

# INTERNATIONAL ERASMUS+ GUIDELINES

Easy guide dedicated for incoming Students, PhD and Staff to help navigate your Erasmus+ journey at the AGH University of Krakow



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*Broaden your horizons*  
with Erasmus+ at AGH University



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# Greetings From Our Vice-Rector for Cooperation

## Dear Erasmus+ enthusiasts!

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I extend my warmest greetings to you as you embark on your journey into the Erasmus+ Programme here at the AGH University of Krakow. As the Vice-Rector for Cooperation at the AGH University of Krakow, I am honoured to welcome you to our esteemed academic community.

The Erasmus+ Programme offers an unparalleled opportunity for cultural exchange, academic enrichment, and personal growth. Whether you are joining us from near or far, your decision to participate in this Programme demonstrates your commitment to broadening your horizons and embracing new experiences.

At AGH University of Krakow, we are dedicated to providing a supportive and inclusive environment where students from all backgrounds can thrive. As you immerse yourself in our campus culture, I encourage you to engage fully in the academic, social, and extracurricular opportunities available to you. Embrace diversity, cultivate friendships, and seize every opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills.

I have no doubt that your time with us will be transformative, both academically and personally. Through your participation

in the Erasmus+ Programme, you will gain invaluable insights, forge lifelong connections, and leave a lasting impact on our community.

As you embark on this exciting journey, know that you have our full support and encouragement every step of the way. Our faculty, staff, and fellow students are here to help you succeed and make the most of your time with us.

Once again, welcome to AGH University of Krakow. I hope that your experience in the Erasmus+ Programme will be filled with adventure, discovery, and countless memories to cherish for years to come.

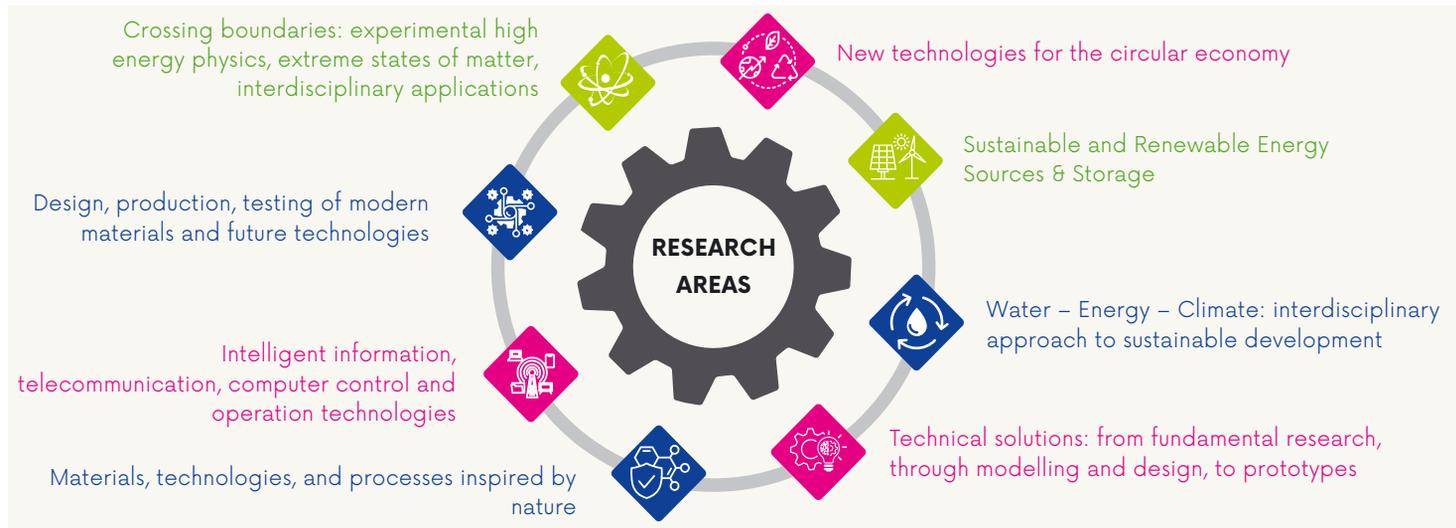
Warm regards,  
prof. dr hab. inż. Rafał Wiśniowski  
Vice-Rector for Cooperation  
AGH University of Krakow



