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## ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS) 2022-2027

One of the most important strategic goals of the University of Vocational Education in Wrocław (WSKZ) is to make it more attractive and supplementing the education offer to the dynamically changing reality. The result of these activities is to prepare students to take up the challenges of the modern world and provide them with the opportunity to acquire competences that will respond to the expectations of the changing labor market. The university strives to constantly improve the level of education at all levels of education, thus the most important goals will invariably include the internationalization of studies, the development of international cooperation in the field of scientific research in the leading disciplines at WSKZ (internal security) and trips of staff and students to foreign universities, possible thanks to future participation in the Erasmus program. These activities are consistent with the assumptions of the European Commission aimed at creating the European Education Area and take into account 3 important elements, which are:

- wider introduction of English as the language of instruction,
- creating study programs in cooperation with universities from other countries within the framework of European programs on the basis of agreements with partner universities,
- promotion of the University (WSKZ) in academic community in Europe.

In accordance with the strategy of the University of Vocational Education, international cooperation is an important element of the University's development, contributing to the improvement of skills and professional qualifications of the staff. The intensification of cooperation in the field of research and teaching in Europe and in the world, exchange of knowledge and experience and adaptation of good practices through participation in internships and training abroad will be a consequence of activities carried out

during the implementation of mobility programs under the Erasmus program. This will determine and contribute to WSKZ's academic progress to seek and test new solutions to the problems of a dynamically changing world, and thus a kind of modernization of the university as an institution of higher education.

The priority of activities undertaken by the University of Vocational Education in the Erasmus program will be student mobility and employees of WSKZ as well as admitting students and academic staff from foreign universities around the world. These activities will be coordinated so far by the Rector's Plenipotentiary for Internationalization. In the future, also the appointment of a coordinator for the management of the Erasmus program at WSKZ. On the basis of interinstitutional agreements, the academic community will continue trips to foreign universities (students - trips to study and / or internships, research and teaching staff - trips to conduct classes or training trips, administrative staff - training trips), and foreign students and employees of partner universities will be given the opportunity to stay at the University of Vocational Education in Wroclaw (similarly, the type of mobility depends on a given participant). All mobilities will be implemented in accordance with the regulations available on the websites of the sending universities (also for partner countries). Recruitment for ERASMUS + trips will be carried out twice in the academic year, as will the acceptance of nominations and application documents of foreign students. This process will be fully digitized thanks to the tools created as part of the 'Erasmus Without Paper' project. Recruitment for student internships and internships will be held continuously throughout the academic year. The same method will be used to qualify WSKZ employees for trips and to carry out visits by staff of foreign partner universities. Activities related to the implementation of mobility will be complemented by the broadly understood promotion of the program and the benefits of intercultural exchange of knowledge and experiences.

Participation in the activities will enable the achievement of the key objectives of the WSKZ internationalization strategy. Students and employees leaving for foreign universities will also become ambassadors of the University of Vocational Education, which will have a positive impact on building its position and recognition abroad. The arrivals of foreign students will have a significant impact on the improvement of the level of education quality, improvement of the quality assurance system processes, as well as on

the development of the education offer in English with new fields of study available at WSKZ. The consequence of the presence of employees and students from foreign partner universities will be "internationalization at home", allowing students of WSKZ to acquire in Wrocław competences similar to those they would acquire while studying abroad (intercultural communication, knowledge of foreign languages, cooperation skills in international teams, etc.). Departures and arrivals of employees will allow for the exchange of experiences related to the implementation of the didactic process in terms of content and organization, it will also be a "driving force" of establishing cooperation in the implementation of worldwide-scale scientific research in international, interdisciplinary teams.

According to the concept of internationalization of higher education in Poland, project activities will contribute to building the international academic environment on University. The project will support the process of implementing the international and intercultural dimension in the functioning of WSKZ and its partner institutions. Implementation of student exchange programs and university staff is undoubtedly one of the most important factors that significantly influences the internationalization process of the entire University of Vocational Education. WSKZ hopes that the experiences and the skills of the academic community will acquire in the next years of the Erasmus program will be realistically reflected in the educational offer of the University. WSKZ hopes to successfully implement study programs entirely taught in English, recruiting students from the farthest corners of the world. The academic staff conducts research in cooperation with international research institutes and publishes articles in foreign journals of world rank. It is expected that the continuation of the Erasmus program will intensify the activities carried out so far processes, allowing universities to enter new areas of cooperation and development, corresponding to the changes taking place in the modern world.

As part of the quality objectives, the mobility project will contribute to the improvement of the competences of employees and students of all participating universities. It will complement the planned activities in the field of quality assurance of education, taking into account the opinions, conclusions and suggestions resulting from it from the experience gained by the employees. Employees who will take part in the project will provide advisory and opinion-forming value during the implementation of the mission, vision and strategic goals and the realization of the learning

outcomes of the created study programs. Participation in mobility projects will have a significant impact on the evaluation of scientific activities of WSKZ employees. It will allow the exchange of experiences, the possibility of recognizing current trends in areas specific to the fields of study and conducted research. The combination of the scientific potential and the economic and research base of the partners will facilitate research, significantly raising its standard. The implemented cooperation will be based on the principle of knowledge transfer, which it will translate into broadening the competences of the academic community. The university also plans to make the educational offer more attractive by implementing the so-called 'Blended mobilities' and modification of study programs and introduction to 2027 the 'Mobility windows' in the chosen direction (Internal security).

As part of the quantitative goals, it is estimated that in the years 2022-26 over 100 study and internship trips will be implemented, as well as 80 employee trips. WSKZ plans to admit over 100 students and host around 80 employees from foreign partner universities. Quantitative indicators will be achieved with fair access for all participants, paying particular attention to people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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