

Technical University of Košice

Erasmus Policy Statement

Technical University of Košice /the TUKE/ attributes great importance to further development of international cooperation and supports all international activities that will enhance the quality of teaching process and research potential within the university.

The management of the TUKE has set 6 strategic goals for its internationalization until 2023 (long-term development policy):

1. Increased emphasis on the quality of international relations and cooperation, especially on those having specific outcomes in the form of cooperation in education, joint research projects and quality publications; systematically continue to develop very valuable and beneficial collaboration with traditional partner universities.
2. Continue participation and develop cooperation in prestigious international organizations.
3. Promote the international mobility of students and staff at the TUKE, mainly through Erasmus Plus.
4. Get quality international specialists and/or post-doctoral students for scientific and pedagogical work and cooperation, also through internships at the TUKE.
5. Continuously develop quality English language teaching and conduct activities aimed at attracting a larger number of foreign students.
6. Work with partner universities to prepare and implement double diploma degree agreements.

To ensure the fulfilment of the above mentioned strategic goals, the TUKE undertakes following steps:

1. Foster international relations initiatives.
2. Foster MOAs, MOUs and contract agreements with HEIs from abroad focusing on partnership goals, mutual activities, and expected outputs/results.
3. Foster creation of internationally accredited study programmes and double degree diplomas.
4. Respect cultural diversity and embed cross-institutional internationalisation.
5. Foster cooperation with well-established HEIs in both EU and non-EU countries.
6. Focus on international competitive research projects.
7. Updating knowledge of IRO employees.
8. Focus on market-oriented tenders.
9. Foster partnerships in international associations and other networks.
10. Foster participation of the university in international university rankings.

Action plan

- 1. Foster international relations initiatives:**
 - a. teaching exchanges, training exchanges, research exchanges;
 - b. student study exchanges, student traineeships;
 - c. increasing and supporting international student recruitment;
 - d. exchange of publications, organising conferences, seminars, workshops.
- 2. Foster MOAs, MOUs and contract agreements with HEIs from abroad focusing on partnership goals, mutual activities, and expected outputs/results.**
 - a. support through contacts within existing Erasmus KA1 and KA2 cooperation;

- b. use contacts from existing excellent science and research projects;
 - c. renew cooperation with well-established entities of similar nature.
- 3. Foster creation of internationally accredited study programmes and double degree diplomas.**
 - a. support the TUKE staff initiatives towards fulfilment of this goal by providing knowledge and material.
 - 4. Respect cultural diversity and embed cross-institutional internationalisation.**
 - a. Support student national evenings, national sport events, national cultural events, food tastings etc.
 - 5. Foster cooperation with well-established HEIs in both EU and non-EU countries.**
 - a. Support Erasmus Plus programme activities and projects.
 - 6. Focus on international competitive research projects.**
 - a. Support research staff and research teams when applying for research schemes.
 - 7. Updating knowledge of IRO employees.**
 - a. Support administrative staff training exchanges, job shadowings, seminars, conferences, workshops, info days, field visits etc.
 - 8. Focus on market-oriented tenders.**
 - a. Support staff and project teams when applying for tenders.
 - 9. Foster partnerships in international associations and other networks.**
 - a. Annually renew participation in the associations and networks.
 - 10. Foster participation of the university in international university rankings.**
 - a. Annually renew input data into internationally recognized university rankings.

To ensure the quality of international activities, TUKE continuously evaluates partnership agreements focusing on partnership goals, mutual activities, and expected outputs/results. The University has signed Erasmus bilateral agreements with 241 HEIs in EU member states, Turkey and FYROM-Macedonia.

Within the Erasmus programme we are sending in average during the last five years 200 students and 75 staff to our partners, coordinating 2-3 Intensive programmes and organizing EILC per year. Every student and staff member has an equal possibility to be involved in activities of Erasmus+ programme who meet the required criteria. The TUKE ensures to comply with non-discrimination objectives (e.g. actions related to gender equality, integration of disabled students and staff, enhancement of social and economic cohesion and combating of xenophobia and racism). For the staff mobility the priority is given to young staff and to the staff applying for the first time.

Besides EU, there are signed bilateral agreements or MOUs with universities from Canada, The USA, Japan, Egypt, Brazil, Iran, Serbia, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Morocco, India, New Zealand, and Taiwan. In order to continuously develop and improve our international relations and also to attract foreign students to study at our university, the TUKE is planning to establish further partnerships with Asian, African and American higher educational institutions, and intermediary organizations. It is also intended to enter into negotiation with higher educational institutions in Australia and Oceania countries, to develop common academic, scientific and project work.

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