

In the period from June 1, 2016 until September 30, 2017, Wroclaw University of Economics carried out the Erasmus + project within the framework of Action Mobility project for higher education students and staff with partner countries. The project was implemented with the following countries: Belarus (one university), Russia (four universities) and Ukraine (five universities). In cooperation with partner universities, Wroclaw University of Economics has implemented the project for the following types of mobility: SMS – ten participants, including nine incoming students and one outgoing student; STA – 28 participants, including 16 incoming participants and 12 outgoing participants; STT – four participants, including two incoming participants and two outgoing participants. The selection of countries and partner universities was based on long-term scientific and research cooperation, as well as didactic cooperation between Wroclaw University of Economics and the universities which applied for the project. All selected universities fit the profile corresponding to that of Wroclaw University of Economics, which means undertaking activities for sustainable development not only with EU Member States but also with partner countries. Wroclaw University of Economics was the coordinator of the project at all stages of its implementation (application, implementation, ongoing monitoring, recording in Mobility Tool, financial service, reporting, dissemination of results). The aim of the project was to provide students with access to international mobility, to enable them to complete part of their studies abroad, and to directly prepare for the preparation of the students to address the challenges of today's socio-economic changes, taking into account social justice, 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 for outgoing and incoming academic staffs was to enable them to become acquainted with the academic environment in partner universities, to acquire new experiences in the teaching process, to develop their own skills and to make better use of their academic and didactic potential, as well as to work with students of the European dimension. The aim of the project for non-academic staff was to help them familiarise themselves with best practices in partner universities, exchange experiences and work with the effective use of human potential, implement the message of Lifelong Learning, encounter the process of formal and non-formal development of one's 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 Wroclaw University of Economics, including promoting international activity in the field of exchange for students and academic staff, promoting the international activity and achievements of the research and teaching staff, creating an image of Wroclaw University of Economics as a modern university functioning within the framework of the European scientific and didactic space. The implementation of the project was also in full compliance with the internationalisation policy of universities from the partner countries, permanently inscribed in their visions, missions and development strategies. 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 and ongoing mobility monitoring. The implementation of the project has translated directly into intensifying the international exchange of students and staff within the European programs, the development of the educational offer in English at all levels of education and in various forms of studies. Project implementation has also resulted in the increase in international activity in the field of research, including increased participation in European research projects and programs, the 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 similar European projects as the one thus described creates the image of the participating universities as modern higher education institutions strongly embedded in the European research and teaching space, which affects the quality of their cooperation not only with the closest economic and social environment, but also with universities and research centres around the world. Through the implementation of the project, the participating

universities are perceived as attractive partners for the joint implementation of European mobility projects for students and staff.