

Czestochowa University of Technology

Erasmus Policy Statement 2021-2027

Erasmus Policy of the Czestochowa University of Technology will continue its focus on achieving high European standards in the field of international cooperation, the Bologna process and integrated educational and research programs. The implementation of university's activities will be focused on full compliance to the goals set out in European Education Area, Council Recommendation on promoting automatic mutual recognition of qualifications and learning periods abroad, European Universities Initiative and European Student Card Initiative

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 our 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 and employees within the Erasmus+ Programme every year.

The current European Policy Statement (2021-2027), in accordance with the strategic plan of development for the coming years, considers the following objectives the most important priorities to achieve:

- to enhance cooperation and direct contacts with foreign universities and associations, European institutions and authorities, organizations, industry and local businesses;
- to establish new contacts and maintain existing close cooperation with universities from all 28 European Union countries, the three members of the European Economic Area, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and the two candidate countries Turkey and North Macedonia. Our following goal in the forthcoming perspective is to intensify and extend our cooperation with the neighbour countries classified as Eastern Partnership, Southern Partnership, Western Balkans and with Russia - with the longer perspective to develop it even wider – to cooperate with partners located in Asia or in Americas;
- cooperate with partner universities not only for mobility but also to create Joint Master's Degrees in the future;
- to develop more sophisticated participation instruments in the programs of the European Union through the Structural Funds, intensify the mobility of students for studies and traineeships, blended mobility and the mobility of recent graduates, staff mobility for teaching and training, international exchange

of know-how and examples of good practice, experience and advanced information technology and language skills, implement training and European modules

- to constantly monitor and ensure proper functioning process of ECTS and full crediting of students' time spent on study and placement abroad, as well as, the process of automatic recognition of mobility outcomes and diploma supplement implementation.
- to keep and preserve previously achieved trend in growth in the number of participants in the student exchange programme, along with the full implementation of on-line recruitment and services for students, as well as, European Student Card Initiative and Erasmus Without Paper solutions.

The criteria used by the University to control and ensure high quality in mobility are as follows:

- level of internationalization of our higher education programs;
- to increase the number of competent administrative and teaching personnel with knowledge of foreign languages for proper performance of the tasks related to the organization, implementation and promotion of student mobility, i.e. by the wider opportunity given to the staff members to learn and study abroad, to discover foreign cultures and to broaden their perspectives, to increase awareness of language in work, which provides an inclusive framework for language learning taking into account individuals' language skills, to identify and promote innovative, inclusive and multilingual teaching methods using tools and platforms;
- to constantly monitor and improve the quality and content of websites and tools available for mobile persons in accordance to Erasmus+ programme requirements;
- to constantly enhance, refine and harmonize rules as a process to ensure of clearness of crediting time spent on mobility abroad;
- to keep up to date on-line services for visiting mobility participants and those going abroad
- to disseminate information and promote the opportunities offered by EU programs for education and mobility (e.g. through websites, information systems social media, information days, seminars, etc.);

Czestochowa University of Technology, for the years 2021-2027, is planning to keep also the goals as follows:

- To improve the level of education 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 provide 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. By active support of staffs' exchange CUT is going to support them in achieving higher level of competence-based teaching and learning approaches as well as to encourage a variety of learning approaches and contexts for continued learning.
- To continuously work on the inclusion of employers and labor market institutions in preparing and the implementation of the programs. University is going to take an effort to receive also feedback form Erasmus+ participants in this process.
- 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 Erasmus+ 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.

By wider involvement of academic society in Erasmus+ Programme, Czestochowa University of Technology is going to increase its society members' (both outgoing and incoming) crucial competences and skills, as: numerical, scientific and engineering skills, language competences, digital and technology-based competence, digital skills, interpersonal skills, and the ability to adopt new competences easier, active citizenship involvement, entrepreneurship, cultural awareness and expression, better understanding of common values, also to avoid discrimination and exclusion.

The list of offered components 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 Czestochowa 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.

To meet student's expectations of selecting individual study programs, each incoming student may create its own unique program among available components taught at all of our faculties. List of available components given in English is published in advance regarding

to the entire academic year. Common practice is to be published by CUT over one semester ahead in compassion to the beginning of the academic year.

CUT on the basis of experience gained through Erasmus+ programme was able to launch new specializations / study programmes taught entirely in English. University is aimed to keep and to develop this achievement to make our offer of components wider, i.e. by launching new specializations or by providing part of the study programme directed to full time students in English.

Czestochowa University of Technology 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, ethnicity, political views, sexual orientation wealth or social background. CUT also actively promote participation in the Erasmus+ Program among students and personnel with disabilities and with disadvantaged background.

Through the internationalization process, as well as, by educating students, CUT, as a technical university, is willing to be a part of the process of creating more integrated and inclusive European society. Our aim is to constantly build up human potential by preparing specialists for taking up jobs at any time, not only at the local labour market, but in any EU country. Therefore, encouraging a variety of learning approaches and contexts for continued learning, as well as, supporting educational staff in implementing competence-based teaching and learning approaches and providing high-quality education, training and lifelong learning for all, strengthen by possibility given by Erasmus+ Programme, are in the deepest interest of our institution.



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