

POLYTECHNIC NIKOLA TESLA IN GOSPIĆ – ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT - ERASMUS+ 2014/2021

D. Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)

The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission. Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees. (max. 5000 characters)

The University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić was founded in 2006 with the establishment and execution of professional studies in social and technical sciences and humanities for a period of three years, i.e. six (6) semesters and consists of three departments.

From the very start the international cooperation has been recognized as one of the most important elements of the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla", with its rapid development of higher education stressing the need for professional training of the staff who are essential for the sustainability of the Croatian economy. The University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić seeks to further enrichment of its international cooperation in order to emphasize this goal as part of its strategic plan for 2012-2017 as follows: "The University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" is actively involved within the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area by motivating internal and external mobility of teachers and students."

In order to facilitate the mobility of students and the staff, the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić established in 2014 the Committee for international cooperation with independent units at each department, a coordinator and Vice Dean for Development and Cooperation. Until now, the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" has signed five agreements, thus trying to ensure a sufficiently broad range of higher education institutions in the EU which might be interesting for our students.

The experience of students from other institutions who have already used the opportunity to study abroad or carry out their internships, assure us in their multiple positivity, while the knowledge acquired helps them to improve their foreign language skills, as well as social and communication skills. Our professors and scientists would also get a valuable opportunity to experience themselves the academic life and practice abroad, which will enable them to combine international practices with their own and possibly implement best practices in their own curricula. The aim is to identify possible new partners, which means finding those higher education institutions that perform similar study programmes like those organized at the the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić, and this facilitates the mobility of both staff and students. Currently, the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić has developed the strongest links with institutions in Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić has invested great efforts to promote equal opportunities for all its students and teachers, which implies the extinction of any kind of discrimination.

Please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. If not applicable, please explain (max. 2000 characters)

The main objective of the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" is raising the quality of teaching and research activities, participation in research projects, both national and international, to strengthen inter-institutional cooperation at home and abroad with higher education and research institutions as well as with economic operators, the achievement of excellence and recognition at the level of higher professional institutions in the Republic of Croatia, where there is the development strategy of professional and research activities at the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić. All professional studies are aligned with the Bologna process. As a new member of the EU, Croatia has devoted its efforts to educate and train young professionals capable of performing tasks and services that require a large labor market in the EU.

http://www.velegs-nikolatesla.hr/pravilnici/strategija_razvoja_si.pdf

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Erasmus+ Programme on the modernisation of your institution. Please refer to each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda *and explain which are the policy objectives you intend to pursue.(max. 3000 characters)

The University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić strives to become an active, mobile, modern, highly professional and equal participant of the EU activities and programmes.

1.– Increasing attainment levels to provide the graduates and researchers Europe needs

The University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić has developed and implemented professional study programmes and activities not only in Gospić, but also implemented redeployed professional studies to reach those students who aren't able to enrol its studies in Gospić. Regardless to different locations of performing the study programmes, the aim is to provide equal study conditions and level of quality to all its students.

2.– In order to improve the quality and relevance of HE, the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić adopts a series of documents and implements Internal Quality Assurance System for assuring and maintaining the quality in all spheres of activity.

3.– Strengthening quality through mobility and cross-border cooperation

To improve the quality of studies and to give equal opportunities for learning, personal development, competitiveness and employability, the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić supports internationalisation and encourages students and staff in mobility for learning and training.

4. – Linking HE, research and business for excellence and regional development

An improvement and development of different activities in a close cooperation with the business sector, other HE institutions and research projects will provide the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić with excellence in transfer of knowledge and practical skills.

5.– Improving governance and funding

The excellence in knowledge and skills, transfer of knowledge and interactive relations with the economic subjects in line with the systematic, sustainable development through implementation of modern technology in higher education require development and strengthening of the financial resources provided by the government funds, projects realized through the cooperation with business sector and the European programmes for mobility and

a lifetime education of students and employees, but also scientific and professional European projects realized through the cooperation with the present and future European and non-European University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla"'s bilateral partners.

The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) and the Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS) will be available in English via link from the website of the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla". A reference to ECHE will be provided in public relations materials. An equal attention will be given to EPS by promoting its strategic goals among students and staff. Due to ECHE the University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla" in Gospić has been given an inappreciable opportunity to further develop the quality and standard of its studies.

The Polytechnic "Nikola Tesla "in Gospić
Dean



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NOTE:

The Erasmus Policy Statement that we completed when applying for obtaining the Charter contains the following name of the Institution in English: **University of Applied Sciences "Nikola Tesla " in Gospić**, but in the meantime there has been a change of the name of the institution in English, which is as follows: **Polytechnic Nikola Tesla in Gospić**.

- Document the name of the institution in English, which reads: Polytechnic NikolaTesla in Gospic. [\(LINK\)](#)