

**Erasmus Policy Statement of The State School of Higher Professional Education in Elblag 2014-2021**

Mobility and internationalization of studies fits into the Institution's vision, mission and strategy. The Institution's strategy is continuing and strengthening existing international cooperation and its expansion by establishing new contacts. The fundamental principle of the State School of Higher Professional Education in Elblag is to provide the standard of education that will enable the graduates of the first cycle degree to find employment in Poland or in other European countries as well as ensure a retraining capability. Thus, emphasis is laid on basic and general knowledge providing the graduates with skills necessary for successive degree courses or gaining professional competences on training courses.

The priorities of SSHPE are as follows:

- Further cooperation and expansion of direct contacts with foreign universities and businesses
- Initiation and continuation of actions aiming at modern IT implementation, which has been included in the region's development strategy with the foundation of the IT Centre Technology Park as one of the initiatives
- Preparation of projects for obtaining EU grants aimed at the development of the IT infrastructure and students' and lecturers' professional development
- Offering specialist courses for students, secondary school pupils and adults which lead to obtaining professional certificates acknowledged worldwide
- Support of the Academic Career Office connected with student international cooperation.
- Increase of students' and lecturers' mobility within the framework of the Programme
- Organization of international conferences, seminars, fairs and exhibitions
- Ensuring high quality of education and recognition of diploma and degrees acc. to Bologna Declaration and European standards
- Development of education programmes (including so-called European dimensions) e.g. participation in LLP Program components like intensive programmes or thematic networks.

- Further promotion and expansion of students and staff contacts with administrative centers in Europe (including training and internships aimed at professional development, preparatory and monitoring visits , cultural exchanges, knowledge exchange and improvement of language skills)
- Continuing cooperation with countries outside EU, including the Kaliningrad Oblast

Currently SSHPE in Elblag cooperates with 25 universities and 30 companies as well as foreign institutions. Foreign partners are usually chosen on the basis of preparatory visits and analysis of the foreign institution's module offer to make sure they correspond to SSHPE learning programme.

The Institution's priority is to have agreements with the European partners.

Mobility and internationalization of studies fits into the Institution's vision, mission and strategy. Participation in the Programme allows to access the international standards which then improves the qualifications of academic staff. It also allows to introduce and strengthen European standards of education. Students' participation in the international exchange creates an opportunity to obtain better learning outcomes as well as better professional competence expected in the global and European labour market.

The Institution's participation in the Programme will enable the University to develop and continue to use their existing contacts as well as start cooperation with new partners abroad through the exchange of students, faculty and administrative staff.

Students and staff will have access to the latest scientific developments and their practical use which will help them in the future careers. Further implementation of the Programme at the SSHPE will allow students and employees to improve their skills and acquire new skills needed to function in a modern society. Running the mobility programme will contribute to the good reputation of the university at national and international level.

In accordance with the Institution's practical education profile, the SSHPE provides every student with 15-week work experience. The emphasis is put on the proper

organisation and level of the work experience. Existing participation in the program has allowed the Institution to carry out a significant number of work placements abroad (more than 1% of students). The Institution's aim is to improve the work placement/experience offer by increasing number of offers in foreign companies/businesses.

Taking into consideration perspective of considerable intensification of scientific research college is specifically interested in staff mobility for acquisition of new experiences and establishing contacts enabling shared research and procurement of scientific honours.

The number of outgoing as well as incoming students and teachers have increased significantly in the recent years. The SSHPE's aim is to further increase the number of incoming students. It has a positive effect on academic life, improves learning opportunities and is an important factor in promotion of mobility.

The international cooperation definitely strengthens the position of SSHPE among other Polish universities, which means that it will have a high position in the field of mobility. It motivates the entire academic community to adopt new measures for the development of the Institution. Further participation in the program will allow the Institution to strengthen and develop the internationalization process.

The State School of Higher Professional Education in Elblag Strategy takes into account international cooperation under the Programme. The Institution has many partners from the EU as well as outside of the EU. It has experience in implementation of projects on environmental protection and economics related to the Vistula Lagoon, which connects many countries from that region. The geographical location of Elblag encourages the implementation of regional cooperation projects. The Institution wants to keep the existing cooperation related to common projects as well as keep improving it.