



Erasmus Policy Statement of Elbląg University of Humanities and Economics (EUH-E)

EUH-E cooperates with universities abroad, taking into account the following criteria:

- providing thematic diversity of courses and opportunities to develop future cooperation in the areas of education corresponding to current and future directions of development the EUH-E
- geographical diversity related to the location of EUH-E, close to the Baltic Sea and in the immediate vicinity of the Kaliningrad region as well as to Russia. Also countries in close neighborhood in the east like Lithuania, Belarus or Ukraine are important for us. We also develop our cooperation with Germany and the Scandinavian countries. Due to the location of the city of Elbląg and historical and economic traditions of the region these areas are our natural partner.

It is important for us to offer such destinations that would be attractive to our students, so the Scandinavian countries or Germany are an attractive job market for them also after completing their education. On the other hand, from the east there is a great interest of students and staff in coming and studying in Poland. Cooperation with Germany and Scandinavia is also attractive for us because of the popularity of English in these countries and the possibility of communication between our students and staff there, a group of our students and Staff also speak German and Russian.

Some of the partnerships result from the cooperation of the city of Elbląg and the region Of Warmia Masuria and Pomerania. EUH-E is always strongly involved in this cooperation.

The above guidelines apply to both training cycles that we offer as well as staff.

The development of international cooperation is essential for the development of the EUHE. In order to give this matter priority the guidelines for international cooperation were included in a special document entitled: *Development Strategy of Elbląg University of Humanities and Economics (EUH-E) till 2025. In which the direction of development of national and international academic cooperation was defined.*

This goal is accomplished by:

- a) developing international exchanges of academic staff and students within the Erasmus+ program;
- b) promotional activities aimed at acquiring students from the Kaliningrad District, creating a system of incentives, including support for learning Polish, adapting the offer to the specificity of Kaliningrad's labor market expectations;

- c) continuation of network building with other academic centers in Poland and abroad especially in the field of development research;
- d) supporting the activities of employees aimed at increasing activity and international mobility;
- e) promoting the possibility of participating in international projects among employees and students;
- f) coordination of the flow of information between EUHE and foreign partners;
- g) resumption of former partner agreements in the field of long-term foreign cooperation;
- h) establishing new agreements and extending the network of contacts with foreign partners;
- i) supporting employees and students in searching for suitable partners in relevant scientific fields;
- j) initiating international events to increase the number of lecturers and foreign employees;
- k) increasing the level of applying for grants from foreign funds; participation of EUHE in cross-border programs dedicated to international cooperation, guaranteeing co-financing of projects proposed, among others by the Marshal's Office on the Poland-Russia, Poland-Lithuania, Poland-Ukraine and other lines;
- l) building an attractive educational program offer in Polish and foreign languages;
- t) creating an English version of the EUH-E university website;
- m) conducting classes in foreign languages / English;
- n) strengthening of participation of EUHE in international conferences, symposia, and scientific research;
- o) further development of international research programs among staff and students;
- p) developing of cooperation with foreign entrepreneurs through the implementation of practices and trainings;
- r) organization of trainings to prepare for participation in international projects.

The EUH-E also takes into account in its policies the priorities of the renewed agenda for HE .

Our goal is to offer education as close to the student's home as possible, to respond to current social and professional needs and to reduce negative social phenomena, including migration to the largest urban centers in Poland.

Which is in line with the first priority of the above Agenda to address the problem of skills mismatches in the future and promote excellence in skills development;

Taking into consideration the renewed EU Agenda for higher education and the goals towards a European Education Area, we want to develop our educational offer, enabling students to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Erasmus + programme.

In particular, it is important to give this opportunity to people from smaller centers, distant from the largest centers and for people from disadvantaged socio-economic background what is important in our region.

We also respond to the fourth Agenda priority, we want the system of education offered to respond to real needs, being effective and efficient. That is why EUHE has been implementing the so-called practical profile for several years. That is, the profile of the curriculum including class modules for the student's acquisition of specific practical skills and social competences, assuming that more than half of the study program defined in ECTS points includes practical classes shaping these skills and competences, including skills acquired during workshop classes that are taught by people with professional experience acquired outside the university.

For this we cooperate with potential employers and indicate how important the knowledge combined with the practice is. We also work with secondary schools and other didactic facilities - integrating and engaging the local community in the didactic and educational initiatives implemented.

We enable people from various age groups to participate in university activities. On the other hand, students of social and humanistic faculties enable them to develop their skills and broaden their practical skills. It is also favored by the fact that our offer of postgraduate studies is adapted to the current requirements of employers and the needs of the current legal and social situation.

In order to make our activities even more practical, but also innovative, consistent with priority 3 of the EU Agenda for Higher Education, we are expanding our didactic base.

This is also the purpose of the ongoing development of the educational infrastructure of the Elbląg University of Humanities and Economics in Elbląg by creating a Center for Teaching and Medical Simulation (CDiSM). Opened in October 2019. Value of the project: PLN 18 965 607.77 (ca. EUR 4.5 million).

The main idea of CDiSM is education consisting in joint training of medical teams on many levels and specialties resulting from the provided medical care. Starting from pre-hospital care, simulators of the Hospital Emergency Department, operating room to the delivery room.

There are also workshops of training skills that enable students to learn about all activities taking place in the real world, i.e. from illness or accident, through the treatment process, to patient rehabilitation, as well as education and improving skills in morphological sciences, the basics of medicine or science preclinical. The main goal of the project is to adapt better the conditions of higher education to the needs of the labor market in the field of medical professions, more attractive practical training meeting today's standards, increase the sense of safety of patients and increase the confidence of people who start working in medical professions, and meet the demand for education

in the range of subjects offered by the University such as: nursing, emergency medical care and physiotherapy.

The effects of the project implementation:

- increase the number of users;
- increase of practical skills of university graduates starting their work in the profession;
- creating a new didactic base enabling practical training at a high level;
- new specialties launched;
- improvement of the image of EUH-E, the city of Elbląg and the region;
- an object adapted to the needs of people with disabilities.

The overarching aim of all these arrangements and procedures is:

- ensuring the implementation of learning mobility for students and staff on the basis of pre-departure prepared and approved agreements (curriculum/placement for students and curriculum/training for staff), agreed upon by the sending, host and participant institution;
- provide outgoing and incoming mobility participants including with visa assistance, if required;
- provide outgoing and incoming mobility participants with insurance assistance if required;
- provide outgoing and incoming mobility participants with support to find accommodation and language support.