

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 2014-2020

International (EU and non-EU) strategy of the College of Polytechnics Jihlava

Policy statement

The international strategy of the College of Polytechnics Jihlava is an important factor in achieving its academic vision.

The strategy encompasses the following key areas:

- 1) development of institutional partnerships,
- 2) development of student mobility,
- 3) development of staff mobility,
- 4) promotion of welcoming international environment for incoming students and staff,
- 5) monitoring and evaluation of international cooperation,
- 6) institutional development in line with the Bologna process.

The College of Polytechnics Jihlava seeks opportunities for its students and staff to enrich their international experience. Partnership agreements are only signed when the cooperation and mobility add value to the educational experience and career opportunities for students.

The College seeks to increase the numbers of students and the staff involved in mobility and at the same time focuses on the quality in international cooperation. The partnership links are strengthened through joint participation in projects and networks.

The study offers and student services are improved to encourage the presence of international students. In order to be able to receive more incoming students and to give more options to home students, the College is developing the number and the range of courses taught in English.

The main areas of interest are all EU member and candidate states, EFTA/EEA countries as well as neighbouring countries (Ukraine, Russia). The College is ready to expand its international experience outside Europe.

The target group of students are full-time and part-time students enrolled in first cycle (Bachelor's degree) programmes and other learners in adult education. Supplementary support is in place to enable participation of students under-represented in mobility. Both academic and non-academic staff are encouraged to promote their professional experience and extend their expertise through participation in international academic and research activities, exchange programmes and training.

The College of Polytechnics Jihlava has set the following goals:

- 5 % of the students will participate in a semester-long study stays or internships abroad,
- 10 % of the students will participate in international short-term mobility (1 week to 3 months)

10 % of the academic and non-academic staff will participate in exchange programmes and other forms of international cooperation

100 % of full-time graduates have successfully completed at least one subject taught through a foreign language as part of their study programme.

The College of Polytechnics Jihlava will apply for Diploma Supplement Label in 2013 and a plan of action to meet the requirements of ECTS Label has been adopted.

The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education will be displayed on the main website.

The College is committed to support the Programme by providing information on the activities and their results. The persons responsible for the dissemination of information and the coordination of Programme activities at respective levels are the Pro-rector for Development and the International Office.

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

The objectives of the international involvement of the College of Polytechnics Jihlava are set in the annual development plans, while subject area and geographical priorities as well as the institutional capacity are taken into account. In general, European and international projects are planned to promote cooperation established within the mobility programmes.

Procedures are set to ensure that the decisions concerning the participation in projects are made in the College's interest.

Once the College has committed to a project, the participation of the staff and students is supported and recognised.

The expected impact of the participation in the Programme on the modernisation of the College of Polytechnics Jihlava in terms of the policy objectives intended to be achieved

International experience provides an opportunity for all students and staff to increase their potential.

Courses studied at partner universities, internships completed abroad, teaching stays, participation in projects, conferences, training, and exchange of good practice in general improve the competences acquired by the participants and subsequently enhance the relevance and quality in the education provided at the College of Polytechnics Jihlava.

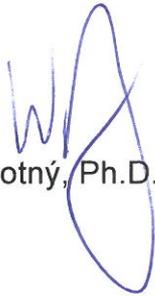
As a number of mobile students increases, the arrangements are adjusted to this positive development so that internal conditions promote the quality in mobility and facilitate the transfer of credits gained abroad. The ECTS system and the Diploma Supplement are used to provide visibility to the international performance of the College of Polytechnics Jihlava.

As the College of Polytechnics Jihlava focuses on the provision of education closely linking theoretical knowledge with practical professional skills, it emphasizes partnerships and cooperation with business as one of the factors of employability of the graduates. The competences gained abroad in new learning environments and transferable knowledge are used to support the local and regional development.

An exchange of good practice and training in quality assurance will contribute to the higher efficiency in education provision, governance and funding.

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