

In the following sections of the application form, you will need to explain how your institution will fulfil the ECHE principles if the Charter is awarded. You are encouraged to consult the [ECHE Guidelines](#) for support in completing this application.

Please note that your Erasmus+ National Agency will monitor your Erasmus Policy Statement and your answers to the questions given in the application. The Erasmus+ National Agency reserves the right to request more information on your activities and propose supplementary measures, for the purposes of monitoring and implementing the Charter principles by your institution.

1. Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS)

1.1 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:

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| The mobility of higher education students and staff | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) - Cooperation among organisations and institutions:

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| Partnerships for Cooperation and exchanges of practices | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Partnerships for Excellence – European Universities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Partnerships for Excellence - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Partnerships for Innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3):

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| Erasmus Key Action 3 (KA3) - Support to policy development and cooperation: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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1.2 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 Area¹ and explain the policy objectives you intend to pursue).

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Internacionalizačná stratégia Slovenskej Technickej Univerzity (ďalej len STU) sa zameriava na upevnenie vzťahov a partnerstiev s univerzitami po celom svete, najmä v Európe. Jeden z hlavných cieľov internacionalizácie STU je posilnenie aktivít v rámci výmenných mobilit študentov, pedagogických a nepedagogických zamestnancov. Participácia v programe Erasmus prispeje k dosiahnutiu tohto cieľa.

Erasmus program má na STU dlhodobú tradíciu a medzi našimi študentmi je to najviac preferovaná mobilitná schéma. Takmer 300 našich študentov každoročne využije možnosť študovať v zahraničí vďaka programu Erasmus. STU zároveň prijíma okolo 250 študentov z rôznych krajín cez Erasmus program. Naším cieľom je zvýšenie týchto čísel, vysielajúcich aj prijímajúcich študentov, a zaradenie študentských mobilit typu študijný pobyt ako aj študentské mobility typu stáž do študijných plánov študijných programov. Dôležitou súčasťou Erasmus programu sú taktiež mobility učiteľov a výskumníkov. Popri odbornom vzdelávaní zameranom na pedagogické zručnosti a výmenu osvedčených postupov, z ktorých benefitujú študenti, je cieľom STU posilniť aj medzinárodnú spoluprácu vo výskume a inováciách.

Erasmus program spadá do stratégie modernizácie STU, pretože podporuje digitalizáciu administratívnych procesov a vyučovacích aktivít na univerzite, ktoré posilňujú zámer STU stať sa modernou a ekologickou vysokoškolskou inštitúciou.

Internationalisation strategy of Slovak University of Technology (STU) is focused on the enhancement of relationships and partnerships with universities all around the world, especially in Europe. One of the main goals of STU in terms of internationalisation is intensification of activities in the field of exchange mobilities of students, pedagogical and non-pedagogical employees. Participation in the Erasmus Programme will contribute to the achievement of this goal.

Erasmus Programme has a great tradition at STU and it is the most preferred mobility scheme among STU students. Every year almost 300 of our students take the opportunity to study abroad thanks to Erasmus Programme. At the same time STU receives around 250 students from different countries via Erasmus Programme. Our mission is to increase these numbers, both outgoing and incoming students and promote student mobilities for studies as well as student mobilities for traineeships as an essential part of curricula. An important part of Erasmus Programme are also mobilities of teachers and researchers. Besides vocational training focused on pedagogical skills and exchange of good practices from which benefit the students it is an aim of STU to strengthen international cooperation in research and in the field of innovations.

Erasmus Programme fits into modernisation strategy of STU because it highly supports digitalisation of administrative processes and teaching activities at the university which reinforces the intention of STU to become a modern and ecological higher education institution.

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.

¹ For more information on the priorities of the European Education Area, such as recognition, digital skills, common values and inclusive education, please consult the following website:
https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-education-area_en

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Rovnako ako v predchádzajúcom programovom období by sa STU rada zúčastnila všetkých Erasmus činností, avšak chcela by byť aktívnejšia najmä v aktivite KA2. Doteraz sú však najdôležitejšie aktivity v rámci Erasmus programu KA103 a KA107. Cieľom STU je udržať silnú pozíciu KA1, ešte viac ju podporiť a spropagovať medzi našimi študentmi a pedagogickými a nepedagogickými zamestnancami. STU by v KA2 a KA3 rada posilnila súčasné vzťahy s partnerskými univerzitami, ale taktiež by rada vytvorila nové partnerstvá. Popri ostatných KA2 iniciatívach sa STU plánuje po prvýkrát prihlásiť aj na KA2 Európske univerzity počas nového programového obdobia s cieľom rozvíjať ešte silnejšie strategické partnerstvá s univerzitami v Európe a stať sa súčasťou európskeho vzdelávacieho priestoru.

Účasť vo všetkých Erasmus aktivitách prispeje vysokou mierou k dosiahnutiu cieľov stratégie STU, ktorá sa zameriava na silné medzinárodné partnerstvá, modernizáciu osnov a podporu výskumu vo všetkých technických sférach.

