

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

(Overall Strategy)



One of the main goals of the Higher School of Public and Individual Security “Apeiron” in Kraków is to educate competent employees sought for on the home and European labour market, in the fields connecting with its study programs. That’s why implementing the policy of internationalization of education and preparing its students for work in a multicultural European community is one of our strategic goals. APEIRON strongly aims at developing educational, research and cultural cooperation with many European and global academic and research institutions, because the Authorities of APEIRON perceive international cooperation as a very important factor enhancing the quality of its research and teaching activities. That’s why it cooperates with national and international institutions, and strongly supports the idea of the European Higher Education Area, and follows the objectives outlined in the Bologna Declaration. The Schools desires to take active part in process of forming European dimension in education. Participation in prestigious international programs and projects are other School’s strategic goals.

The School intensively cooperates with Visegrad Group countries and Ukraine in the field of joint scientific projects and mobility of students and teachers. WSBPil “Apeiron” adhering to the idea of European integration aims at supporting Eastern European countries from outside the European Union, but also to benefit from the experience of prominent specialists from scientific institutions in all partner countries. We are going to develop multilateral staff exchange. We also intend to extend students’ exchange organized in the frame of bilateral agreements. Therefore, we aim at increasing the number of partner universities, increasing the number of outgoing and incoming both students and academic staff. Our objective is, bearing in mind the importance of internationalization and need of constant improvement and development, to learn from our partners and extend the educational offer in the field of mobility and to initiate cooperation with other European Union countries, which would lead to sustainable outcomes for both sides. We also plan to widen

our participation in multilateral projects and thematic networks to stimulate cooperation and develop stable connection with partner universities by carrying out common research projects.

The priority of the Higher School of Public and Individual Security "Apeiron" in Kraków is to educate in the field of widely understood security and order in both social and individual aspects and our main idea is to link theory with practical aspects of security systems administering. Establishing cooperation with foreign scientific institutions we pay particular attention to their profile, as we cooperate mostly with institutions, which specializes in security studies and care for multi-aspectual education in both theoretical and practical dimensions as carefully and precisely as we do. Bearing in mind the mission of the School, i.e. to educate specialists prepared to meet requirements of the labour market, we choose our partners diligently and direct our efforts towards meeting the expectations of our partners. Regular contact with coordinators from partner universities allow to create such a program of studies, which would bring measurable benefits for incoming and outgoing both students and academic staff.

Through enlarging its participation in international educational and research programs and projects, Higher School of Public and Individual Security "Apeiron" in Kraków becomes an European school, attractive for students and partners from and outside Europe. We welcome all students, who would like to undertake education in our School and become a security or administration specialist. We want to support intercultural understanding, respect and tolerance, therefore we welcome students from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Internationalization, which we advocate, promotes cultural diversity and fosters intercultural understanding, respect and tolerance among people. Our School operates on the basis of non-discrimination, promoting equality of opportunity and treatment, irrespective of gender, age, race, nationality or disability. The School provides support to all students and employees, who participate in the mobility program so that they could benefit as most as possible from the mobility period spent abroad or in the Higher School of Public and Individual Security "Apeiron".

1. Participation in the Erasmus Programme will allow students to acquire education, which provides high competences, versatility on the European labour market, and language skills. Our efforts are directed towards creating such a curricula, which will prepare further specialists to find employment in the field they're interested in. We want all students to have equal chances in achieving intended educational results, which may be achieved through implemented tutorial program, which allow students to acquire knowledge under the guidance of chosen mentor. We welcome all students irrespective of gender, age, race, nationality or disability. We intend our students to participate in scientific projects and publish in the School's journals. Extending our offer of mobility and scientific activity we plan to contribute to increasing the competences of further specialists.

2. "Apeiron" ensures the academic staff the possibility to acquire new qualifications. Our teachers are high-skilled specialists, who combine theory with practice, and, knowing the requirements of the current labour market, they constantly try to adjust the curricula of the School to these conditions. Internationalization and opportunity to participate in international scientific and research projects allow the staff to gain new experience, which along with monitoring the carrier path of graduates, will help to actualize the curricula so that they comply with the requirements of the dynamic European labour market.

3. We intend to enhance the quality of teaching by introducing new and more attractive forms of education in all fields relating to the study programs. Our efforts are directed towards monitoring and updating the ECTS system, which allow to improve our contacts with partner institutions and transparency of achievements of students participating in the mobility programs.

4. Our strategy is to support European integration and integration with countries from outside the UE, but also to promote regionality and establish cooperation with regional employers. We direct our offer to all interested people from Poland and abroad and support their will of acquiring education (i.e. help with getting a visa), encouraging them to have their practice in entrepreneurship that cooperates with the School and to cooperate with representatives of the local labour market. That allow for excellent preparation of future high-skilled employees and researchers.

5. We intend, being inspired by solutions implemented by partner universities, to develop and constantly improve the School's activity through modernization of administrative solutions. Internationalization and dynamization of international cooperation and mobility of both students and academic staff, will help to enhance the quality of teaching and administration, and influence attractiveness of graduates on the labour market.