

**Declaration of the European Policy Statement of the Angelus Silesius
University of Applied Sciences in Wałbrzych
for the years 2021-2027**

The Declaration of the European Policy Statement (EPS) was prepared on the basis of the sixth main goal of the Angelus Silesius University of Applied Sciences's Development Strategy for 2016-2025 and the University's internationalization Strategy.

Recognition of internationalization as one of the goals of the Angelus Silesius University of Applied Sciences in Wałbrzych (hereinafter: PWSZ AS) as part of its Development Strategy, as well as the implementation of the University's internationalization strategy make the University's participation in the Erasmus programme a key element in ensuring the implementation of these objectives. The participation of PWSZ AS in the Erasmus programme contributes to the modernization and internationalization of the University by:

1. Mobility of students coming to the University from abroad within the programme.

Arrivals of foreign students pursuing part of the study programme or traineeship at PWSZ AS contribute to the prestige of the University on the European stage, as well as to deepening of international student cooperation. The latter should be understood not only as a potential joint participation of foreign students together with Polish students in research work and membership in scientific associations, but also their joint integration. The exchange of experiences between students from different countries as well as building tolerance and openness are values that cannot be overestimated by a modern European university.

2. Mobility of lecturers and employees coming to the University from abroad within the programme.

Sharing the experience of their home countries with Polish equivalents by lecturers and employees arriving at the University brings benefits in the form of the possibility of implementing solutions used in foreign universities at PWSZ AS to modernize and ensure the highest quality of education and functioning of the University. In addition, conducting lectures by foreign lecturers gives students a chance to learn a different point of view and gain knowledge and experience useful in the future to function effectively on the common market of the European Union.

3. Mobility of students going abroad within the programme.

Students of PWSZ AS in Wałbrzych travelling abroad, to realize part of the study programme at a partner university or a professional practice, benefit in the form of increasing the variety of knowledge they receive and increasing their language competences. The experience of living in another country is also invaluable, as are the skills to communicate and cooperate with people from a different cultural background. After returning to the country, students of PWSZ AS in Wałbrzych contribute to building an open and tolerant university, and the experience gained during a foreign stay can be passed on to other students and lecturers, giving impetus to development.

4. Mobility of lecturers and employees travelling abroad within the programme.

Foreign trips of lecturers and employees of PWSZ AS are an opportunity to establish new international contacts and cooperation with universities from various European countries. During their stay at a foreign university, lecturers and employees hold a number of conversations with university staff, exchange experiences, as well as participate in workshops and trainings. Knowledge and solutions obtained during mobility will be used at PWSZ AS to modernize and diversify the didactic process, as well as to improve the quality of student service.

With reference to the subject above, PWSZ AS sets itself as a goal for years 2021-2027 - successive increase in the number of students, lecturers and employees arriving at the University and leaving to the university and partner institutions, which in turn will positively translate into the modernization and internationalization of the University. The number of students, lecturers and employees arriving and departing is declared annually when applying for financial support to the Foundation for the Development of the Education System, based on the average number of mobility over the last three years. Verification of the achieved assumptions is carried out by submitting partial (interim) reports and a final report on the implementation of mobility.

PWSZ AS also aims to increase the number of agreements with universities and institutions regarding bilateral cooperation (the so-called Inter-institutional agreement), especially for newly launched faculties (e.g. launched in the academic year 2020/2021 - management and dietetics). It should be noted, however, that when making decisions about establishing or continuing bilateral cooperation, in accordance with the University's internationalization strategy, even more emphasis will be placed on the quality of this cooperation, and contracts

that have no real effect for a long time are to be eliminated. Bilateral cooperation agreements with partner universities and institutions will be signed online as part of the *Erasmus Without Paper* programme before the first mobility of the 2021-2027 perspective begins.

For the implementation of the above goals, the University plans to undertake the following activities:

- dissemination of promotional materials, using for this purpose primarily the Internet and social media;
- meetings for candidates for mobility with the Erasmus university coordinator, ECTS coordinators of specific fields, mentors as well as students and employees who have already benefited from mobility;
- ensuring that up-to-date Erasmus-related documentation is available in English;
- internationalization of the campus by introducing descriptions, instructions and direction indicators in English;
- promoting the image of the University with modern lecture halls and laboratories equipped with the latest equipment;
- increasing participation in international educational fairs;
- strengthening the role and support of an international student guardian, both for lecturers and students;
- maintaining contact with students returning from international trips.

Monitoring of activities undertaken to implement the set goals is carried out on an ongoing basis by the University authorities and the Erasmus university coordinator.