## About AGH University

AGH University of Krakow was founded in 1919 and has since become one of the leading universities in Poland and Europe, particularly in the fields of science, engineering, and technology. In international rankings, AGH University regularly ranks first among Polish technical universities. It is one of 10 higher education institutions in Poland with the status of a research university. The university is actively engaged in international cooperation and has established partnerships with universities and research institutions around the world. AGH University participates in various student exchange programmes, joint

research projects, and international conferences, providing students and faculty members with opportunities to collaborate with colleagues and partners from different countries.



# AGH University in Numbers



## 1st place among Polish Technical Universities

- CWUR – World University Rankings 2024
- CWTS Leiden Ranking 2024
- Nature Index 2024 (Physical Science)
- University Ranking by Academic Performance 2023-2024
- Webometrics 2024
- US News Best Global Universities 2024-2025
- Scimago Institutions Rankings



## 2nd place among Polish Technical Universities

- "Perspektywy" University Ranking 2024
- ARWU – Shanghai Ranking 2024



## 2nd place among Polish Universities (Country Rank):

- Nature Index 2024
- Webometrics 2024



## 150th place in Europe

- CWTS Leiden Ranking 2024



## 506th place in the World

- CWTS Leiden Ranking 2024



## Millionaires Ranking 2020 by Pracownia 2033

- A total of 11 AGH University graduates have accumulated fortunes in excess of 100 million euros.

## STUDENTS

as of 31 December 2023



**18,887** Total Students



**18,074** Bachelor and Master students



**813** doctoral students



**140** Student Research Clubs



**31** student organisations



approx. **32** sports sections

## FACULTIES AND UNITS



**17** Faculties



**7** Auxiliary Units for Research and Education



AGH Doctoral School

## PROGRAM STUDY & FACILITY



**81** fields of study



**25** degree programs in English (Bachelor & Master)



**800** well-equipped laboratories

# 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Erasmus+ at AGH University

The Erasmus+ Programme has been a transformative force for the past 25 years at AGH University of Krakow. Since its inception, it has offered countless students the opportunity to broaden their horizons, immerse themselves in new cultures, and enhance their academic and personal growth through international exchange. At AGH University, the Erasmus+ experience is more than just studying abroad; it's about fostering global citizenship and understanding.



**Julian Golik**

Erasmus+ (KA171) Student Mobility from Colorado School of Mines, USA

*Studying and taking university courses has never been this fun before, with all the opportunities and friends that I can go out and do things with between classes. On Erasmus+ everyone is just as eager to make new friends, go on adventures, have new experiences, try different foods and languages, and learn about the world through traveling. I have also been able to develop my skills academically, professionally, and personally. I highly recommend studying abroad for at least one semester, and the Erasmus+ program has been a great way for me to do so.*



**Erasmus** begins as a stand-alone Programme for European cooperation and mobility which ran through two Programme phases between 1987 and 1994



**Socrates I & II**  
1995 - 2007

It becomes the higher education sectoral Programme within the broader "Socrates" Programme for education. In 1998, AGH University joins the program for the first time



**Lifelong Learning Programme**

The "Lifelong Learning" Programme succeeds Socrates I & II from 2007-2013



**Erasmus+ 2014-2020**

In 2014 the EU creates a single overarching Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport. The "+" is meant to recall that the Programme supports more sectors than just higher education sector



**Erasmus+ 2021-2027**

In this second phase, the Programme focuses on four overarching priorities; supporting the green transition, addressing the digital transformation, promoting social inclusion and diversity, fostering stronger participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement

