

# Erasmus Policy Statement

Internationalization Strategy 2017+



# 1. Mission Statement

Globalization, mobility and the associated pan-European harmonization of the higher education system (Bologna Process) are promoting an increasingly international orientation by institutes of higher education within a global education market. Society is becoming more diverse – the demand for workers with transcultural competence and experience abroad is greater than ever within the national and international labor market.

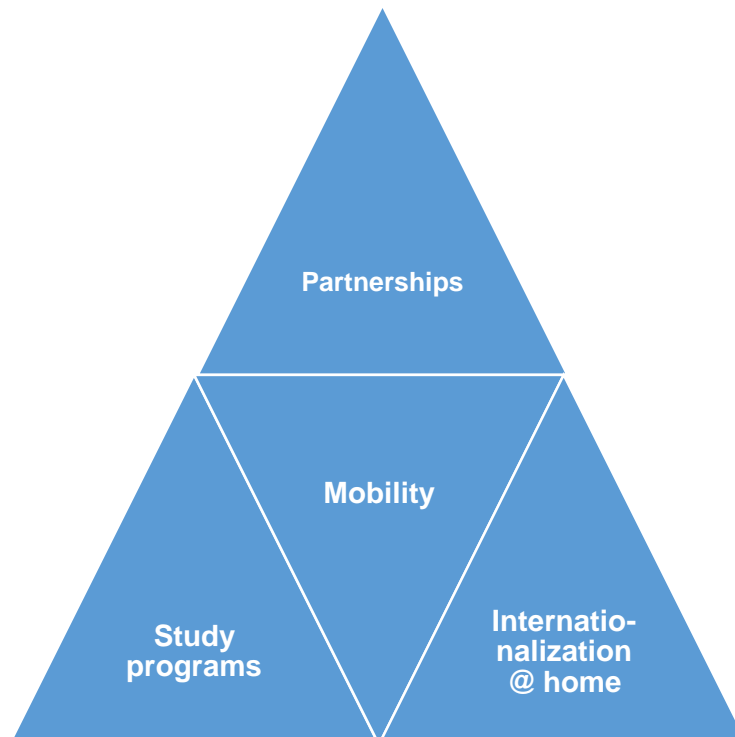
The UAS Technikum Wien views itself as a globally open, internationally oriented and highly visible institute of higher education. In line with the mission statement, the UAS strives for international positioning in order to further expand its attractiveness in the eyes of both students and companies. As the largest technical university of applied sciences in Austria with over 4,000 students, the UAS Technikum Wien cooperates with high-quality institutes of higher education and partners around the world and secures in this way lasting advantages for students, employees and the country of Austria as a location for business and industry.

Internationalization at the UAS Technikum Wien is understood as a topic and a mission that impacts all areas of the university and one that is anchored within the overall strategic orientation as a clear objective. The UAS Technikum Wien strives for innovative, high-quality international cooperation in research and teaching and takes specific measures to improve mobility and promote the awareness of international diversity as well as the transcultural competence of its students, employees and instructors. Goal agreements, measures and activities within the scope of internationalization are based on strategic perspectives as well as the compatibility of the study programs with the corresponding study and research content of partner universities.

In this respect, the UAS Technikum Wien focuses its international orientation on deepening and expanding its cooperation with strategic partnerships, increasing the mobility of students, employees and instructors, intensifying the international orientation of study programs and research projects as well as comprehensive and targeted measures for internationalization @ home. The foundation for these efforts is a strongly welcoming culture based on the code of conduct of the UAS Technikum Wien as well as the appreciation and integration of knowledge, experience and pedagogical models within a multicultural environment.

## 2. Strategic Orientation

The international orientation of the UAS Technikum Wien encompasses four fields of activity, with mobility as well as the optimization of the associated conditions at the core.



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### **Building strategic partnerships:**

The UAS Technikum Wien deepens and expands its cooperation with select, high-quality partner universities with the goal of forming long-lasting strategic partnerships in the areas of mobility, instruction and research.

In this way, the UAS strengthens the quality of its international cooperation and secures lasting benefits for students, employees and the country of Austria as a location for business and industry.

### **Internationalization of the study programs:**

The UAS Technikum Wien creates the conditions for the internationalization of its study programs, increases the share of joint international study programs and expands its offering of high-quality English-language courses on the basis of a learning outcome orientation.

In doing so, the UAS adheres to the Bologna Process and develops an internationally comparable level of quality in education.

### **Development of internationalization @ home:**

The UAS Technikum Wien creates the conditions for an international environment at the university. This includes, in particular, the organization and administration of a course offering that includes international guest instructors in English on the basis of learning outcomes (founding of a Campus International) as well as the organization of trainings to assist its students and employees as well as guest students and instructors in acquiring transcultural competence at the university. This creates fertile ground for a welcoming culture at the UAS as well as opportunities for networking.

### **Promotion and expansion of mobility**

The UAS Technikum Wien promotes and expands the mobility of its students and employees as well as external instructors and optimizes to this end all necessary conditions within the curricula, the organization and the financing.

This enables the international transfer and exchange of knowledge and experience, which in turn generates added value in terms of content and instruction.

## **3. Organization Structure**

The internationalization strategy as well as the goal agreements, measures and evaluation criteria are defined in close coordination with the Rector's office, steered by the Center for International Relations and discussed, voted on and passed in the International Board.

The International Board meets twice per semester and discusses, passes and evaluates all internationalization measures and activities. In addition, the Board is responsible for acquiring new partnerships and the development of joint international study programs (selection, negotiation, travel activities). As representatives of the study centers, the members are responsible in particular for the information flow between the CIR and the study centers – in both directions.