

# Erasmus Policy Statement

## Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport

When choosing partners for international cooperation our institution concentrates on specific fields which are: Sport, Physical Education, Physiotherapy, Recreation, Tourism Management. Scientific levels (ie. projects and laboratories) as well as didactic possibilities of future partners are a crucial element of cooperation.

The University cooperates with other HEI's as well as with sport associations, local government and other local and international organizations. The geographical areas mostly covered by cooperation are the Eastern Europe on one hand (ie. Latvia, Ukraine, Russia, Lithuania, Slovak Republic) and the Western Europe on the other (especially Italy, Germany, Spain, Denmark). Our long term objective is to create strong cooperation with the Baltic Sea Countries. The University is open to cooperation with developing countries, ie. China.

The important objectives of our mobility activities are to increase the number of student and staff exchange in general; to increase mobility among young staff members; to involve in mobility students and staff with disabilities or from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and with other possible difficulties. First and second degree students are encouraged to take part in training mobility that will improve their professional skills as well as increase their future chances on the labor market. Third cycle degree students are encouraged to choose mobility destinations in regard with their scientific interests.

Our institution undertakes cooperation projects with different stakeholders in the field of education and training. The strategy concentrates mostly on institutions dedicated to sport and medicine, but organizations involved in tourism and recreation are also taking part in different types of activities of the institution. Cooperation with other HEI's and small enterprises as well as with NGO's is a key to the development and internationalization of our University.

As to increase attainment levels to provide graduates and researchers Europe needs our institution is willing to improve mobility in terms of quality and quantity to achieve a greater number of student and staff mobilities and to put additional emphasis on the quality of mobility (monitoring and evaluation of prepared agreements). Improvement of quality and relevance of higher education will be achieved through high quality mobility of staff and students measured by the amount of new experiences and knowledge gained. Participation in the Programme will be of great value for future students and employees of our University.

The exchange of knowledge and skills achieved by mobility and cross-border cooperation will be used to improve the quality of our institution in terms of education, organization, promotion and internationalization. Participation in the Programme will further strengthen the cooperation between our institution and other HEI's as well as international and local organizations (ie. sport associations, NGO's, business companies and research institutes) for a sustainable, regional development.

By implementing the Programme principles our institution will acquire a new insight into governance and new possibilities for funding and further development.