

In the period from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2023, the Wroclaw University of Economics and Business (hereafter referred to as the UEW) implemented the Erasmus project, Action KA107 – Mobility of students and university staff with partner countries. The project was implemented with the following countries: Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Japan and Canada. The cooperation with the Russian Federation, planned in the application, was entirely suspended after the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, in February 2022. There was no interest in continuing cooperation with Belarus. The outbreaks of the pandemic in the spring of 2020, followed by the long-lasting lockdown, and of the war in Ukraine in the spring of 2022 had an adverse impact on the extent of the project execution. The UEW together with partner universities implemented the project for the following mobilities: SMS – five incoming participants, STA – nine participants, including five incoming and four outgoing participants, and STT – seven participants, all of them incoming. The selection of partner universities was based on the existing scientific and teaching cooperation between the universities enrolled in the project and the desire to diversify cooperation with new countries. The profile of all selected universities corresponds to that of the UEW, which undertakes activities for sustainable development not only with member countries of the European Union, but also with partner countries. The UEW acted as the coordinator of the project at all stages of its implementation (application, implementation, ongoing monitoring, recording in the Mobility Tool system, financial handling, reporting and dissemination of results). The aim of the project with regard to incoming students was to provide them with access to international mobility and to enable them to carry out a part of their studies abroad, which translated directly into a better preparation of academic youth to take up the challenges of socio-economic changes in modern Europe, taking into account social justice and respect for the cultural distinctiveness of partner countries with a simultaneous sense of their own identity, and strengthening the ability to actively function in the European social and economic space. The aim of the project with regard to outgoing and incoming academics was to enable them to come into contact with the academic environment at partner universities, acquire new experience related to the teaching process, develop their own skills and make better use of their own research and teaching potential, and give a European dimension to their work with students. The purpose of the project with regard to STT-type mobility staff was to become familiar with good practices in place at partner universities, exchange experiences and carry out tasks with an effective use of human potential, realize the message of “lifelong learning”, come into contact with the process of developing one’s own skills and transfer the acquired experience to the home university. The implementation of the project was in line with the basic assumptions of the internationalization strategy of the UEW, including the promotion of international

activity in the field of student and academic staff exchange, the promotion of international activity and achievements of research and teaching staff, and the creation of an image of the UEW as a modern university operating within the European scientific and teaching space. The implementation of the project also stood in full compliance with the internationalization policy of universities from partner countries, permanently inscribed in their visions, missions and development strategies. The project was implemented in accordance with the basic principles of the ECHE charter, in accordance with the principle of equal treatment of project participants and with the establishment of transparent recruitment rules, ongoing monitoring of mobility and constant contact between all participating universities. The implementation of the project had a direct impact on the intensification of international exchange of students and staff of all participating universities and on the development of the educational offer at all levels of education and in various forms of study. The completion of the project resulted also in an increase in international activity in the field of scientific research, increased participation of universities from partner countries in European research projects and programmes, expansion of international cooperation in the field of exchange of scientific personnel and promotion of international activity and achievements of students and staff of universities. The implementation of similar European projects creates an image of the participating universities as modern higher education institutions firmly embedded in the European and global scientific and didactic space, which affects the quality of cooperation of these universities not only with the immediate economic and social environment, but also with universities and scientific centres in the world.