

Rzeszow University of Technology

Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regards to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees.

The initiative for new cooperation can come from the Foreign Affair Office, the Faculties and foreign institutions. When making a decision, the Rzeszow University of Technology takes into account the following:

- Compliance of study programs;
- The number and type of benefits that the students and staff will gain and which will contribute to the development of the Rzeszow University of Technology;
- Offer of the host organization: the support of incoming participants, language support, accommodation possibilities, study programs offered to the participants, official language of the Mobility
- Didactic needs of students and staff
- Quality of communication and cooperation with host institutions; keeping deadlines, providing adequate documents etc.
- Opinion about the University.

The directions of the geographical expansion in the Program mainly depends on the didactic needs and interests of participants, which is consulted with the Faculties. We try to keep our offer as attractive as possible and our offer reaches Northern and Southern European Countries as well as non-participating countries. We are ready to modify our offer, depending on the needs and interests of participants.

We establish our objectives according to the Modernization and Internationalization Policy and these are, i.e.:

- to increase the number of mobility participants,
- to increase the number of partners in SMS and SMP mobility - with a greater focus on new partners in SMP mobility,
- to improve the system of the implementation of experience and knowledge gained during the mobility for the purpose of the development of the University,
- to improve/simplify the system of publication and the use of the results of projects/research done during the mobility,
- to further focus on the possibilities of greater personal and professional development of participants,
- to support all initiatives and activities towards the creation of consortium with industry institutions,
- to support initiatives leading to the development of double/multiple/joint degrees.

The mobility activities of the Rzeszow University of Technology will be available to all students and staff. Bearing this in mind, we will keep our offer as attractive as possible. We will encourage the Faculties which have not been active in mobility activities as well as staff members who haven't taken part in any mobility activities yet. We will increase the number of SMP and the number of business partners, as we think that the future of the participants on the job market will greatly depend on the work experience and professional skills they will graduate with.

In the recruitment process we will keep taking into account and verify the linguistic level of participants. When it comes to the SMPs – the condition that they will have to complete at least the second year of Bachelor Degree will remain valid.

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Program on the modernization (and internationalization) of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernization Agenda) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve.

- 1. Increasing attainment level to provide the graduates and researchers Europe needs,**
- 2. Improving the quality and relevance of higher education,**
- 3. Strengthening quality through mobility and cross-border cooperation,**
- 4. Linking higher education, research and business for excellence and regional development,**
- 5. Improving governance and funding.**

The participation in the program will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the modernization of the Rzeszow University of Technology. The possibilities of the program will add to the way the Rzeszow University of Technology will be perceived. Prospective students will find the offer of the University even richer and more attractive with a lot of opportunities for additional personal and professional development. This will lead to the increase of the number of students and consequently to the number of graduates.

Active participation in the program will result in the great amount of gained experience and knowledge which will influence and further develop study programs, teaching methods and researcher training. All participants will have an opportunity to share mobility experience with other students and staff and it will be implemented and used in the improvement of the functioning of the University. Cooperation with industry and business institutions will require constant validation of methods used. We will continue to initiate cooperation with cutting-edge institutions which offer the most advanced technologies. Our offer will be regularly reviewed and expanded so that every participants will be able to gain knowledge and experience up to the highest standard. This will lead to the successful immersion of graduates into the high-skill occupation market.

Close cooperation with institutions will create a great opportunity of additional courses, projects, laboratory research as well as language courses in which outgoing participants will take part.

Moreover, we will continue to encourage outgoing participants to take part in various additional projects, traineeship while abroad. Moreover, we will continue to encourage cross-border cooperation by having an attractive offer of mobility to those countries and altering it according to the needs of participants. We will also organize informative meeting at which we will present educational offer of the countries in question.

Taking part in the program will boost the professional, personal and linguistic skills of the participants. Thanks to this, the participation of the University in the "knowledge triangle" will be regarded as highly desired by the research and business institutions. The participation of the University as a highly skilled partner will contribute to effectiveness of the work and better results which will consequently lead to

the services and products of top quality. Thus, the knowledge triangle will be regarded as a certain type of symbiosis from which every party will benefit.

The University will take every step to create effective governance and funding mechanisms in support of excellence. Overall Strategy, Modernization and Internationalization Policy will be taken into consideration when decisions on funding will be made.

Moreover, the University will allocate its own funds and continue to look for additional funds in support of excellence.