



Erasmus Policy Statement

Higher Vocational School of Business and Trade (VOŠŽ) keeps trying to offer its future students interesting study programmes which have their place in practice. Next to full time study programmes offers also a part time ones. Erasmus programme offers all students the possibility to spend a semester or a year of their study abroad. Regarding the number of students interested in studying abroad, there were no significant overlaps in demand of abroad studies. The offer of international possibilities fully covers the interest of students.

The strategic goal is to prepare students, future graduates, for practical profession. The preparation consists, next to others, of emphasis on long-term practice acquired in companies and institutions. Here students usually find out that it is very important to be able to communicate not only in their mother tongue but also in a foreign language. That is why VOŠŽ supports cooperation of international institutions under the Erasmus programme. English is a compulsory subject for all students. Then they can choose to study also other foreign languages. Experiences gained during mobility are exercised by students also after graduation.

Partner institutions are for VOŠŽ chosen in order to meet the criteria of offering similar study programmes. This ensures that students study abroad courses similar which those taught at his or her home institution. Regarding geographic position, Europe, or EU and other countries involved in Erasmus programme, are not too large with significant distances, so this aspect is not of a very high importance. Each student has different priorities and the current offer of partner institutions is wide enough to meet theirs asks.

The target group to study abroad are students of second year of all study programmes and forms of study. Within three-year study programmes it is a year when students are positively oriented in study, still without any obligations connected with graduation. In this case they can study abroad without any problems. Also students of third year of study are allowed to take part at the mobility. In this case they have to consider the advantage of mobility next to the planned graduation.

Promotion of the Erasmus programme is aimed at students of first year of study. Then they have time enough to prepare for the mobility properly.

Lecturers and other staff register for their mobility through Erasmus coordinator. Emphasis is given to the possibility of all employees' participation in the programme. Among the current number of employees of VOŠŽ, it is comparatively easy to follow up all the mobilities.

Higher Vocational School of Business and Trade cooperates with other institutions of higher education in the region, with specialized professional association and chambers in preparing students to practice.

VOŠŽ cooperates with universities and colleges, other higher vocational schools and companies form the region. In this way the structure and content of courses can meet the needs of labour market. Lecturers take part in professional conferences where they gains specialized knowledge and meet local, national and international specialists.

Also students are involved in realizing international projects. Recently the project funded by ESF is been realised. The aim of the project is the innovation of educational programmes in cooperation with partners from practise, and increase of foreign language teaching in those educational programmes.



Strategic partners of VOŠŽ are: College of Logistics, Chamber of Commerce Olomouc, Statutory city of Přerov and regional business entities like Precheza Přerov, Montáže Přerov, Ecological Consulting Olomouc.

Higher Vocational School of Business and Trade supports mobility of students, lecturers and other employees in order they can heighten their competitiveness in the European labour market. Each mobility is very useful for the participants itself who gains new experience, deepens language and special knowledge.

Quality facility of home institution is an essential support for all mobility participants.

Strengthening quality in higher education is, in the current situation of increasing competition of other universities and colleges, more than essential. Only quality can be for students, future graduates and actors of European labour market, decisive.

Cooperation with similar institutions of higher education means a step to strengthen work and competitiveness of school, college or university and offers its students new view of specific tasks. Cross-border cooperation allows more frequent contact between institutions and similar view which can result in joint degree or other project cooperation.

Nowadays knowledge based society needs to link theory and practice. It needs to gain always new knowledge and skills. Linking research and development, education and transfer of this knowledge into practice is an essential condition of sustainable development of all societies.

VOŠŽ is a member of many organizations which take part in strategy development of the higher vocational education sector. Its representatives regularly attend these meetings. Within involvement in IPN Q-RAM, VOŠŽ participated in the pilot implementation of National Qualifications Framework for Tertiary Education. 14 colleges and universities and 4 higher vocational schools were involved in this activity during which the created qualifications framework was verified (National descriptors and system defined areas of education).

VOŠŽ is also trying to use other financial sources by participating in various projects with the aim of improving the quality of higher education.



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I, the undersigned, legal representative of the applicant institution,

certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. All Programme activities will be implemented on the basis of written agreements with the relevant authorities of the partner institutions;

agree to the content of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) application outlined above and commit my institution to respect and observe these obligations;

agree to the publication of the Erasmus Policy Statement by the European Commission

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I have read and accept the Privacy statement

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