

Erasmus + project, action KA103

Higher education

International mobility of students and employees

Academic year 2017/2018

In the period from 1 June 2017 to 30 September 2018, the Wrocław University of Economics carried out the Erasmus+ project within the framework of Key Action 103 – Mobility Project for Higher Education Students and Staff. The aim of the project pertaining to students going abroad to learn was to provide them with access to international mobility and enable them to complete part of their program at the partner universities from the EU Member States. This has translated directly into the students' more thorough preparation to tackle challenges posed by socio-economic changes in contemporary Europe, taking account of social justice and respect for the cultural distinctiveness of the Member States, while at the same time maintaining their own sense of identity and strengthening the skill of active functioning in the European social and economic space. The goal of the project in its part concerning traineeship was to give trainees hands-on experience of the European labour market, allow them to use the theoretical knowledge gained during their studies, identify their strengths and weaknesses, and acquire the skills to work in the professional background different from their own. With regard to academic teachers the objective of the project was to enable them to mark their presence in the academic environment at the partner universities, have a new experience of teaching, develop their own skills and make better use of their scientific and educational potential and foster the European dimension in their work with students. For non-academic staff the purpose of the project was to become familiar with good practices adopted at the partner universities in Europe, exchange experience and work using the human potential effectively, implement the Lifelong Learning message, get to know the process of formal and non-formal development of own skills, and transfer the acquired experience to their home university. The implementation of the project was in line with the basic foundations of the internationalisation strategy of the Wrocław University of Economics, promoting the international activity consisting in the exchange of students and academic staff, and international activity and achievements of research and teaching staff, creating the image of the Wrocław University of Economics as a modern university functioning within the framework of the European scientific and educational space. The Wrocław University of Economics carried out the project with regard to the following types of mobility: SMS – 115 participants, including 9 financed from the funds of the PO WER Program (students of the Faculty of Economic Sciences, Faculty of Management, Computer Science and Finance, Faculty of Economics, Management and Tourism, and Faculty of Engineering and Economics, with different majors and levels of study); SMP – 6 participants (the same student profile as for SMS); STA – 63 participants, including 6 participants with zero grants (research and teaching staff representing various scientific fields); STT – 10 participants (the International Cooperation Centre staff, and research and teaching staff). The project was implemented in accordance with the basic principles described in the ECHE Charter, including the principle of equal treatment for all project participants, with clear recruitment rules, ongoing mobility monitoring, and appeal procedures. The direct effects of the project implementation comprise the intensification of international exchange of students and staff within the European programs and development of the educational offer in English at all levels of education and in

various forms of studies. The project implementation has also resulted in an increase in international activity in the area of research, including greater participation in European research projects and programs, expansion of international cooperation in the field of exchange of scientific staff as well as promotion of international activity and achievements of the University's students and staff. The implementation of European projects enhances the image of the Wrocław University of Economics as a modern higher education institution strongly embedded in the European scientific and educational space, which affects the quality of the University's cooperation not only with its closest economic and social environment, but also with universities and scientific centres worldwide. During the project implementation, the University was a party to 191 inter-institutional Erasmus agreements with partners from the Program countries and 18 Erasmus contracts with partner countries. The Wrocław University of Economics has been participating in the Erasmus Program since 1999, owing to which numerous Departments and Institutes of the University have signed long-term cooperation agreements with partners not only from Europe but also from around the world, resulting in the implementation of joint scientific ventures.

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