Lublin University of Technology, Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS)

## Erasmus activities included in your EPS

In this section, you need to tick the Erasmus activities covered by your Erasmus Policy Statement. Please select those activities that your HEI intends to implement during the entire duration of the Programme.

Erasmus Key Action 1 (KA1) - Learning mobility:

The mobility of higher education students and staff

Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Cooperation among organisations and institutions:

Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices

Partnerships for Excellence – European Universities

Partnerships for Excellence - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Partnerships for Innovation

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3):

Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3) - Support to policy development and cooperation:

## Erasmus Policy statement (EPS): your strategy

Your Erasmus Policy Statement should reflect how you intended to implement Erasmus after the award of the ECHE. Should you wish to add additional activities in the future, you will need to amend your Erasmus Policy Statement and inform your Erasmus National Agency.

What would you like to achieve by participating in the Erasmus Programme? How does your participation in the Erasmus Programme fit into your institutional internationalisation and modernisation strategy?

(Please reflect on the objectives of your participation. Please explain how you expect the participation in Erasmus to contribute towards modernising your institution, as well as on the goal of building a European Education Area and explain the policy objectives you intend to pursue).

The internationalization strategy of the Lublin University of Technology (LUT) is a part of LUT's Development Strategy for 2014-2020 adopted by the Resolution of Senate of the University on November 28, 2013 and prolonged for the year 2020 by the Resolution of Senate on February 20, 2020.

The document is based on materials regarding the diagnosis of the current higher education situation in Poland, its mission, vision and strategic goals as well as the assumptions and priorities of the "Europe 2020" strategy.

In accordance with the Higher Education Agenda, the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 2014-2020 and vision of the university, LUT is "a technical university of regional significance, bringing global knowledge resources to the region". LUT's Development Strategy assumes that internationalization constitutes criterion of university competitiveness, and is at the same time one of the mechanisms allowing to improve its position in the region, country and at the international arena. Cooperation with international partners, constitutes at the same time a significant component of LUT's development, as it aims at finding common fields, based on shared environmental, technological, or intellectual challenges.

Among the strategic goals for 2014-2020 years, there are two main objectives regarding internationalization of LUT:

1. in the area of education - internationalization of the education process with mobility component for students/staff and promoting multicultural activities;

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2. in the area of science and commercialization of research - internationalization of research activities by creating international consortiums for realisation joint projects, preparing publications and sharing good research practices.

The goals that are going to be realised by LUT by applying for ECHE 2020 include:

1) development of classes conducted in foreign languages in education programmes for Polish students as well as development and improvement of the education offer for international candidates;

2) development of education programmes conducted jointly with foreign partner universities, including preparation and implementation of joint diplomas system (Joint Master Degree; European Universities);

3) increasing the number of students and academic teachers by intensifying exchange under international projects in KA1;

4) intensifying the recruitment of foreign students to study at LUT (full degree studies in foreign languages);

5) preparing new specializations and fields of education, implementing innovative practices (blended mobility, e-learning) and joint initiatives promoting cooperation, peer learning and exchanges of experience with European and non-European partners (Strategic Partnerships, Capacity Building projects)

6) increasing the number of scholarships for academic and administrative staff, dissemination and promotion of research/academic results and good practices.

In accordance with LUT assumptions, all of the above actions can be implemented through the development of mobility under Erasmus+ programme.

Furthermore, LUT would like to implement the main ideas of European Education Area by continuing participation in Erasmus+ programme: growing digital skills; common values and inclusive education; exchange component in education in all levels of education process. LUT is going to give students and staff equal opportunities to spend time abroad for studying/training and fully recognize the satisfactorily completed mobilities of all types, including blended mobility. LUT will continue to provide high-quality education service during realisation of Erasmus+ programme, irrespective of socio-economic background of participants and in accordance with non-discrimination policies. Promoting of European identity, and European cultural heritage and its diversity will be one of the priorities of LUT during Erasmus+ projects and other international activities.

Please reflect on the Erasmus actions you would like to take part in and explain how they will be implemented in practice at your institution. Please explain how your institution's participation in these actions will contribute to achieving the objectives of your institutional strategy.