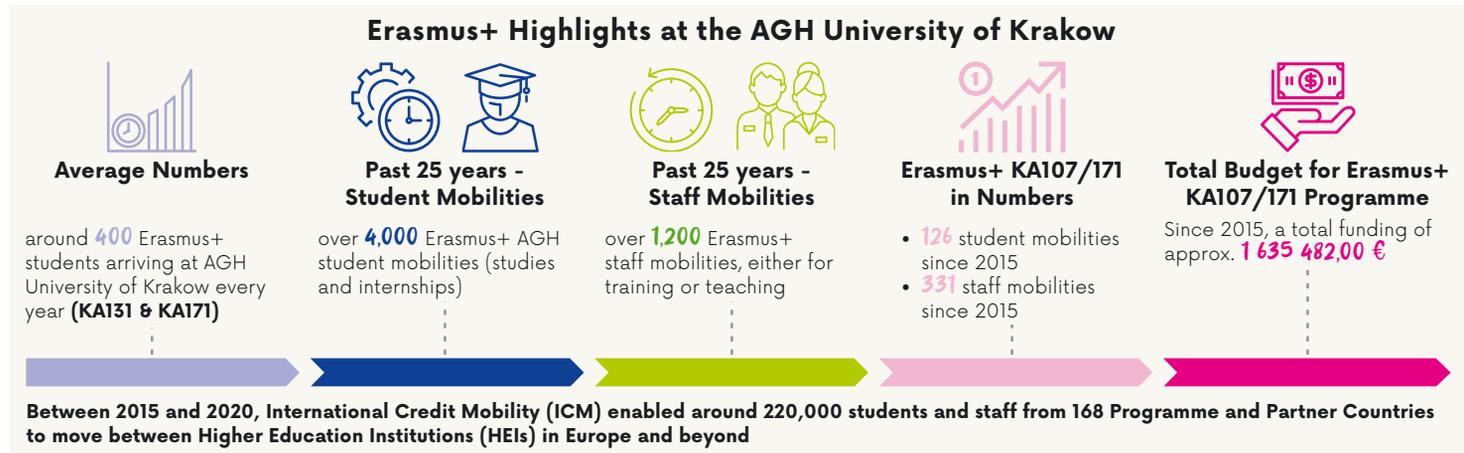


Over the past quarter-century, students from all over Europe (and beyond) have had the chance to participate in exchanges at AGH University of Krakow, gaining invaluable insights into different educational system, language, and way of life. For many students, the Erasmus+ Programme marks the beginning of a lifelong journey of international collaboration and friendship. By living and studying in a foreign country, they not only deepen their academic knowledge but also develop essential life skills such as adaptability, resilience, and cross-cultural communication.

The impact of Erasmus+ at AGH University extends far beyond the individual student experience. It has enriched the university's community as a whole, fostering a vibrant and diverse campus

environment. Through collaborations with partner institutions, AGH University has been able to enhance its academic offerings, engage in joint research projects, and promote innovation and excellence in teaching and learning. Furthermore, the Erasmus+ Programme has contributed to the internationalisation of AGH University, raising its profile on the global stage and attracting talented students and scholars from around the world. This has not only enriched the academic community but also strengthened AGH University's reputation as a leading institution in science and technology.

As we celebrate 25 years of Erasmus+ at AGH University, we reflect on the countless success stories, friendships forged, and lives changed by this remarkable program.





