

International cooperation strategy
(Erasmus+ Policy Statement)
of Powiślański University
for 2021-2027

The strategy for the development of international cooperation of Powiślański University is an important element in the implementation of its mission. **The university emphasizes the activity of participating in the construction of the modern labor market by integrating the experience and needs of employers with the educational process.** The university wants to carry out this task by maintaining relations with domestic and foreign institutions, social, service and health care and business, and by participating in the creation of European higher education.

Operating at home and abroad, the university wants to:

- Create conditions for students and employees to comprehensively develop their talents,
- Create, develop and implement innovative teaching methods,
- in response to the changing challenges of the market and the global economy, wants to provide specialized knowledge and develop practical, creative skills and social competence in an atmosphere of tolerance and freedom, sustainable relations with society and responsibility for action;

One of the University's strategic goals is to **participate in the global education market through international cooperation and to make extensive use of the opportunities arising from participation in the Erasmus+ program.** The University intends to participate in all Erasmus activities from 2021 to 2027, where the main priorities and objectives are:

1. Erasmus Main Action 1 (KA1) - Learning Mobility: Mobility of students and higher education staff. The main objective will be to involve as many students and university staff as possible in international exchanges enabling them to benefit from education, culture, language development and learning or teaching experiences in other programs and partner countries. This will allow the university to expand the internationalization process, attract new partners and promote the Erasmus+ program.

2. Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Cooperation between organizations and institutions: Partnerships for cooperation and exchange of good practices:

a) entering into strategic partnerships aimed at implementing and disseminating innovative solutions at the University. The result will be modernization of the University's teaching offer, its better adaptation to the needs of society, the health care system and the economy, and improvement of the quality of education at the University,

(b) Establish knowledge alliances in cooperation with enterprises/institutions to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity, increase student employability, exchange knowledge, and support multidisciplinary teaching and learning;

Powiślański University, implementing the student and employee exchange program in accordance with the principles of the Erasmus+ program, will ensure the highest quality of its academic mobility activities, in particular by:

- Full compliance with the principles of non-discrimination;
- Full credit for all positively evaluated subjects that the student took during the period of study abroad;
- Not charging incoming students any tuition fees, registration fees, examination fees, use of laboratories or libraries;
- Ensuring full and equal access for all participants, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds;
- Having a procedure for awarding ECTS credits;
- Implementation of the provisions of the European student card initiative;
- Promoting the Erasmus + mobile application among students;
- Implementation and promotion of environmentally friendly practices under prog. Erasmus +;
- Promoting civic attitudes among program participants;
- publishing course catalogs on the website and updating them regularly and in a timely manner, in order to ensure transparency of information for all concerned and to enable student-athletes to make the right choices regarding the foreign curriculum;
- Implementing mobility based on previously concluded inter-institutional agreements; defining the roles and responsibilities of each party and committing them to the agreed quality criteria used in selecting candidates;
- Preparation of mobility participants, their reception at the foreign institution and integration into the local community;
- Ensure that mobility participants are well prepared for the trip, including language preparation to achieve an appropriate level of proficiency;

- Implementation of educational mobility of students and employees on the basis of agreements prepared and approved before departure (on the study / internship program in the case of students and teaching / training of employees), agreed upon by the sending institution, the receiving institution and the participant of the trip;
- Provide outgoing and incoming participants, assistance in obtaining a visa, if required;
- Provide, if necessary, to departing and arriving participants, assistance in obtaining insurance;
- Provide incoming mobility participants with support in finding accommodation;
- Ensure equal treatment of local students and employees and inbound mobility participants academically and in the context of other services provided by the University;
- Integrating incoming mobility participants into the daily life of the host institution and integrating them into the local academic community;
- offering incoming mobility participants appropriate advice and support;
- Provide incoming mobility participants with adequate language support;
- Recognition of all student activities listed in study / internship agreements - subject to their successful completion - as part of the educational program leading to a degree from the home university;
- Providing incoming mobility participants and their home institutions with certificates containing a full and accurate record of their achievements;
- Supporting the reintegration of returning mobility participants and enabling them to use the experience gained to benefit the institution and other students/staff;
- Recognition of teaching and training activities undertaken by employees during the period of mobility in accordance with the previously concluded agreement and the Rules and Regulations for Appreciation of International Activities of Employees of the Powiślański High School.

