



ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EN)

The Main School of Service (SGSP) is a university, academic and state university supervised by the Minister of the Interior and Administration, educating the officers of the State Fire Service, as well as officers of other public services. Civilians receive education in the field of safety engineering and civil protection. SGSP is entitled to confer doctoral degree in the discipline of environmental engineering, mining and power engineering (from 2016) and in the discipline of security sciences (from 2017). In turn, the university's tasks as an organizational unit of the State Fire Service include participating in rescue operations during fires, natural disasters or liquidation of emergency places. Since October 1, 2019, i.e. since the entry into force of the Act on Higher Education and Science (the so-called Act 2.0), the Faculty of Safety Engineering and Civil Protection operates as the crucial organizational unit of the university.

SGSP carries out tasks for the safety and protection of the population and is a leading unit in the field of safety engineering in the field of fire safety and civil security. Is a leader of postgraduate education in the field of civil and fire safety. The position developed on the educational services market in the country has influenced the development of international cooperation programs and the implementation of international research and development projects in recent decades. The history of the Erasmus Program at SGSP is almost a 10-year period. The university received the first Erasmus Charter (EUC) in December 2010, a year later the extended charter (EUCX), enabling the organization of foreign internships. The ECHE Charter was obtained in 2014. The university implements all types of mobility: SMS, SMP, STA, STT, including the arrival of experts from foreign enterprises. SGSP has signed interinstitutional agreements with numerous universities in Europe, whose curriculum corresponds with ours. These are universities from 16 different European programme countries, i.e. from Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey, Hungary, the United Kingdom, Northern Macedonia and since January 2019, also from Serbia.

It should be emphasized that SGSP is one of the founders and since 2014 co-creates a unique consortium of public services universities on a national scale (KONSMUND). From the beginning, the consortium leader was the National Defense Academy (currently: the War Studies University). As part of the consortium, SM and ST mobility are implemented. It is worth emphasizing the fact that SGSP extends its Erasmus cooperation with cooperation with partner countries (KA 107). This cooperation, under KA107, dates back to the beginning of the Erasmus+ program. The cooperation takes place with universities in Belarus (University of Civil Protection of the Ministry of Situations of the Republic of Belarus), in Kosovo (Kosovo Academy of Public Services), in Ukraine (Lviv State university of Life Safety and Cherkasy Institute of Fire Safety named after Chernobyl Heroes of National University of Civil Defense of Ukraine), as well as with Serbia (University in Nis), until becoming a program country in 2019 r. Currently, cooperation is being developed with a university in Uzbekistan and another university in Kosovo.

SGSP cooperates with many foreign higher education institutions in the area of fire and civil (safety, civil protection) management in emergency situations or crisis situations. Currently SGSP



implements international cooperation in 17 different projects financed from EU funds in the area of security and civil protection as a partner in the consortium. These include EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Crisis Management. Strategic partnership.

The Erasmus + program is centrally supervised by the Institutional Erasmus+ Coordinator. This function was distinguished from the organizational structure of the university by the Rector-Commander in January 2017. The Institutional Coordinator carries out the tasks of the E+ Program in cooperation with the Faculty E+ Coordinator. This goal is achieved through the following activities:

- expanding the didactic offer under international agreements and arrangements;
- increasing the mobility of students and employees of the University by promoting didactic and training mobilities, apprenticeships, internships and recognizing these activities in the career path
- participation in various international projects, study visits, seminars and international conferences in order to develop joint diplomas and study programs and meet new partners.
- developing new forms of cooperation through mobility with partner countries (KA107)
- ensuring the smooth functioning of ECTS, recognition of other achievements and qualifications through the European Qualifications Framework
- Extending the education offer in English addressed to Erasmus students
- SGSP is ready to continue implementing digital tools, including the Erasmus Without Paper policy. The university also has experience in the field of distance learning, developed even more intensively during a pandemic.
- Students who implemented their E + mobility are included in the promotion of the E+ program. These volunteers form the buddy system.
- There is an intention to intensify the promotion of participation in the program by former program beneficiaries, ie. both academic and administrative staff. SGSP plans to create an STT / STA buddy system, i.e. even more systematize support for employee mobility.

The promotion of innovation, exchange of experience and know-how between universities in the related education program is emphasized in the EPS and the University's Internationalization Strategy. Therefore, the university aims to participate in strategic partnerships (so far SGSP participated in such a project once), as well as in projects in the field of capacity building in higher education, using an extensive network of contacts. The SGSP Strategy (Annex to Resolution No. 33/06/16 dated 29.06.16) emphasizes that the university's goal is to internationalize its curricula, which is related to delivering courses also in English. The university's priority is research for the Ministry of Interior and Administration, KG PSP (*the National Headquarters of the State Fire Service*) and other domestic and foreign institutions that work for security. The effect of these activities is the implementation of the latest scientific achievements in the field of technology, operational tactics, command at all levels, crisis management, decision support in the area of citizen security. One of the most important priorities of the university's strategy is the activation of academic teachers in the area of scientific research and innovation of didactic content resulting from the progress and development of knowledge. An important priority of the strategy is the



development of various forms of electronic support for university management. Areas that require such forms are didactic classes, student service, document flow. In July 2017, SGSP implemented eDok (electronic Document Flow). An important element of university management is the management of education quality, continuous improvement of teaching methods, including distance education.

SGSP supports actions for environmental protection, there is full support for the idea of "Erasmus without paper". It should be emphasized that the university supports the European Student Card initiative. SGSP has the procedure of awarding ECTS points to new subjects approved by the university authorities. The academic community is characterized by great openness and people from abroad (both students and employees) are invariably integrated in the SGSP academic environment. The university attaches great importance to cooperation with universities from partner countries and has created the joint studies with foreign partners, i.e. with the Cherkassy Fire Safety Institute (at the first degree) and the State Institute of Life Safety in Lviv (at the second degree).

It is planned to increase the mobility of academic teachers on the European education and research market. SGSP's participation in international programs and projects is expected to increase significantly, in particular in research projects in the H2020 area. Promoting universities has and will continue to take place through membership in international organizations, in particular in organizations gathering training institutions. And also through the conclusion of multilateral cooperation agreements with foreign institutions and participation in various international ventures. In relation to the SGSP Strategy, the Erasmus Strategy assumes an increase in international scientific exchange and an increase in the university's participation in international research projects. It should be emphasized that the result of such cooperation to date E+ are joint publications of academic teachers from SGSP with teachers from the Universities of Niš (Serbia) and the University of Aalto (Finland) and Ostrava Technical University. As regards education, it is planned to intensify student exchanges and develop educational offer for foreign students, as well as exchange knowledge and experience in order to build strategic partnerships and build the potential of higher education in the key area of security.