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The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy (all three parts) on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees. (max. 5000 characters)

Original language [EN]

The University College strategy is to raise the standard of knowledge, competence and education through the continuous developing curriculum, research projects, scientific ideas exchange at national and international level. The vision has been to become an internationally recognized and acknowledged as an educational and scientific centre for years. Some of the aims of the university college mission is the internationalism of the academic life through establishing a co-operation with outstanding staff, institutions and organizations. During last 20 years the university authorities have put pressure on every staff member to participate in interesting placements, conferences and multilateral projects, working out the academic publications in European Union as well in countries like Russia, Ukraine and the United States. The Pawel Wlodkowic University College in Plock has developed a lot of mutual scientific initiatives (conferences, seminars, publications) with many different universities, research institutions, organizations in Poland and abroad such as: Pedagogical University in Cracow, the Academy of Defense in Warsaw, the State Pedagogical University in Jaroslaw (Russia), State University, People's Friendship University in Moscow, Catholic University in Ružomberok (Slovak Republic) or Humanistic University in Kiev (Ukraine). We have been co-operating with different science organization within the Intercultural Research Institute of Cooperation set up in 2006 where we gathered every year new partners. Our University set up some partnerships and accomplished some projects within framework of European funds such as: with Branderburische Technische Universität Cottbus – Germany (student exchange - Socrates Erasmus), the Modern Future Training Maastricht in Holland (mutual two years project - Leonardo da Vinci Program – student placement), Charles University in Prague, Planete Urgences Paris, ICLEI Freiburg – Germany, Ioan Cuza Iasi University – Romania and Eco- Counselling Institute Namur- Belgium ( three years project - Socrates Comenius Program). Our University has participated in the international initiative as the International Baltic Universities Program in Uppsala – Sweden and we offer to our students and staff opportunity of placement, mobility, conferences, research projects and lectures and mutual certificates Swedish and Polish. Pawel Wlodkowic University College has co-operated with some American institutions (staff exchange, seminars, lectures, publications).

The University Publishing House has edited new books as well every our conference proceeding -every year about 30 ones (some of them in English or Russian).

The PWUC is certified by the Office of the European Integration Committee for the Regional Centre of European Information financed by the EU funds for over ten years. In 2007 the new office: Regional Centre of European Social Fund was set up. Through a lot of trainings and consulting we have been preparing different institutions to develop ESF projects. In terms of lifelong adult education, our university has developed multilateral projects co-financed by the European Social Fund. Since 2006 we have accomplished twelve project ( the total budget over 11mln EURO) such as: one year projects for 760 people (English course and European Computer Driving License), six years project for 5.125 sport instructors, trainers and managers, five years project for 360 students at two departments (full BA study at Administration Department and Management Department) or four year project for nurses (200 students every semester) and five years project for 360 students (full BSc program on two departments: Administration and Management).

In the framework of Erasmus program the Pawel Wlodkowic University has been planning an exchange of student and staff between our departments and related ones in institutions co-operating with us already like Universities in Slovak Republic, France and Germany. Thanks good institutional contacts and private ones (we co-operate with motioned country institutions for years) we are going to organize mobility and placement programs for students and staff. Using our experience in European Social Fund projects we are going to prepare new ones with transnational partners. After Erasmus projects we are going to have more regular students from abroad on our BA, MA or postgraduate courses. We are organizing every year more than 45 degree courses on postgraduate level for over 2,500 students. As a university we have a main campus in Plock and two departments in two other towns and we offer our postgraduate course in another five towns. Thanks that policy we have had students from all of Poland. A lot of student are interested in placement in Polish and foreign institutions. There is an Office for Professional Career at the university where students can find a large offer of national and international programs.

If applicable, please describe your institution's 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. (max. 2000 characters)

Original language [EN]

The most important target groups for us are students from countries became EU member within last 10 years and Russia and Ukraine as our partners in already existing projects. As we know our offer of postgraduate courses are interesting for some of our partners we would like to develop especially this part of our mobility as well staff and students. So far we set an International Intercultural Institute where we gathered staff from some countries and they systematically work as lecturers with our students on short courses and the third circle level ones. We have every year more and more lecturers, teachers and trainers interested in coming to our organization for at least a week to give lectures and to participate in mutual conferences, prepare together with our staff publications and develop new projects. Every year we organize international conferences where we have from 40 up to 120 members from six – ten countries. The final product is a science publications mostly in Polish, English, Slovak and Russian. Our staff regularly work as visiting professors on our partner institutions like Universities in Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Germany. Thanks Erasmus project we could be able to broaden such contacts including students within exchange and mobility projects. It is vital for our university because thaks financial support from the program it could be easier for the students to achieve it. More and more students are interested in doctoral level study. At the moment we don't offer as a university doctoral level degree but our rector have decided to assist such student through financial support for those ones who study on other universities on that level and work in our university (currently we have 8 such people). As a effect of bilateral cooperation with Latvian and Slovak universities we have had another possibilities to develop doctoral degree projects ( so far 3 of our staff have graduated that level gaining doctoral degrees there). Erasmus could help to develop it

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda\*) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve. (max. 3000 characters)

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As the result of many years of cooperation with Chamber of Commerce we can organize every year placements for our student so we can use that channel to offer such transships for foreign students coming to our university. In our town just in centre of Poland there are a lot of enterprises acting internationally like Levis Strauss factory, New Holland (one of the biggest factory building agricultural machines), Orlen (the main Polish petrochemical factory) and a lot of others. Most of them are very opened for cooperation with us for years. We as a university with "practical dimension" invite practical experts from such enterprises to give lecturers and prepare our students for work placements. We organize meetings and conferences with such employees and use their experience in preparing our curricula every year. Training course offering through Erasmus program could be supported by some time spent just in real work environment in such factories. In terms of joint degrees we have been developing cooperation with Russian, Latvian, Slovak, German and French partners. Thanks our long partnerships with these organizations we have a lot of possibilities to develop double or multiple programs. We cooperate with Science Association in Plock and City Partners House through that we can have contacts with 11 towns from all over the world (staff and students) and prepare different joint programs.

\* COM (2011) 587 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0587:FIN:EN:PDF>)