

ERASMUS+ POLICY STATEMENT

The High School of Public Administration (WSAP) in Ostroleka commenced business in 1994 on the basis of the Consultation Point of the Faculty of Law and Administration of Warsaw University. Today it is an independent, modern and private college. Its mission is to prepare graduates to attain successes in society and in the economy on the basis of know-how, where an employee's greatest quality is an ability to add to his existing qualifications and gain new ones, and manage his own development. The most important objective is to show students how to maintain a lead on the labour market. An important part of the mission is to create in the region of Kurpie and Mazowsze a strong centre of education engaged in converting know-how into practice and creating regional and local development. The college prepares students to perform work in public administration and in independent professions. It acts as a creator of culture and a catalyst of enterprise and social activity, integrating business communities and encouraging pro-European ventures. The college develops by creating new specializations adapted to labour market requirements and the economic and material situation. It strives to maintain a high standard of teaching and education, to shape attitudes among students and provide its graduates with excellent preparation to embark on their careers. Participation in the Programme is a natural extension of the mission of higher education into the international space. It is also part of our strategy for modernization and internationalization. There are already foreign students (from Armenia) and there are plans to increase the number of foreign students, e.g. from Ukraine, especially in full-time studies in EU law. Contacts with foreign partners concern the creation of academic cooperation, especially long-term cooperation, taking into account mobility and joint undertakings (e.g. summer/winter schools and study visits). WSAP intends to promote the mobility of employees and students and take part in international research programmes. The mobility of academic staff is very important. It helps employees perfect their knowledge of foreign languages, raise their teaching qualifications and introduce new methods of teaching, and facilitates an exchange of experience in teaching. When seeking partners for cooperation, an important criterion is the compatibility of teaching curricula and the certainty that the partner college will conduct at least some of the tuition in English or in another language spoken by our students. Partners for the Programme may be chosen on the basis of the private contacts of the teaching staff, who may initiate cooperation and submit drafts of agreements to the coordinator so that he may examine them and reach further decisions. Our partners outside the Programme may be chosen in a similar way. New contacts may also be established while

attending education fairs. The quality of research, tuition and innovation are important criteria for choosing partners and international allies. Due to historical and geographical factors, the college attaches great importance to contacts with partners in neighbouring countries, and is also geared to cooperation with partners from other countries both in and outside the EU. WSAP's primary goals regarding the promotion of mobility are: to raise the number of foreign students by ensuring the availability of clear information and a high standard of tuition; raising the quality of education by providing students and employees going abroad with greater opportunities of acquiring international experience and improving their intercultural and language skills; to implement a process of internationalisation ('Internationalisation at Home') by inviting foreign students and academics to develop partnerships with other countries and to seek new contacts in order to boost cooperation between partner colleges towards greater mobility; to obtain external funds by taking active part in national and international projects; encourage and engage non-academic partners in cooperation involving mobile student programmes, and develop programmes of teaching and of propagating know-how and experience to make education more useful on the dynamic labour and technological development market; to organize educational and social events for local and visiting students in order to make the Programme more transparent and better perceived; to boost the importance of mobility by propagating the attainments of participants; to exploit the hitherto achievements of participants in order to conduct effective promotion and increase mobility; and to counteract all instances of discrimination. We are considering the creation of double/multiple joint degrees and will continue our work to arrange them.