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ERASMUS + POLICY STATEMENT

Silesian Medical College in Katowice was founded as a private higher educational institution. The long-term objective of our College is to become a leading Centre providing high-level educational services. We share a commitment to high quality teaching and providing opportunities for training to prepare students for entering the ever-changing job market and pursuing advanced professional careers. We offer education in two academic disciplines at the undergraduate level and postgraduate training. To reach this goal state-of-the-art curriculum for teaching has already been developed and implemented for both undergraduate student and postgraduate training, the latter aimed particularly at teachers. In current global market no institution can concentrate on training student for local needs only. Therefore, our top priority is to take part in European programs, facilitating diversified education and exposing students to multicultural environment in which they will likely work. Our strategy is to become gradually involved in European programs and develop our own initiatives aimed at increasing international cooperation. We will encourage our undergraduate students to take part in the Programme, either studying at the Partner University or working within the framework of placements. Our College will encourage and support staff mobility as well. International activities and collaborations are part of staff personal development programmes. Behind all activities concerning international cooperation there is a fundamental assumption that it should benefit all parties involved. Therefore, our College makes its best efforts to ensure that all students and staff participating in the cooperation are at the highest possible academic and organizational level and all activities are undertaken in accordance with current formal regulations. We choose our partners very carefully, as explained in the points below.

With regard to student mobility Prospective Partners are chosen after curricula of the courses offered by them have been checked with respect to accordance with ours; Prospective Partners are checked with regard to their history of international cooperation.

- We are interested in cooperation with partners from European and Asian universities and other institutions; to achieve high cost-efficiency, the search for Partners starts with neighbouring countries and those that are located not far away
- The main objectives of the student mobility are: facilitating student development in international environment, providing opportunities to learn various approaches to academic education and exposing students to foreign cultures
- The target group can be defined as universities offering courses in the first cycle in Cosmetology, Dietetics and similar.

With regard to staff mobility

- Prospective Partners are chosen after checking if their profiles are in accordance with the fields of expertise of our teachers or the scope of their international activities is such that learning their ways would help enhancing our organizational or educational skills.
- The assumptions about the geographical areas are the same as those for student mobility
- Main objectives of staff mobility are: to facilitate its professional development, provide opportunities to learn various approaches to academic education and organization of education and expose staff to foreign cultures
- The target groups are the same as those for student mobility

With regard to training

- Prospective Partners are chosen on the basis of their main profile, which should be either in Cosmetology and Dietetics
- Mostly, European countries are considered, since these are the main job markets for our graduates. Moreover, such constraint makes the activities more cost-efficient
- The target group can be defined as beauty salons, resorts and spas, beauty and fitness centers, hospitals, which could provide challenging projects strongly related to the professional education and expected expertise of our students and, on the other hand, benefit directly from the projects completed by our students.

The main objective of training activities is to expose students to the international work environment and help them to gain professional experience in their field of studies.

Silesian Medical College in Katowice aspire to implement international cooperation projects in teaching and training, our Institution will undertake the following actions.

With regard to student mobility:

- prepare new offer of courses available in English
- prepare descriptions of courses in English, in accordance with the national qualifications framework for higher education and make them available online
- improve close cooperation with our current partners,
- increase the number of students from EU and non-EU countries
- develop and implement cross-border educational programmes for students
- make new contacts with universities from Europe and Asia

With regard to staff mobility

- implement cross-border educational programmes for academic teacher staff to improve the quality of educational services
- prepare courses for non-teacher academic staff
- improve close cooperation with our current partners,
- make new contacts with universities from Europe and Asia

With regard to training

- increase the number of agreements for students placement
- increase the number of students taking part in students placement
- improve quality of students placement