**Erasmus+ Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)**

The priority of Warsaw School of Tourism and Hospitality Management is to offer an education that meets the highest European standards. In order to do so students must have the opportunity to have contact with people from different countries and cultures. Of course the best way of doing this is having the opportunity of learning in a foreign country.

The university chooses its partners from a large network of partner universities supported by European Union. WSTHM has bi-lateral agreements with 11 universities under Erasmus+ programme. It also has experience in hosting international students from non-participating countries; Belarus and Ukraine.

Another goal of WSTHM is to provide a strong base from which students will be able to pursue an international career in hospitality and tourism. This includes international skills and knowledge of European and international connections. Ultimately, employers in the region will benefit from the skills of their staff.

The main programme strategies are:

• Mobility activities for student, lecturers and staff

• Internalization

• Internationally oriented curricula

• International projects

The most important objectives and target groups for the University mobility activities are:

• Full-time bachelor's degree students:

Strategic aim is to maintain and improve those mobility activities by supporting internships abroad.

•Part -time bachelor's and master's degree students:

The Schools plans to offer Short Term Programmes to other countries.

•Staff and lecturer mobility

Improvement of mobility of teachers in the framework of agreed training projects.

•Double degrees:

Cooperation in the study programs of the students enrolled in participant university which shall imply the drawing up of common study programs aiming at joint degrees

The School strategy mainly focuses on mobility activities for students, staff and lecturers as well as on oriented curricula and on internationalization at home.

Apart from activities focused on mobility, WSTHM is also highly interested in developing closer ties with selected partners through joined study programmes and research.

WSTHM plans to contribute to the European Union's modernization and internationalization agenda by maintaining what has been achieved and by improving the quality of higher education. The school will support actions aiming at increasing access to social dimension in higher education through the creation of flexible learning paths for part-time students and students with demanding family responsibilities. The school will increase geographical and inter-sectoral mobility and will adapt their courses and teaching so they are suitable for an international classroom, with both international and home students. The university will intensify the links between education, research and business on an international level in order to increase the number of higher education graduates meeting the needs of the business world and society. The university also intends to develop closer ties with selected partners, trough double or joint degree arrangements and teaching and non- teaching staff mobility. All learning, teaching or training visits abroad will be integrated into students' and staffs work load for the year and if necessary, extra funding from WSTHM own sources will supplement Erasmus+ grants.