

D**Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)*****D. Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)***

The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy (all three parts) on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees. (max. 5000 characters)

Original language [EN]

International mobility of students and academic staff is one of the main priorities in the University's strategy in order to ensure the competitiveness of WSFiZ among other schools in the International Higher Education Area. Particular emphasis is placed on ensuring the widest possible access to the programme for all students regardless of their field of study, gender, socioeconomic status, race and religion. The University has undertaken a number of actions designed to equal the opportunities for people with disabilities (mostly with hearing impairment). A number of projects to achieve this equality has been implemented. The projects' coordinators collaborate with the Erasmus Coordinator in order to ensure that people with disabilities have better access to the Erasmus programme. Every year the University conducts a survey for preferred countries/colleges/institutions abroad in order to determine the preferences of students and staff. Requests for cooperation are sent to preferred universities and institutions abroad based on the survey's results and after the comparison of educational programs. Selection of institutions is not limited to a specific geographical area - the University tries to provide the widest possible range of countries to participate in the programme. Staff and students of the University are the main target group of the programme. The main purpose of eligibility of the staff to participate in the mobility programme is to give them an opportunity to conduct classes abroad and receive additional training in order to enrich their skills and the variety of classes taught at the University.

Participation in the programme is possible for students who meet the following criteria: the participant in the mobility programme must be a student of any faculty at the University (WSFiZ) for the duration of the scholarship (offer applies to both Bachelor's and Master's Programs) and upon the time of departure the student participant must be enrolled in at least the second year of study. International mobility of students and staff allows them to better understand their own needs and the needs of others, expand their world-view, and learn new skills and qualities desirable in a competitive labor market.

If applicable, please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Programme. (max. 2000 characters)

Original language [EN]

Implementation of the international scientific and educational programmes has been one of the main elements of the strategy to internationalize our University. Educational and scientific links with other countries play an important role in the strategy designed by the authorities of WSFiZ. In order to achieve a high degree of internationalization WSFiZ undertakes a number of activities aimed at creating a network of connections with other institutions of higher education around the world. To this end, we organize a number of scientific, training and promotional events, such as: conferences, seminars, workshops, promotional meetings, and educational fairs.

We make our best effort to actively maintain the educational and scientific connections established during the implementation of the programme.

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda*) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve. (max. 3000 characters)

Original language [EN]

Comprehensive development is a priority for the authorities of WSFiZ. Therefore, the University has undertaken a variety of actions in various areas of management and education in order to achieve this goal.

Activities such as implementation of international programmes, introduction of modern educational methods and training programs, and modernization of technical background are undertaken in order to attract aspiring candidates to enroll in the University. Making education more attractive and desirable by introducing more and more modern methods is aimed at increasing the number of WSFiZ's graduates and also at improving the position of these graduates in the international labor market.

The inter-institutional and international exchange of experiences and achievements in the fields of innovative educational programs and curricula allows for an ongoing development of WSFiZ as well as an improvement in its position in the rankings of higher education institutions. Continuous monitoring of market needs enables the introduction of new fields of study at the University as well as the conversion of old faculties in accordance with the demands of prospective employers

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