

Erasmus Policy Statement

The primary goal of The Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management in Gdańsk (WSTiH) is to educate and support of multidirectional development of future staff of the tourism industry. The market availability of specialists qualified in the field of tourism and hotel industry will result in the increase of the quality of services offered by the entities of the tourism industry. The Academy's profile obliges it to increase the role of internationalization in its activities. For this reason, projects implemented under the Erasmus Program are of key importance. Educating students in professions related to the broadly understood issues of tourism means that the international environment is gaining immense importance, both in terms of student and staff mobility for educational and vocational training purposes, as well as admitting foreign students to undergraduate and graduate studies. The Academy Authorities are aware that gaining international experience is a prerequisite for providing high quality education. For this reason, WSTiH plans to increase the mobility of its students and staff, implement joint projects with foreign partners and continue to establish cooperation with foreign universities having a similar education profile. All this will ensure

that students will receive education at the highest level and employees will acquire competence on a European scale.

The Academy undertakes a number of activities aimed at encouraging students to participate in mobility, both as part of their studies and internships. For this reason, the Academy puts great emphasis on the cooperation with other universities not only from European Union countries, but also from Eastern Europe and Asia, such as Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kyrgyzstan. WSTiH encourages foreign students from the abovementioned non-EU countries to study at the Academy by offering education at an international level. The Academy Authorities provide students during their studies with access to a wide educational offer that will facilitate taking up a future job in Poland or in another European Union country.

Cooperation with renowned hotels and restaurants allows students to learn about the latest organizational and technical solutions in the tourism industry. In addition, the Academy Authorities offer the opportunity of foreign internships which allow students to gain new qualifications and use, in practice, the acquired competence in foreign languages. Currently, WSTiH notes an increase in mobility due to the development of its educational offer in languages other than Polish.

Educational programs are prepared in English and Russian. It appeals to a growing number of foreign students. Providing them with

international education becomes the main ambition of the Academy Authorities. Students can count on the help of the WSTiH staff who support them at every stage of their mobility activities. During the stay of foreign students at the Academy or visits of Polish students abroad, WSTiH guarantees constant contact with the assigned mentor and professional substantive assistance.

The implementation of mobility programs will provide the Academy with the opportunity to fulfill the assumptions of the developed international strategy, which includes, among others:

- intensification of activities conducive to the Academy's participation in the Erasmus Program;
- annual increase in mobility through the development of an educational offer for Polish students and foreign students;
- establishing new contacts with universities from the European Union and countries neighboring Poland from the east;
- establishing new relationships with hospitality industry companies in Poland and abroad to develop an interesting apprenticeship program;
- intensification of visits of the WSTiH staff for training purposes and a greater number of study visits at friendly foreign universities; - joint implementation of international programs with Polish and foreign partners.