

Erasmus Policy statement (EPS) – edition 2020

Your Erasmus Policy Statement should reflect how you intended to implement Erasmus after the award of the ECHE. Should you wish to add additional activities in the future, you will need to amend your Erasmus Policy Statement and inform your Erasmus National Agency. What would you like to achieve by participating in the Erasmus Programme? How does your participation in the Erasmus Programme fit into your institutional internationalisation and modernisation strategy?

The internationalization policy of the Cracow University of Technology (CUT) adopted for the period of 2020-2024 assumes the increase of the mobility of students and staff both within the countries of the European Union as well as outside of it: the Ukraine, the United States of the United States, Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, China, India, Kazakhstan, Russia.

The overall aims of the strategy are:

- a) stimulating international and intercultural competences of the students, creating a globally-competitive young generation of professionals,
- b) inspire teachers, providing high-quality education,
- c) enrich the curriculum, cutting-edge research,
- d) actively promote mobility opportunities abroad to people with fewer opportunities, for either economic, social, cultural, geographical, health reasons or for reasons such as disability or educational difficulties and ensure that their support needs can be met and their privacy respected,
- e) contribute to the satisfaction of students and staff and transforming our society into a sustainable one,
- f) promote the recognition of Cracow University of Technology.

These goals need to be met in combination with a strong connection to the regional, national and international labour market.

Cracow University of Technology develops the cooperation with technical universities all over the world. CUT has not defined any particular geographical priorities for partnerships. We look for our university partners among the universities of corresponding profiles to meet the needs and expectations of our students and staff. We are interested in the high level of teaching, especially in English and research work at partner universities. Providing long term cooperation in terms of mobility, research and teaching for all three cycles is the main objective of our effort. Partnership should be based on mutual interest, mobility balance and reciprocity.

Cracow University of Technology provides one-stop service to international students and staff who are planning to study at Cracow University of Technology or are interested in working on research. CUT supports international academic activities via the International Relations Office and Erasmus Programme Office - units in the University's central administration involved in the international matters, work on the design and implementation of policy and strategies to promote coherent, smooth and effective internationalization of the University.

Cracow University of Technology cooperates with 245 teaching and research universities from around the world. As a part of the acquisition of valuable strategic partners outside the European Union CUT started the cooperation with two leading universities in the United States in 2012. The cooperation with the Central Connecticut State University developed the exchange of students as part of the so-called School of Business. Under this agreement as many as 500 CUT's students took advantage of the mobility opportunities. Moreover, the CUT and the University of Tennessee under the concluded Memorandum of Understanding proceed cooperation in respect of both long-term and short-term exchange of students and staff, joint research, training, curriculum development, technology transfer, publication and institution building projects. For the purpose of organization of exchange with partners from countries not belonging to the European Union, mentioned hereinabove, the CUT developed the program of summer schools (organized on annual basis) as well as the program of six-week projects focusing on getting acquainted with Polish culture and customs; The cooperation with CERN in Switzerland deserves special attention. This cooperation has given the possibility to the CUT students to have a six-month practice there.

The Cracow University of Technology established double degree agreements with its strongest partners four German universities: Fachhochschule Münster, Technische Universität Berlin, HAWK Hochschule Hildesheim, Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Dresden and University of Cagliari -Italy, Cranfield University - United Kingdom, Jurij Fedkowycza National University in Czerniowce -Ukraine.

The Faculty of Architecture has the accreditation of the Royal Institute of British Architects and the graduates of this faculty work in prestigious architectural companies all over the world and win awards in prestigious competitions. As the only studies in Poland, landscape architecture at the Faculty of Architecture of the CUT acquired five-year accreditation of the European Federation of Landscape Architects (EFLA).

Currently Cracow University of Technology offers several opportunities for students to study in China (Tianjin Polytechnic University; Beijing Institute of Technology- Zhuhai, Xi'an Technological University, Guangdong University of Technology). Partner arrangements with Chinese and Korean universities involve hosting a range modules and summer schools. The cooperation, other than under the Erasmus Program, takes place under 50 bilateral agreements. Under the ERASMUS programme – the exchange takes place with 24 countries pursuant to 443 agreements.

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Please reflect on the Erasmus actions you would like to take part in and explain how they will be implemented in practice at your institution. Please explain how your institution's participation in these actions will contribute to achieving the objectives of your institutional strategy.

Having built up an extensive net of like-minded partners over the past few years, Cracow University of Technology aims to focus its collaboration in a more rigorously directed strategy that concentrates on staff and student mobility, in the service of both education and research.

From a gradually increasing base we aim to increase our participation in Erasmus programmes substantially in the coming years, focusing initially on the first-cycle level. As well as encouraging home students to gain invaluable educational and employment experience by spending time abroad, we are attractive placed in Kraków to offer enriching study opportunities to European students, in addition to the many that we already welcome to our first-and second-cycle programmes.

Our selection of staff and students takes full account of our equal opportunity policies, and we will provide appropriate support to enable participation by those from groups often under-represented in mobility schemes.

CUT's participation in the Programme will be in the area of student and staff mobility. Mobility experiences will enhance both the skills and employability of our graduates and to encourage our staff to benefit from different teaching and learning practices. A greater awareness of academic colleagues of the benefits of mobility for both students and staff should result both in higher levels of student and staff mobility.

The central coordinator for all activities and projects under the Programme will be Erasmus Office of the University. The Finance Department will assist in the money transfer, financial monitoring and reporting, although the Institutional Erasmus Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring all deadlines are met, that reports are submitted timeously and for all correspondence with the EC, National Agency, partners and individuals involved in the project. Erasmus Office will also be responsible for document retention.

What is the envisaged impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on your institution?

Please reflect on targets, as well as qualitative and quantitative indicators in monitoring this impact (such as mobility targets for student/staff mobility, quality of the implementation, support for participants on mobility, increased involvement in cooperation projects (under the KA2 action), sustainability/long-term impact of projects etc.) You are encouraged to offer an indicative timeline for achieving the targets related to the Erasmus+ actions.

For CUT it is indisputable that broadening intellectual as well as geographical horizons will enhance learning and transferable skills, and contribute to the European research agenda at the highest level. CUT's participation in the Programme will be in the area of student and staff mobility. We seek to enlarge the achievement of all our students by enriching their international experience and understanding; and to spread the same opportunity to students from abroad.

With this in minds we encourage our students to use opportunities, to gain additional skills through study or training abroad and becoming a part of globally-competitive young generation of professionals, through the full exploitation of the study abroad opportunities covered by the Erasmus Programme and beyond with a particular focus on joint programmes and mobility within net of partner universities.

With regard to staff, we will continue to encourage staff members to engage in research and teaching at leading international universities, providing high-quality education, while at the same time seeking to ensure that such opportunities are also made equally available to early career staff members. The University will continue to host academic staff from partner European and international universities on a similar basis, in part through linkage with our very substantial participation in EU-funded projects.

During last years under the Erasmus Programme more than about five hundred and fifty beneficiaries: students, teachers, administration staff took advantage from the programme. The aspiration of the University is doubling the number of international mobilities during the new perspective of Erasmus Programme.

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