2021-2027

# Erasmus+ at AGH University of Krakow

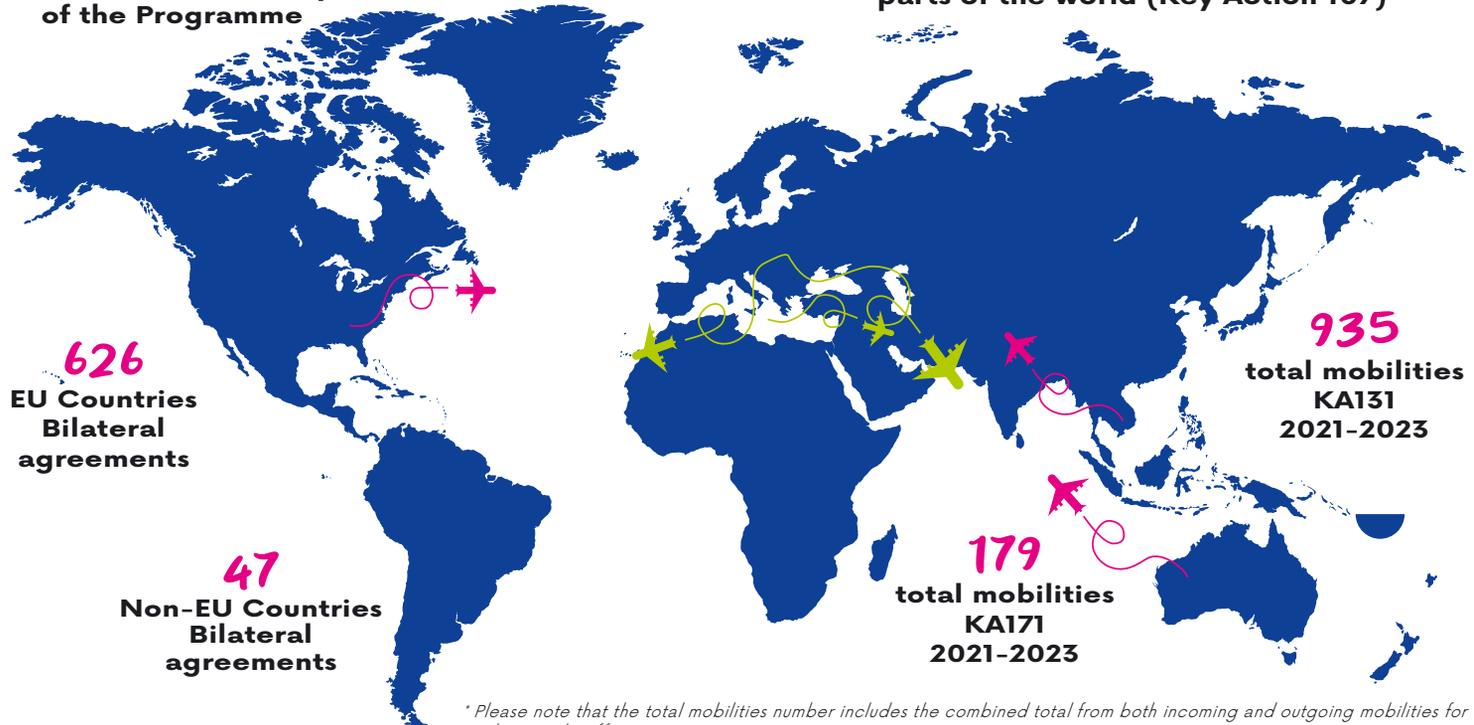
how much has been achieved

## 1998

AGH University has become a beneficiary of the Programme

## 2015

Erasmus+ Programme has been expanded to include students and staff mobility from other parts of the world (Key Action 107)



## Mobility of higher education students and staff supported by internal policy funds (KA131-HED)

The Mobility of higher education students and staff supported by internal policy funds, also known within the Erasmus+ framework as KA131-HED, is a vital component of the programme aimed at promoting international cooperation, mobility, and excellence in higher education institutions across Europe and beyond.

The KA131-HED provides funding to higher education institutions to support the mobility of both students and staff members within the institution's own internal policies. It enables universities to facilitate exchanges of students and staff members for study, teaching, training, and professional development purposes without the need for formal agreements with partner institutions.



**Margarita Christidou**

Erasmus+ (KA131) Student Mobility  
from University of Thessaly, Greece

*After spending summer semester in Krakow, I have to say I completely fell in love with the city! It was an amazing opportunity to be able to explore the culture, the food and the beauty of Poland, while studying at one of the best universities, AGH University of Krakow. Strolling around the Krakow old town and meeting people from all around the world were my favourite things to do. I'll be forever grateful for all the incredible friendships and the help I received from ESN AGH University. Coming to study in Poland, was a wonderful experience that changed me in ways I could have never imagined.*