LUT would like to participate in all actions offered by Erasmus+ programme. During Erasmus+ programme 2014-2020 LUT led 12 projects in KA1 (6 KA103 and 6 KA107) successfully. LUT also gained experience in implementing 8 Strategic Partnership projects (3 as a coordinator) and 2 Capacity Building. In 2020 year LUT also submitted European Universities application as a partner. In reference to the Development Strategy of LUT the next step that university is planning to realise is preparing Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree project with foreign partners and starting with projects from Action 3 "Support to policy development and cooperation". The objectives that LUT is going to achieve by participating in Erasmus actions regarding to its internationalisation and modernisation strategy:

- cooperation across borders with partner institutions in EU and on-EU countries in order to realise common objectives in the technical and economic fields of education and training. Promotion of the opportunities offered by the joint cooperation projects and providing relevant support to staff and students interested in participating in these activities throughout the application and implementation phase. Pursuit to sustainable and balanced results that lead to the future development of the international involvement.
- 2. Support of project applications prepared by LUT's employees by Office of International Education (OIE), International Relations Office and other university units. Providing administrative, logistical, financial and promotional support activities during projects implementation. The professional recognition of employees that are participating in preparation and implementation of Erasmus projects will be provided by including results in their annual performance assessments, informal recognition by the management and/or financial means.
- 3. Realising project activities that exert impact on the institutional, regional, national and European levels. Aspiration to the sustainable, balanced and leading to further
- 4. development of the European Higher Education Area and the HEI's international involvement project results.

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5. Dissemination and benefition activities from the beginning of the project activities by coordinator and partner institutions. General dissemination and visibility policies adopted by the institution including pro-active measures to ensure the visibility of the project implementation and outcomes (easily accessible institution webpage, contribution to the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform during the project lifecycle).

What is the envisaged impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on your institution?

Please reflect on targets, as well as qualitative and quantitative indicators in monitoring this impact (such as mobility targets for student/staff mobility, quality of the implementation, support for participants on mobility, increased involvement in cooperation projects (under the KA2 action), sustainability/long-term impact of projects etc.) You are encouraged to offer an indicative timeline for achieving the targets related to the Erasmus+ actions.

LUT by participation in international cooperation projects are going to initiate and increase the role of coordinating institution (mostly Strategic Partnerships and Partnerships for Innovation). Participation in Erasmus+ projects will be integrated in the Development Strategy for 2021-2025 and based on a specific needs analysis of each faculty and field of education. The future LUT's foreseen results of any participation in cooperation projects will be sustainable (the results continue to be used by the partnership after the project ends, the results are reusable or the partnership engages in other future activities) and balanced (the results will be beneficial for all partners). Furthermore, applying and participation of LUT in the international projects will lead to further development of the European Higher Education Area and the LUT international involvement.

LUT makes efforts to promote sustainable and responsible behaviour during international projects and also focuses on reciprocity of the process for its partners, e.g. by finding common spheres for further projects of scientific and educational character. LUT will develop its own long-term institutional strategy 2021 - 2025 on sustainability and innovation and connect it with the concepts of mobility and internationalisation.

Regarding the OIE internal survey the expected number of teaching mobility during 2021-2027 shall increase about 30%. The increase is caused by extended possibilities and interest of respondents to realise mobility exchange and cooperation with non-EU countries.

Both outgoing and incoming mobilities are possible thanks to cooperation with universities and signing the interinstitutional agreements between partner universities. Currently, LUT has signed over 430 agreements with EU and partner countries. Agreements are concluded to meet the specialization of a given university and provide an interesting educational offer for outgoing and incoming students.

Outgoing/incoming mobilities for students are expected to increase due to the opportunities to acquire knowledge at foreign universities and easy communication. LUT wants to enable student exchange through an individual approach to each mobility and personalizing support for each mobility participant. Thanks to the mobility of academic teachers and their cooperation with universities, we anticipate strengthening contacts with our partners, implementing new solutions as well as monitoring and support in creating a tailored educational offer. LUT provides for strong cooperation with partners, exchange of experience so that outgoing and incoming students can benefit from the academic achievements of the academic staff.

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