

## ***Erasmus Policy Statement***

The University of Applied Sciences Lavoslav Ružička in Vukovar (VEVU) will fully support and encourage both teaching and student mobility as well as cooperation projects within the framework of the Programme. Our acquisition activities will focus on English-speaking countries, German-speaking countries and Eastern Europe. Students and staff will be well prepared for mobility to the EU countries through English and German language courses that are taught at VEVU. For the most Eastern European countries that are not part of the EU, our staff and students can easily cross the language barrier due to similarities to Croatian language.

The aim of VEVU is to develop mobility activities and cooperation projects at all three departments: Physiotherapy, Administration, and Commerce. The goal is to acquire partner institutions which offer programmes in these specific fields. VEVU will encourage students to do their work placements abroad in order to acquire skills which they can later implement in their work.

The important objectives and target groups of our mobile activities in the first cycle are:

- improving the education quality and training by adopting curricula to current needs and by monitoring education and training process;
- increasing mobility (students, staff) to transfer knowledge and education systems;
- development of multilateral projects with the emphasis on education of specialists by modernization of curricula adapted to continuously changing economic conditions.

VEVU is currently in the process of developing the Physiotherapy Master programme. After this is established, we hope to participate in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees.

The University of Applied Sciences Lavoslav Ružička in Vukovar (VEVU) hopes to develop a successful participation in the European and international cooperation projects under the Programme. VEVU is open for all aspects of the European and international cooperation. We plan to establish a special committee for the European and international cooperation with independent units on each Department of VEVU. VEVU will fully support any student and staff participating in a given project and raise awareness within the academic community and beyond of the project results.

VEVU will implement the following measures in order to ensure the modernisation and internalisation agenda in higher education:

- screening of students who wish to study abroad according to academic criteria;
- all work completed abroad will be individually reviewed and evaluated;
- the ECTS credit system will be fully implemented;
- presentations of partner universities and information sessions on study abroad will take place regularly;
- focus on specialization in important fields of knowledge (facilitating mobility of students in the form of "bridging courses" – realization of educational specialized programmes in HEIs from various EU countries);



- organization of mobility on the highest possible levels;
- care for quality of education process – horizontal and vertical equalization of education levels – progressive widening of knowledge in given field of knowledge.

All the activities within the Programme will be made visible by issuing promotional booklet including information on cooperation activities and emphasizing the important role of the Programme at VEVU.

VEVU will work towards achieving the objectives by participating in student and staff mobility within the EU and Eastern European non-EU countries, strategic partnerships, knowledge alliances, capacity building with neighbouring countries. The staff and student mobility as well as cooperation will be the central elements of the University's policy.