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The KA131-HED funding enables higher education institutions to offer a wide range of opportunities for mobility, including:

- **Student Mobility** – eligible students undertake periods of study or traineeships abroad **within their own institution's network**. They have an opportunity to enrich their academic experience by studying at a different department or campus within their university, gaining exposure to diverse teaching methods, research facilities, and academic cultures.
- **Staff Mobility for Teaching** – eligible academic staff members can undertake teaching assignments at partner departments or campuses **within their institution**. This allows for the exchange of expertise, sharing of best practices, and enhancement of teaching methodologies. It also fosters collaboration between faculty members and promotes the internationalisation of the curriculum.
- **Staff Mobility for Training** – eligible non-academic



staff members, including administrative, managerial, and technical personnel, can participate in training activities **at partner departments or campuses**. This offers opportunities for professional development, skill enhancement, and knowledge exchange, ultimately contributing to the overall efficiency and effectiveness of university operations.

The Mobility of higher education students and staff supported by internal policy funds is instrumental in promoting the internationalisation of higher education institutions, fostering

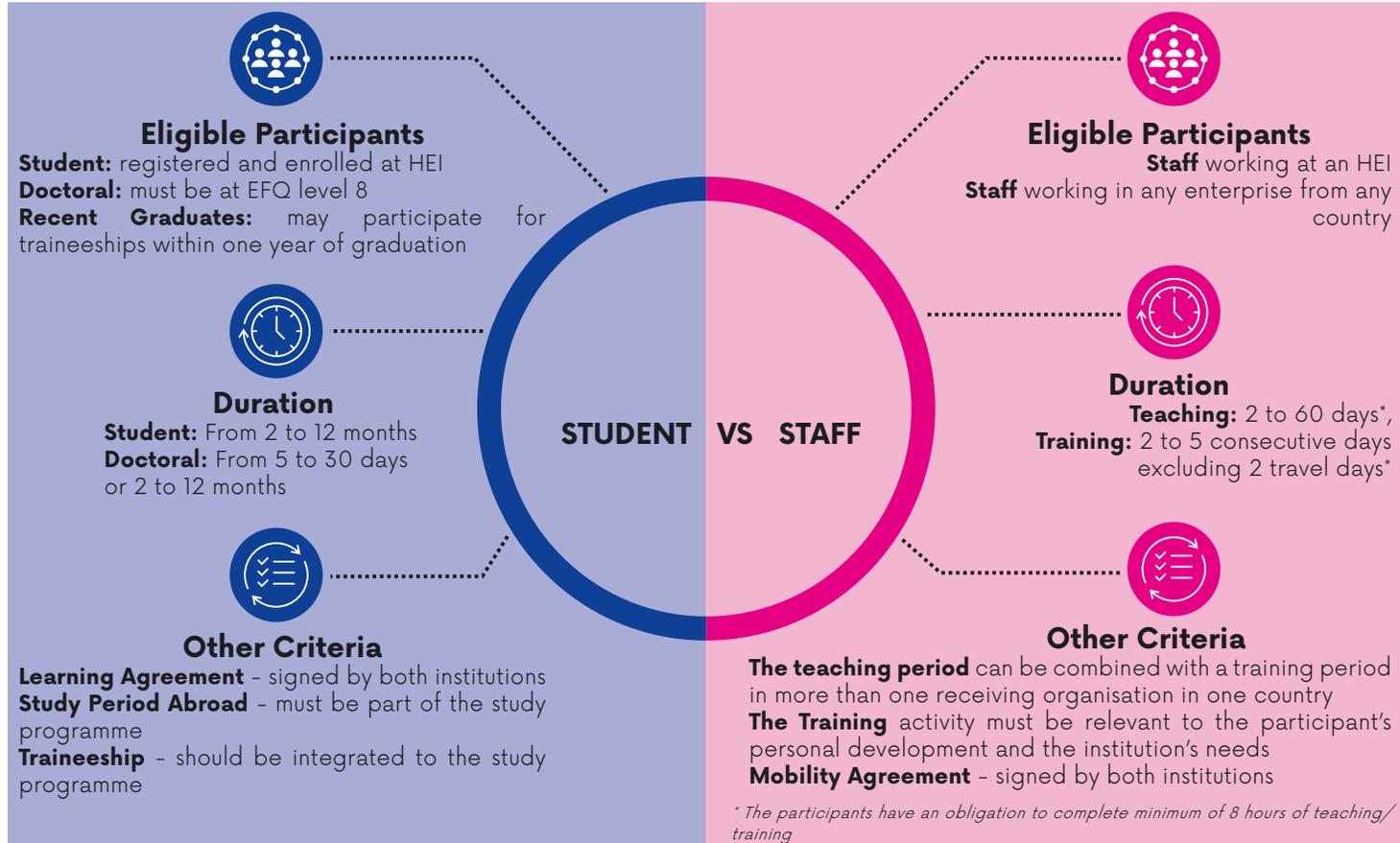
cross-cultural understanding, and enhancing the quality and relevance of academic programs and services. By investing in mobility within their own internal policies, universities can create inclusive and dynamic learning environments that prepare students and staff for success in an increasingly interconnected world.

