

**DECLARATION OF EUROPEAN POLICY  
on the ERASMUS programme (2014-2020)  
Czestochowa University of Technology**

The European policy of the Czestochowa University of Technology will continue to focus on achieving high European standards in the field of international cooperation, the Bologna process and integrated educational and research programs.

We are continuing efforts to expand our participation in international initiatives, further internationalize higher education programs as well as implement creative and innovative ideas in the areas of teaching methods and research. We aim to achieve high quality and transparency of our actions. We strive to further intensify cooperation with industry and to attain a better flow of information within our University. Our goal is to increase the number of incoming and outgoing students within the Lifelong Learning Programme every year.

The current European Policy Statement (2014-2020), developed by the university ERASMUS Program Coordinator, in consultation with the authorities of the University and in accordance with the strategic plan of development for the coming years, considers the following objectives the most important priorities to achieve:

- enhance cooperation and direct contacts with foreign universities and associations, European institutions and authorities, organizations, industry and local businesses
- establish new contacts and maintain existing close cooperation with universities from all European Union countries, the three members of the European Economic Area, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and the two candidate countries Croatia and Turkey. In the case of gaining legal possibilities within the LLP, in cooperation with the countries of the Eastern Partnership, Kazakhstan, China, and Russia, we would like to intensify our cooperation on activities including mobility
- cooperate with partner universities not only for mobility but also to create combined directions (so-called Joint Master's Degrees) in the future
- develop more sophisticated participation instruments in the programs of the European Union through the Structural Funds, intensify the mobility of students and staff, international exchange of know-how and examples of good practice, experience and advanced information technology and language skills, implement training and European modules
- continue to work on the restructuring of departments, Deans' offices and central administration to ensure proper functioning of ECTS and full crediting of students' time spent on study and placement abroad
- achieve each year at least a 20% increase in the number of participants in the student exchange programme, along with the implementation of on-line recruitment and services for students.

The measures to be implemented by the University to ensure high quality in mobility are as follows:

- further internationalize higher education programs
- apply for European funds to create modern and well-equipped classrooms, laboratories and research facilities
- increase the number of competent administrative personnel with knowledge of foreign languages for proper performance of the tasks related to the organization, implementation and promotion of student mobility
- constantly improve the quality and content of websites for mobile persons
- enhance, refine and harmonize clear rules to ensure crediting of time spent on study or placement abroad
- create an on-line service for visiting students and those going abroad

disseminate information and promote the opportunities offered by EU programs for education and

mobility (e.g. websites, information days and seminars).

Częstochowa University of Technology, for the years 2014-2020, is planning to support the European Union's modernization and internationalization agenda in higher education within five priorities:

- In terms of priority: improving the level of education in order for the number of graduates and researchers to meet the needs of Europe by expanding the offer of Czestochowa University of Technology into new fields of study shared with partner universities as well as by improving the professional skills of teachers by increasing their participation in international mobility and exchange of good practices. Many of the current projects are devoted to the creation of courses dedicated to providing the most attractive graduate programmes in the labour market.
- In terms of improving the quality and relevance of higher education as well as increasing the quality with the use of international mobile cooperation, Czestochowa University of Technology is planning to improve the professional competence of its teachers and administrative staff by increasing their participation in international mobility and exchange of good practices. The university is also currently working on the inclusion of employers and labor market institutions in preparing and the implementation of the programs.
- In terms of the realisation of the objectives of the "knowledge triangle": linking higher education, research and business activities in order to achieve excellence and regional development – the university will strive to have close bonds with business and non-university research institutions - not only at the local, but also regional and international level (especially with the use of the LLP programs) . It can be achieved for example by increasing the number of students engaged in placements with foreign business as well as educational institutions, which may result in winning new partners to participate in the knowledge triangle.
- improving the management and financing – the university aims at sustainable development of management as well as quality system. This is achieved by improving the professional skills of employees, including senior management and administrative staff thanks to the participation in international mobility, which is one of the key elements of development and improvement.

The list of modules in English which can be selected by students is extended in accordance with European standards. Each year the university handbook is issued (also in English), which presents the full and current educational range of the Częstochowa University of Technology. Every year an updated electronic version of a guide for foreign students and appropriate leaflets and/or information posters are also created.

Since 2008, the educational offer of the Częstochowa University of Technology has also proposed studies conducted entirely in English – the European Faculty of Engineering (EFE). EFE students have a choice of four programmes:

- Biotechnology for Environmental Protection (BEP)
- Business and Technology (BT)
- Computer Modelling and Simulation (CMS)
- Intelligent Energy (IE)

An important part of the EFE study offer is a mobile semester - every student should spend a semester at one of the partner universities, for example as part of the LLP-ERASMUS program.

We continuously strive to improve the service system for students going abroad, as well as research and teaching counselling, language teaching, integration in the local environment and housing for visiting students.

Every semester during the recruitment of candidates for exchanges within LLP-ERASMUS, there is intensive distribution of information about the program, the benefits that result from the exchange and

international cooperation. This also applies to the assignments of teaching personnel and administrative staff, who are increasingly willing to take advantage of the possibility of STT and STA.

Each year we design and produce promotional posters and/or leaflets, using materials provided by students - photographs, descriptions of trips, etc. We maintain constant contact with the local media, especially radio, which allows us to reach an even greater number of candidates. In the year 2012, we created a new, fully editable foreign language page of the Czestochowa University of Technology, largely devoted to the ERASMUS program, providing all the necessary information to interested students.

The Czestochowa University constantly strives to comply with the policy of anti-discrimination, access to participation in the program to all those interested, regardless of age, gender, race, political views or sexual orientation. We try to promote participation in the ERASMUS program among students and personnel with disabilities.