Participation in projects within the KA2 action of the Powiślański University:

- will ensure that the cooperation undertaken will lead to sustainable results that will benefit all partners;
- will provide adequate support to institutions, staff and students participating in the projects;
- will use the results of the projects in such a way as to ensure the greatest possible impact on individual participants and institutions, as well as promote the mutual exchange of knowledge and experience in the broader academic community, as well as locally and regionally;

In order to promote the information of the Powiślański University:

- Will post the ECHE Card along with the University's Erasmus+ policy statement on its website;
- will consistently promote the program's activities and results on its website and social media.

Powiślański University adheres to the principles of gender equality, integration of students and employees with disabilities, social and economic cohesion, and the fight against xenophobia and racism.

Participation in specific Erasmus + activities will help achieve the main strategic objectives of international cooperation:

1. Creating an international, dynamic environment conducive to knowledge transfer.
2. Developing students' professional, social and intercultural competencies and strengthening their position in the domestic and international labor market.
3. Gaining an increasing number of partners among international institutions operating in areas compatible with the university's fields of study - Economics, Nursing, Emergency Medicine, Dietetics, Cosmetology, Obstetrics*.
4. Increasing the capacity of teaching and administrative staff through participation in Erasmus + mobility.
5. Continuous development and improvement of the University's educational offerings aimed at increasing the number of domestic and international students.
6. Take action to ensure the use and promotion of digital mobility management tools
7. Wider use of mixed mobility. Promote environmentally friendly practices in all program activities.
8. Using former participants, students and employees to promote participation in the program as local ambassadors for the program;

The entire academic community is involved in the internationalization process of the Powiślański University. Supporting the mobility of students and academic / administrative staff, creating modern curricula adapted to the requirements of the modern labor market. The university contributes to promoting the European dimension of higher education. Mobility within the framework of the Erasmus + program serves the objectives of internationalization and modernization of the University and has a significant impact on the process of reforming

areas of education. The Erasmus + program at the University acts as a platform for other mobility-based activities, such as cooperation with higher education institutions, businesses, authorities, creation of strategic partnerships, knowledge alliances and capacity-building projects. The implementation of Erasmus + projects is a key factor in achieving its goals to modernize in all priority areas. The program will promote mobility and openness of the university to international cooperation with various institutions. An international environment for the exchange of experience and knowledge, as well as a plan for cooperation with institutions outside the education sector, particularly business and the health care system, will support the University's efforts to improve the quality and usefulness of teaching and equip graduates with the knowledge and competencies necessary for success in the labor market. The Erasmus + program will provide students with opportunities to acquire additional skills through the implementation of international mobility. Improved study programs that can be created as a result of mobility activities will largely meet the expectations and needs of students. Thanks to the attractive educational offer, the University will be able to attract more Polish and foreign students, which will contribute to increasing the number of graduates of the University. Participation in the program will strengthen efforts to create an effective management system and financing mechanisms at the University. New projects will open up new opportunities, new challenges and directions for the university. Through active participation in Erasmus+ projects, the University will be able to strengthen procedures for effective financial management in order to maximize the results of projects within the available financial resources and by seeking and using additional external funds. Through participation in the program, the University will gain new opportunities to verify its strengths and will be able to focus on using them to ensure positive results.

Project implementation.

The University plans to gradually increase the mobility of students and employees, engage in new projects with current and future partners, while striving to achieve education at a high international level. International projects and participation in them, the University will conduct on the basis of analyzing the needs of institutions and taking measures to meet them. This will allow the selection of appropriate projects and partners to guarantee a positive outcome of the project. Projects based on bilateral cooperation will lead to further deepening of the University's international involvement, with positive and sustainable results. The objectives of the cooperation, the role of the university in the project and the expected results will be defined for

each of the activities undertaken in advance. The organizational structure, action plan, selection of persons responsible for their implementation and monitoring methods will be determined individually for each of the activities undertaken to ensure controlled and effective implementation of the project. Each time, the University will appoint a team responsible for preparing standards and procedures, providing funds and managing them effectively in the implementation of the project. Participation in each project will be an important element in the professional development of individual participants and a key element in the internationalization and modernization of the institution. The University will ensure the project's promotional activities, dissemination and use of its results to maximize its impact on individuals, the entire academic community and participating institutions.

Partners

Powiślański University is establishing cooperation with partners from countries inside and outside the European Union, focusing its interest on countries in Eastern Europe, Central and Eastern Asia, North America, Africa and Australia. The geographic scope has been determined by the growing interest of students, especially from Eastern Europe, and the contacts made with universities, which have resulted in active cooperation to date. Currently, the University has more than 120 signed partnership agreements.