Through KA131-HED funding, Erasmus+ continues to play a crucial role in empowering higher education institutions to embrace diversity, promote excellence, and contribute to the advancement of knowledge and innovation on a global scale.

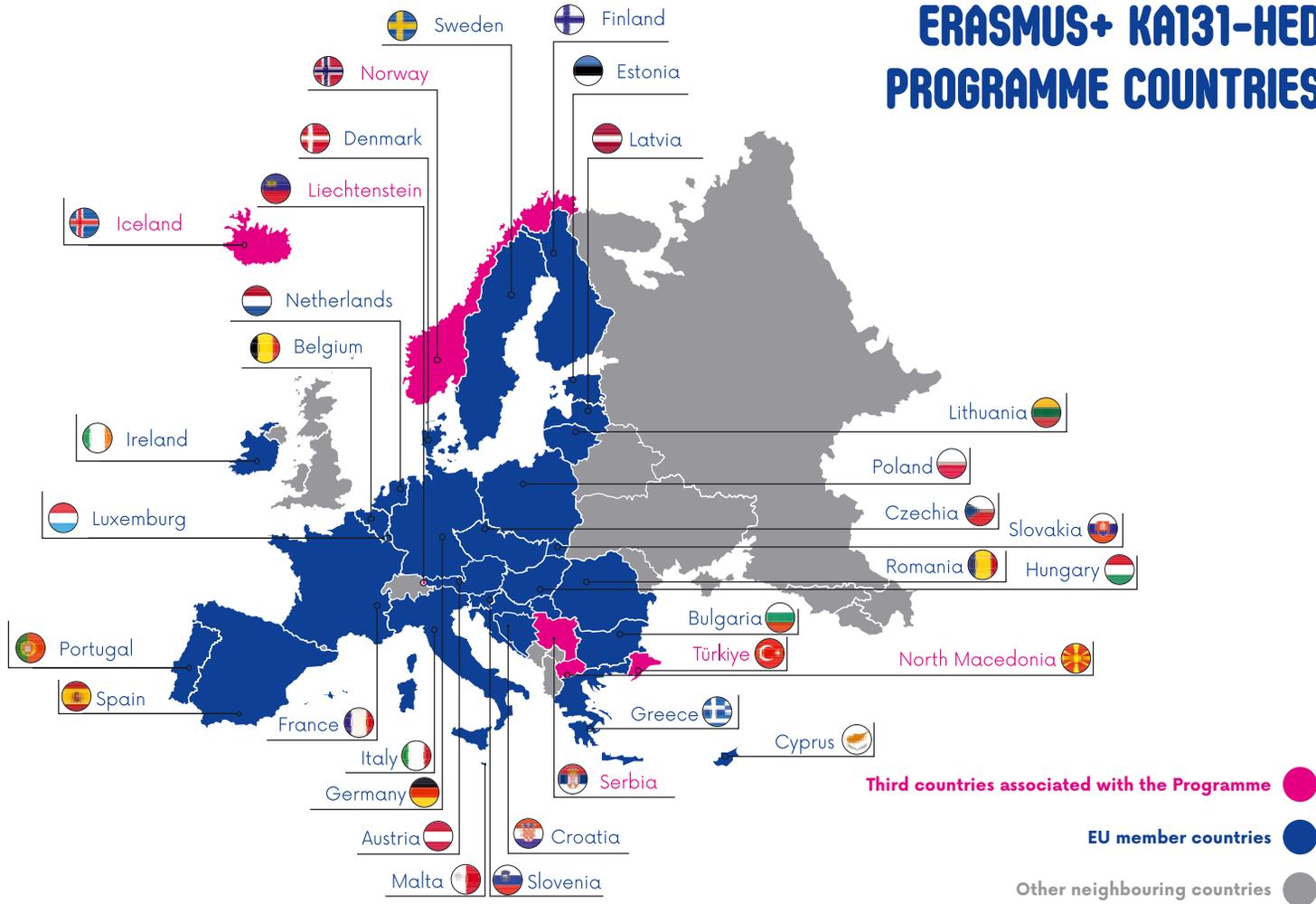


# ERASMUS+ KA131-HED

## SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR STUDENT & ACADEMIC STAFF MOBILITY



# ERASMUS+ KA131-HED PROGRAMME COUNTRIES



## Mobility of higher education students and staff supported by external policy funds (KA171-HED)

The KA171-HED (KA171) mobility of higher education students and staff supported by external policy funds projects is a vital aspect of the Erasmus+ Programme, facilitating international mobility within higher education institutions through external sources of funding. This initiative allows universities to **collaborate with external partners, such as government agencies, foundations, or private organizations, to support mobility initiatives for students and staff.**

The KA171 projects rely on external policy funds provided by governmental or non-governmental organizations, which are dedicated to promoting internationalisation, education,

or research. These funds may be allocated specifically for supporting mobility programs within higher education institutions, enabling universities to expand their international cooperation efforts.

- **Collaborative Partnerships:** Universities participating in KA171 projects often **collaborate with external partners** to design and implement mobility initiatives. This may involve working closely with government agencies, educational foundations, or industry partners to secure funding, develop mobility programs, and coordinate logistical support for participants.
- **Targeted Mobility Initiatives:** KA171 projects focus on specific target groups or thematic areas based on the priorities of the external funding sources. For example, projects may aim to support mobility for students and staff from underrepresented groups, promote mobility in specific academic disciplines or research fields, or address regional development objectives through international cooperation.
