursued by the Board of Université de la Vallée d'Aoste has prompted the proposing and implementing of actions aimed at enhancing plurilingualism and the internationalization of the University, in particular with reference to the French-speaking countries. It is, in fact, mostly thanks to Erasmus+ that the University has managed to obtain excellent results in terms of its internalization, which has pushed it to the top positions in the Italian University Ranking in recent years.