

Our University's education policy is based on mobility and international cooperation. It was given written form in section 2, paragraph 8 of the University of Applied Police Sciences Act (Gesetz über die Hochschule der Sächsischen Polizei Rothenburg (FH) (Sächsisches Polizeifachhochschulgesetz – SächsPolFHG) vom 24. Mai 1994, rechtsbereinigt mit Stand vom 1. Januar 2013), which may be amended from time to time.

Since its foundation in 1994, the University of Applied Police Sciences has been continuously pursuing its aim of improving its subject-oriented strategy of internationalization. The core of this strategy is based on an orientation towards police sciences and focuses on specialization and interactions as well as practically embedded and reflexive research methods of the complete range of teaching and research programmes offered.

For many years, the University of Applied Police Sciences has been cultivating the international relationships with programme and partner countries, especially with its Eastern European partners in higher scientific education, among them the Republic of Poland and the Czech Republic. The international scope of the University of Applied Police Sciences for the preparation of negotiations about exchange and cooperation agreements with selected universities is continuously broadened, linked with the aim of the possibilities' active and mutual use. This also applies to negotiations with universities outside the European Union. Currently, pre-negotiations for the conclusion of a cooperation agreement with a Ukrainian university in Lviv are conducted.

Selection of Partners: Our lecturers are members of various associations and committees and therefore actively involved in the processes regarding international research. These networks are the fundament of the selection of suitable partners in order to establish a bilateral and technical and, in the same way, successful cooperation. The following criteria are essential for our selection decisions: The research profile of the academic partner institutions as well as each partner's desire to extend the courses of study to include new academic contents according to the agreed-upon main areas of research. Thus, the mobility of our staff ensures the quality of lectures, which, as a consequence, become a valuable enlargement of content and technical knowledge for our students. The common interests allow the universities to cooperate in scientific research projects.

The geographical focus of scientific cooperation between the universities is currently directed at Eastern, South Eastern and Western Europe. It is unquestionable that the international cooperation revolves around the European partner universities and cooperation based project work. However, we also strive for increasing the quality of research and courses through international exchange between partner universities which also teach police sciences.

According to the programme's Key Action 1 (KA1), the mobility of students and staff is supposed to improve the quality of research and courses and also give foreign students the possibility to participate in scientific training and formative processes at the University of Applied Police Sciences. Based on good experiences in the past, this kind of cooperation in the fields of language, criminology and jurisprudence shall be intensified in the future with partners in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic and the Republic of Poland, among others.

The proposed common implementation of forward-looking and innovative projects of academic cooperation, which are realized together with our international partners within the scope of Key Action 2 (KA2), aim at the development of global and universal approaches to cope with the new challenges and tasks of the Saxon Police Service. These challenges affect the whole society and we therefore strive for a qualitative and quantitative extension of our activities in the future.