STU would like to take part in all Erasmus actions as in previous programme period, but would like to be more active especially in KA2. Nevertheless so far the most important actions among Erasmus Programme are KA103 and KA107. It is an aim of STU to maintain the strong position of KA1, support them and their promotion among our students and pedagogical and non-pedagogical employees even more. In KA2 and KA3 STU would like to strengthen current relationships with our partner universities but also establish the new ones. Besides other KA2 initiatives STU for the first time intends to apply also to the KA2 European Universities during the new programme period with the aim of development of even stronger strategic partnerships with universities in Europe and become part of the European Education Area.

Participation in all the Erasmus actions will greatly contribute to achieving the objectives of STU strategy which is focused on establishment of strong international partnerships, modernisation of curricula and support of research in all technical fields.

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.

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V súčasnosti univerzita prijala dlhodobý plán (pre roky 2020-2026) budúceho rozvoja, v rámci ktorého je definovaný cieľ výrazne podporovať internacionalizáciu univerzity. Zámery univerzity sú:

- zdvojnásobiť počet implementovaných študijných programov v anglickom jazyku počas nasledujúcich 5 rokov (z 15 na 30 programov),
- zdvojnásobiť počet študentských a pedagogických mobilít (prijímajúci a vysielajúci študenti) počas nasledujúcich 5 rokov,
- zvýšiť percento medzinárodných študentov z 5% na 15% počas nasledujúcich 5 rokov,
- zvýšiť prestíž univerzity znásobením medzinárodne akreditovaných študijných programov (zo 17 na 30 programov) počas nasledujúcich 5 rokov,
- privítať špičkových profesorov a výskumníkov zo zahraničia (aspoň 10) počas nasledujúcich 5 rokov.

Priority univerzity sú:

- zvýšiť počet implementovaných študijných programov v anglickom jazyku,
- privítať ešte väčší počet špičkových profesorov a výskumníkov zo zahraničia.

Na splnenie týchto cieľov prijala univerzita rôzne medzinárodné granty a rovnako využíva aj vlastné grantové systémy, prostredníctvom ktorých získava najmä doktorandských študentov zo zahraničia a podporuje svoje špičkové výskumné tímy.

Dlhodobým cieľom STU stať sa medzinárodnou univerzitou. Tento cieľ vieme splniť práve vďaka Erasmus programu, ktorý pomáha našim študentom získať skúsenosti z iných krajín, ale prináša k nám aj zahraničných študentov a posilňuje spolupráce s univerzitami po celom svete.

Chceli by sme zvýšiť počet žiadostí pod programom KA2 a vytvoriť silné spolupráce s ostatnými univerzitami. STU sa chce uchádzať o projekt Európskych univerzít ako partner konzorcia s niektorými predchádzajúcimi partnermi a týmto spôsobom vytvoriť perfektné prostredie pre vedcov z našej univerzity a iných univerzít, súčasťou čoho by boli aj blended mobility.

Erasmus program má pozitívny dopad na rozvoj zručností a zamestnanosti našich absolventov doma i v zahraničí. Pre výskumníkov program podporuje budovanie partnerstiev medzi univerzitami, je to premostenie nielen pre zlepšenie vyučovacích metód a harmonizáciu študijných programov, ale taktiež výrazne podporuje spoločné vedecko-výskumné činnosti a získavanie vedecko-výskumných projektov. Preto je program Erasmus jeden z kľúčových medzinárodných projektov na našej univerzite.

The university has currently adopted a long-term plan (for the years 2020-2026) of its future development, within which it has set itself the goal - significantly supporting its internationalization. The intentions are:

- double the number of implemented study programs in English over the next 5 years (from 15 to 30),
- double the number of student and teacher mobility (incoming and outgoing) over the next 5 years,
- increase the percentage of international students from 5 % to 15 % over the next 5 years,
- increase prestige of the university through multiplication of internationally accredited study programs (from 17 to 30) over next 5 years,
- host top professors and researchers from abroad (at least 10) over the next 5 years.

The university's priorities are:

- increase the number of implemented study programs in English,
- host even more top professors and researchers from abroad.

To meet these goals, the university has received different international grants, as well as uses its own grant system, through which it obtains mainly doctoral students from abroad and supports its top scientific teams.

To be international is long-term goal of STU and thanks to Erasmus Programme we can fulfil our mission. It is helping to our students to get experience from other countries but also to offer foreign students and to strengthen the cooperation with universities from all around the world.

We would like to increase the number of applications under the KA2 action and to create strong cooperation with other universities. STU wants to apply for European Universities project as a partner of consortium with some previous partners and thus create the perfect environment for scientists from our university and other universities, where blended mobility would be an integral part.

The Erasmus Program has an positive impact on the development of skills and the employment of our graduates at home and abroad. For the researchers the programme supports the building of partnerships between universities, it is a bridge not only for the improvement of teaching methods and the harmonization of study programs, but it also significantly supports joint scientific-research activities and the acquisition of scientific-research projects. Therefore, the Erasmus Program is one of the key international projects at our university.