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# ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT 2021–2027

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University of Public and Individual Security "Apeiron" in Krakow  
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## 1. Educating competent employees fit for Europe labour markets

One of the main goals of the University of Public and Individual Security "Apeiron" (WSBPI "Apeiron", henceforth: WSBPI) in Krakow is to educate competent employees sought for in domestic and European labour market, in the fields connected with the WSBPI's study programs. This objective is in line with one of the goals of European Education Area (henceforth: EEA Goals) laid out in European Community's communication "Strengthening European Identity through Education and Culture" (Gothenburg, 17.11.2017), namely: "Education: contributing to skills and jobs". That is why implementing the policy of internationalisation of education and preparing students for work in multicultural European community and for respecting common European values (as highlighted in the EEA vision) is one of our strategic goals.

The priority of WSBPI is to educate in the field of security and order in both social and individual aspects, and our main idea is to link theory with practical aspects of security (again: EEA Goal "Education: contributing to skills and jobs"). While establishing cooperation with foreign scientific institutions – which is crucial for educating true European experts – we pay particular attention to their profile, as we mostly want to cooperate with institutions that specialise in security studies and care for multi-aspectual education in both theoretical and practical dimensions thereof, as carefully and precisely as we do. Bearing in mind the mission of WSBPI, i.e. to educate specialists prepared to meet requirements of the labour market, we choose our partners diligently, but also we direct our efforts towards meeting their expectations.

In educating our students, we seek newer and newer possibilities to employ innovative tools, along with the EEA Goal "Innovation and digital in education", and attempt at boosting cultural awareness, as laid out in Council Recommendation on Key Competences for Lifelong Learning.

## 2. Participation in international projects

Participation in prestigious international programmes and projects is another strategic goal of WSBPI, which we have been successfully fulfilling so far, and which we plan to further develop in the 2021–2027 Programme, along with the concepts of the EEA Goal "Network of European Universities". We plan to further widen our participation in multilateral projects and thematic networks to stimulate cooperation and develop a stable connection with partner universities by carrying out joint research initiatives.

## 3. Cooperation with foreign higher education units

WSBPI strongly aims at developing educational, research and cultural cooperation with many European and global academic and research institutions since the authorities of WSBPI perceive international cooperation as a very important factor enhancing the quality of WSBPI's research and teaching activities, in line with the EEA postulate of European Universities Initiative. Therefore WSBPI cooperates with national and international institutions, strongly supports the idea of the European Education Area, follows the objectives outlined in the Bologna Declaration, and endeavours to apply the EEA Goals as outlined e.g. in EC communication "Strengthening European Identity through Education and Culture". WSBPI desires to take an active part in the process of forming the European dimension of teaching (cf. Council Recommendation of 22 May 2018 ST/9010/2018/INIT).

WSBPI intensively cooperates with institutions from European countries – both EU countries (Western Europe as well as Visegrad Group) and a partner country (Ukraine), as well as with institutions from programme countries beyond Europe (Turkey), in the field of joint scientific projects and/or mobility of students, staff, and teachers. Adhering to the idea of European integration, WSBPI aims to support countries from outside the European Union (cooperation with Ukraine and Turkey), but also to benefit from the experience of prominent specialists from scientific institutions in all partner countries. Our objective is, bearing in mind the importance of internationalisation 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 further European countries, which would lead to sustainable outcomes for all parties.

#### **4. Mobility and openness for students, teachers and staff of various backgrounds**

We have already developed multilateral teacher, staff, and student traineeship exchange. We are also going to extend student exchange so it also includes studies along with the EEA Goal “Making mobility reality for all”. We aim at further increasing the number of partner institutions, and, accordingly, at increasing the number of outbound and inbound student, teacher, and staff mobilities. Through enlarging its participation in international educational and research programmes and projects, WSBPI becomes a truly European institution, attractive for students and partners from inside and outside of Europe. We welcome all students who would like to undertake education at our University and become security specialists. Bearing in mind the EEA Goal “Culture as a driver for EU Unity” and the EEA concept of common values, we want to support intercultural understanding, respect and tolerance; therefore we welcome students from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Internationalization, which is advocated by us, promotes cultural diversity and fosters intercultural understanding, respect and tolerance among people. WSBPI, in line with the concept of common European values, operates on the basis of non-discrimination, promoting equality of opportunity and treatment, irrespective of gender, age, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or social origin, disability, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, or sexual orientation. WSBPI provides support to all students and employees who participate in the mobility program so that they could benefit as much as possible from their outbound mobility period abroad, or inbound mobility programme at WSBPI (again, along with EEA Goal “Making mobility a reality for all”). Regular contacts with coordinators from partner universities allow to create such programmes of studies that can bring measurable benefits for inbound and outbound students and teachers.

#### **5. Adherence to European Education Area goals**

Along with further goals of European Education Area, e.g. as laid out in European Community’s communication “Strengthening European Identity through Education and Culture” (EEA Goals, Gothenburg, 17.11.2017), WSBPI strives to make mobility a reality for all willing students, teachers and staff; as well as to facilitate the idea of mutual recognition of diplomas (by launching common learning initiatives with foreign higher education institutions); to support the idea of the network of European universities (by widening and strengthening WSBPI’s network of cooperation with foreign institutions); and to support cooperation on curricula development, innovation, and digital tools in education.