- **Enhanced Opportunities:** External policy funds enable universities to enhance the scope and scale of their mobility initiatives, providing additional resources for scholarships, travel grants, accommodation, and other support services. This allows a greater number of students and staff to participate in international mobility experiences, thereby enriching their academic, professional, and personal development.



**Qin Ying**

Erasmus+ (KA171) Student Mobility from China  
University of Mining and Technology, China

*I had a very good time with my teachers, especially with my academic supervisor. He was very patient and often cared about my study and life in Poland. Moreover, the Centre for International Affairs and Department for International Students are very warm-hearted, supportive and understanding.*



- **Impact and Sustainability:** KA171 projects contribute to the overall impact and sustainability of internationalisation efforts within higher education institutions. By leveraging external policy funds, universities can create sustainable frameworks for supporting mobility initiatives over the long term, ensuring that international cooperation remains a key priority in their institutional strategies.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Like all Erasmus+ projects, KA171 projects are subject to monitoring and evaluation to assess their effectiveness, impact, and compliance with program objectives. Universities are required to report on the outcomes of their mobility initiatives, including the number of participants, mobility destinations, and achievements in terms of learning outcomes and professional development.

Students and staff can take advantage of the opportunity of foreign exchange within the Erasmus KA171 programme. It is a development of the European Union's Erasmus+ educational programme. The programme has been implemented at AGH University since 2015. Until now 380 mobilities have been carried out under the programme including 88 student mobilities and 292 staff mobilities.



