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## Erasmus Policy Statement

### International Strategy of the University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin

The University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin as a rapidly growing university, is interested in constant expanding its educational and scientific offer, as well as looking for institutions with which University could establish and maintain international cooperation in different fields.

When looking for potential partners for co-operation the main attention is paid to the scientific potential, fields of scientific research rather than to geographical location. WSEI, having high scientific and technical background, as well as specialized equipment for research in various fields, is focused on finding partners with whom WSEI employees could carry out joint research in the field of transport, information technology, psychology, logistics, mechanics ect. The University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin is also looking for partners to share experiences in the field of research and mobility. Also cooperation established and maintained in connection with mobility projects is focused on the fact that exchange of staff and students should result in the expansion of their skills and knowledge, as well as should contribute to the development and internationalization of the University as a whole.

### The main objectives of the international strategy of the University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin:

- Development of the concept of the establishment of the Union of Universities focused on the exchange of didactic and administrative staff.
- Establishing cooperation with eastern neighbors: Ukraine and Belarus as well as with other countries covered by the Eastern Partnership program to intensify student and staff exchange within various types of programs.
- Establishing cooperation in the field of mobility projects with new universities within European Union.
- Development of the rules of participation of didactic and administrative staff in international mobility in conjunction with the needs of the University.
- Development of the rules of organization of international departures related to delivering lectures by them.
- Establishing greater cooperation with foreign HEIs, aimed at joint organization of visits of their didactic staff at WSEI, as so-called "visiting professors"
- Increase the activity of WSEI staff in the field of participation in international conferences held outside of Poland.
- Development and implementation of an unified plan of information and promotion about emerging international programs and opportunities to participate in international mobilities.
- Dissemination of information about WSEI educational offer, addressed to foreign students.
- Development of educational materials available online for foreign students, in foreign languages (English, Russian).
- Development of materials / language training in the field of technical language, that will be implemented by the Centre for Foreign Languages at WSEI using e-learning platform.
- Development of the program aimed at integration of incoming students in the academic environment of the University (for example, by working in scientific and in Student Self- Government).
- The introduction of "guardians" institution for foreign students (the function performed by students of the older vintage) who will take care of foreign student during the first period of studies.

- Organization of workshops for international students commencing studies at WSEI, entitled "Foreign Students in Poland," during which they can get useful information about studying at WSEI and stay in Poland.
- Development of a course or series of lectures aimed at facilitating the adaptation of foreign students in Poland.
- Preparation and implementation of Polish language courses (obligatory or optional) for foreign students.

One of the main objectives of the University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin is also looking for partners and joint development of a training program as part of a joint degree, with at least one specialization in each Faculty. The main groups to which the WSEI activities are directed to strengthen the international position of the University are: teaching staff, current students and future national and foreign students. The above actions will allow to strengthen the University's educational offer and increase the possibilities of expanding knowledge and improving skills in the international environment.

Strategy for the organization and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Erasmus + Programme:

Due to its location in the strategic region of Europe, the University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin is interested in finding partners, both in the countries of Western and Eastern Europe, trying to use a variety of emerging international programs. It concerns cooperation with countries from UE, as well as with those outside the EU. WSEI has a wide offer in the field of cooperation within multilateral projects co-financed from EU funds. In the following years, one of the main goals of the policy of internationalization of the University is to increase its share (as a partner and leader) in multilateral projects and strengthen cooperation in this area with the institutions of the EU and non-EU countries.

Thanks to owning specialized research equipment, modern laboratories, extensive research and didactic base, as well as experienced didactic staff, WSEI has a very wide potential in the field of establishing and maintaining cooperation with the world of science, as well as the world of business.

The main assumptions of the strategy for multilateral projects:

- Ongoing collection and dissemination of information about offers of cooperation in various fields, directed to WSEI from international institutions.
- Preparation and dissemination of current offer of WSEI in the field of international cooperation.
- Active search for partners from different environments, with whom WSEI could cooperate in the field of preparation and implementation of multilateral projects.
- Maintaining of a regular contact with partners with whom WSEI had been preparing joint multilateral projects, even if these projects had not received funding.
- Maintaining and regularly updating the database containing the contact details of all partners of WSEI.

Impact of the participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on the modernization of the University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin

Participation in the new Program will significantly contribute to the modernization, development and strengthening the position of WSEI, both domestically and internationally. By participating in the Program, WSEI will have the opportunity to expand and enhance its educational offer, what will significantly contribute to the increased interest of wider group of candidates for studies not only from Poland, but also from other European countries and the world. This, in turn, will increase the proportion of people with higher education (priority 1).

Participation in projects under the new Program will give WSEI the opportunities to improve the quality and usefulness of the offered courses, what is currently one of the main priorities of WSEI. As a dynamic institution, focused on building the success of its students, WSEI is interested in development of projects and establishing cooperation, through which it will be possible to adapt rapidly offered courses of study to the changing needs of the labor market (priority 2).

By participating in the Program, WSEI will have the occasion to create for its students much better opportunities to increase their knowledge and improve skills. Having the possibility of establishing cooperation and implementation of projects co-financed from European funds with various international institutions, WSEI will be able to enrich its educational offer for its students. This, in turn, will contribute to creation of environment full of new challenges and opportunities for students, so that they will be better prepared to function in an international environment (priority 3).

Following of the priorities of WSEI is also looking for partners (in the business sector), with which the staff of the University could cooperate in various fields of common interest. Participation in the Program will give WSEI the opportunity to carry out the activities in this area, also internationally (priority 4). The authorities of WSEI attach great importance to the issues related to raising the effectiveness of the management and financing activities of the University.

Therefore, WSEI seeks the opportunities to exploit the emerging opportunities to cooperate with institutions which are also interested in improvement of the governance and financing mechanisms in their units. WSEI is also actively looking for partners with institutions which successfully implement new solutions in the management and financing. Participation in the new Program will decisively contribute to expanding capabilities of WSEI in the field of finding partners, establishing and maintaining international cooperation, as well as joint work on improving the efficiency of management and financing activities (priority 5).

