



Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)

The University of Dąbrowa Górnicza committed to provide high-quality education opportunities to its students and staff which include an international dimension. That is why Erasmus programme constitutes an integral part of the University's modernization and internationalization strategy. Our objective is to work on the international level, in close liaison with the European and international education, research and business environment. Our priority is the internationalization of studies and scientific research at the University through international cooperation and the increased number of students and teaching staff participating in mobility activities.

In order to enhance mobility opportunities for students and staff, the University aims to develop partnerships with other EU and international knowledgeable institutions including universities, research organizations and business entities. In order to avoid creation of unrealistic partnerships which may turn out to be inactive, the University has developed a procedure of approval and monitoring of all partnership agreements. We aim to select partners which provide a quality experience which will be of benefit to the professional development of mobile participants. Before any partnership is to be established, a comprehensive analysis is made considering partner institution capacity and potential, compatibility of academic profiles, prospective fields of cooperation that would provide for development of realistic innovative mobility programmes and improving quality of higher education at both institutions. Then, the qualitative and quantitative scope of cooperation (thematic fields/joint programmes/prospective number of mobilities etc.) is consulted between partners. These partnerships are reviewed annually, with a view to consolidating and strengthening each relationship.

When selecting international partners, The University takes into consideration geographical coverage and subject area balance. This means that The University is keen on developing partnerships with the universities of large size and academic potential, as well as with the one peripheral smaller universities that operate as vibrant academic centres offering modern standards of education. To enhance the attractiveness of students and staff mobilities, the University is willing to continue sustainable partnerships with partners from partnering EU countries as well as is focused on extending cooperation with partners from third countries (Ukraine, Belarus, Georgia, Russia) by delivery of mobility exchange programmes under other LPP activities including Erasmus Mundus, LdV, Tempus etc.



Such geographically and thematically diversified partnership composition guarantees cultural diversity between its members and allows for mutual exchange of experience, best practice and will ensure long-term cooperation between the partnership institutions.

Mobility activities are intended to engage the largest possible number of students and staff in the international exchange to enable them to benefit educationally, culturally and linguistically from the experience of learning or teaching in other countries, and as a result to enrich the process of internationalization at the University. The exchange programme is developed through the promotion of the Erasmus mobility scheme and the acquisition of new European partners. Mobility activities at the University of Dąbrowa Górnicza are available to candidates of all types of studies, including first, second and third cycles. The Erasmus mobility scheme is promoted actively through the International Relations Office. Prospective students and staff are informed through the University's website, meeting, newsletters. The University is fully committed to principles of Equal Opportunities Policy that focuses in gender equality, integration of disabled students and staff, enhancement of social and economic cohesion, and combating xenophobia and racism.

A European dimension has already been incorporated into the curriculum of a number of successful programmes taught at the University. The University holds partnerships on joint study programmes with HEIs from participating and non-participating countries. The University aims to develop further opportunities to internationalize the curricula, such as further applications for Erasmus Mundus programmes and the development of more double/joint degrees in other fields of study. The University is also developing comprehensive mobility programmes that would combine study with work placement abroad for their mobile students organized in credible international enterprises.

The University aims to improve the quality, competitiveness and international dimension of its educational offer and to introduce innovative aspects in its educational, training and research system. The University actively engages in international projects and activities by creating sustainable partnerships with universities, organizations from research and business sector, both within and outside EU/EEA. Development of new international opportunities and bidding for external funds under EU/international schemes is under the responsibility of International Relations Office assisted by institutional EU Projects Coordinator. All operational tasks related to organization and implementation of all mobility activities for incoming and outgoing participants lie with International Relations Office.

Since the University continuously seeks further internationalization of higher education, it is willing to declare support and willingness to participate in educational projects at all levels of



study, supporting e.g. innovative teaching methods, developing double or joint degree programmes and European modules, as well as new forms of continuing education.

The University strongly promotes projects aimed at cooperation with enterprises and projects supporting development of the University strategies for funding, governance and modernisation of its curricula.

Implementation of mobility projects with partner institutions from EU is based on Erasmus Charter regulations. In the case of HEIs located in a non-participating country to the programme, cooperation is based on an extended inter-institutional agreement with the University. By signing this agreement, the third-country partner institutions undertake to respect the principles contained in the Erasmus Charter.

The institutional objectives of the University in the scope of international strategy and mobility activities developed under different EU mobility and educational schemes provide for the five main areas for reform identified in the „Modernisation Agenda”.

1. to increase the number of higher education graduates. This will be done by:

- increasing number of exchange programmes for students and staff under international scholarships programmes (LPP, Norway/EEA Grants etc.) and bilateral agreements;
- increasing the number of incoming European and international students to study at the Academy by opening new study programmes in foreign languages;
- increasing standards of ECTS implementation to make mobility activities flexible.

2. to improve the quality and relevance of teaching and researcher training, to equip graduates with the knowledge and core transferable competences they need to succeed in high-skill occupations. This will be done by:

- intensifying inter-institutional cooperation with international partner, including non-participating countries that will focus on designing innovative joint study programmes, double degrees, training diplomas;
- internationalization of studies and research at the University by wide cooperation with EU and international partners and increased numbers of students and mobility.

3. to provide more opportunities for students to gain additional skills through study or training abroad, and to encourage cross-border co-operation to boost higher education performance. This will be done by:

- creating attractive offer of international work placements for students;



- extending catalogue of courses delivered in foreign languages;
- attracting more teaching staff from abroad to give lectures at the University;
- developing study programmes delivered at the University that are recognized at other EU and international universities;
- extending the opportunity for international incoming students to do work placements in Polish enterprises and institutions.

4. to strengthen the "knowledge triangle", linking education, research and business and – developing and implementing joint educational and scientific/research initiatives with international partners. This will be done by:

- developing cooperation with international business sector and economic institutions and scientific, research and technological centres.

5. to create effective governance and funding mechanisms in support of excellence. This will be done by:

- management system of implementation and organization of European and international mobilities is equally balanced between central level and departmental/faculty level;
- distribution of mobility funds/grants to mobile participants is done in line with programme regulations and internal policies. The Deputy Rector for International Relations supervises all mobility activities;
- balanced distribution of tasks regarding management of mobility activities at the University provides for effective delivery of tasks, assuring quality and achieving targets.