**Erika Lule**

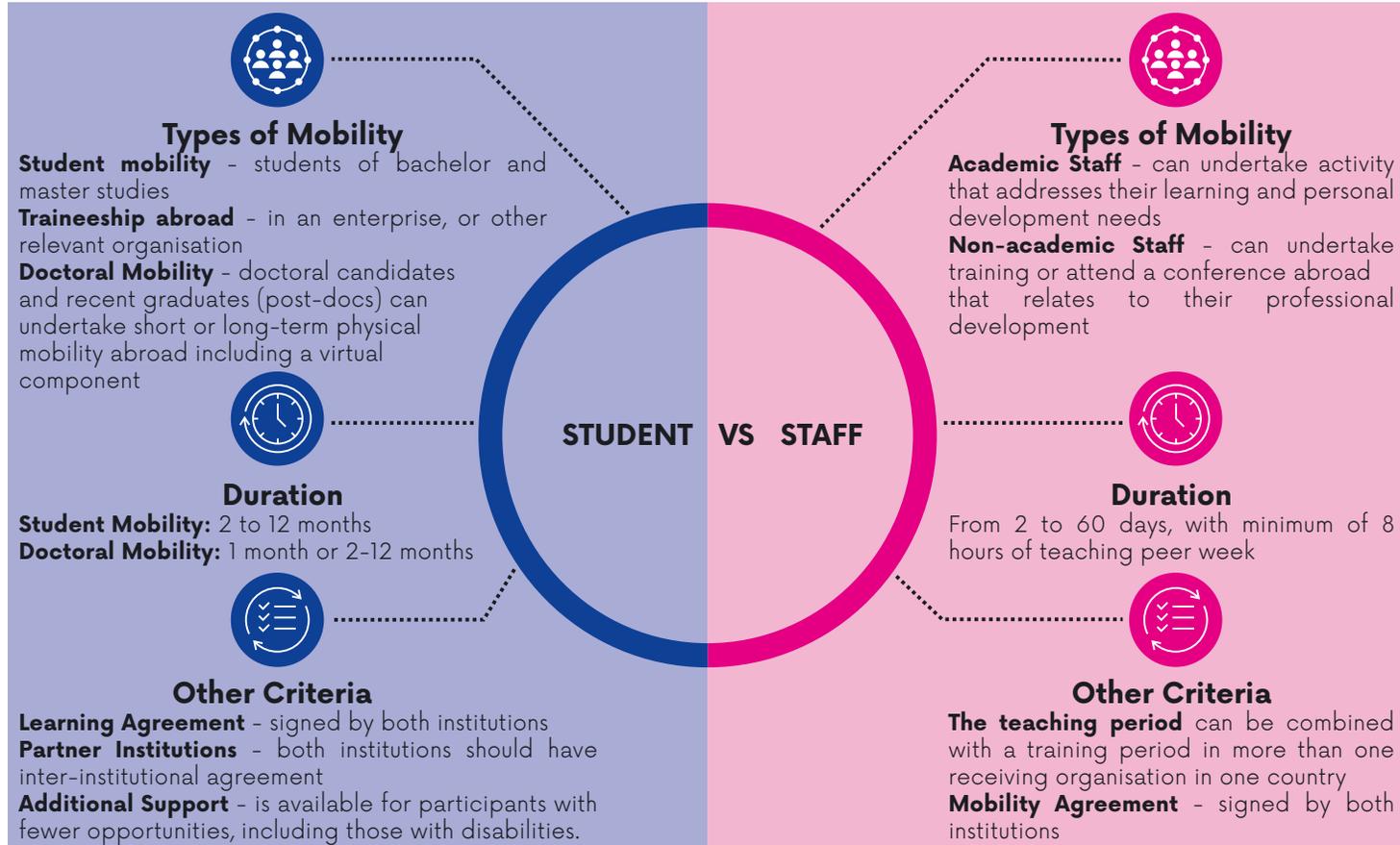
Erasmus+ (KA171) Student Mobility from  
Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania



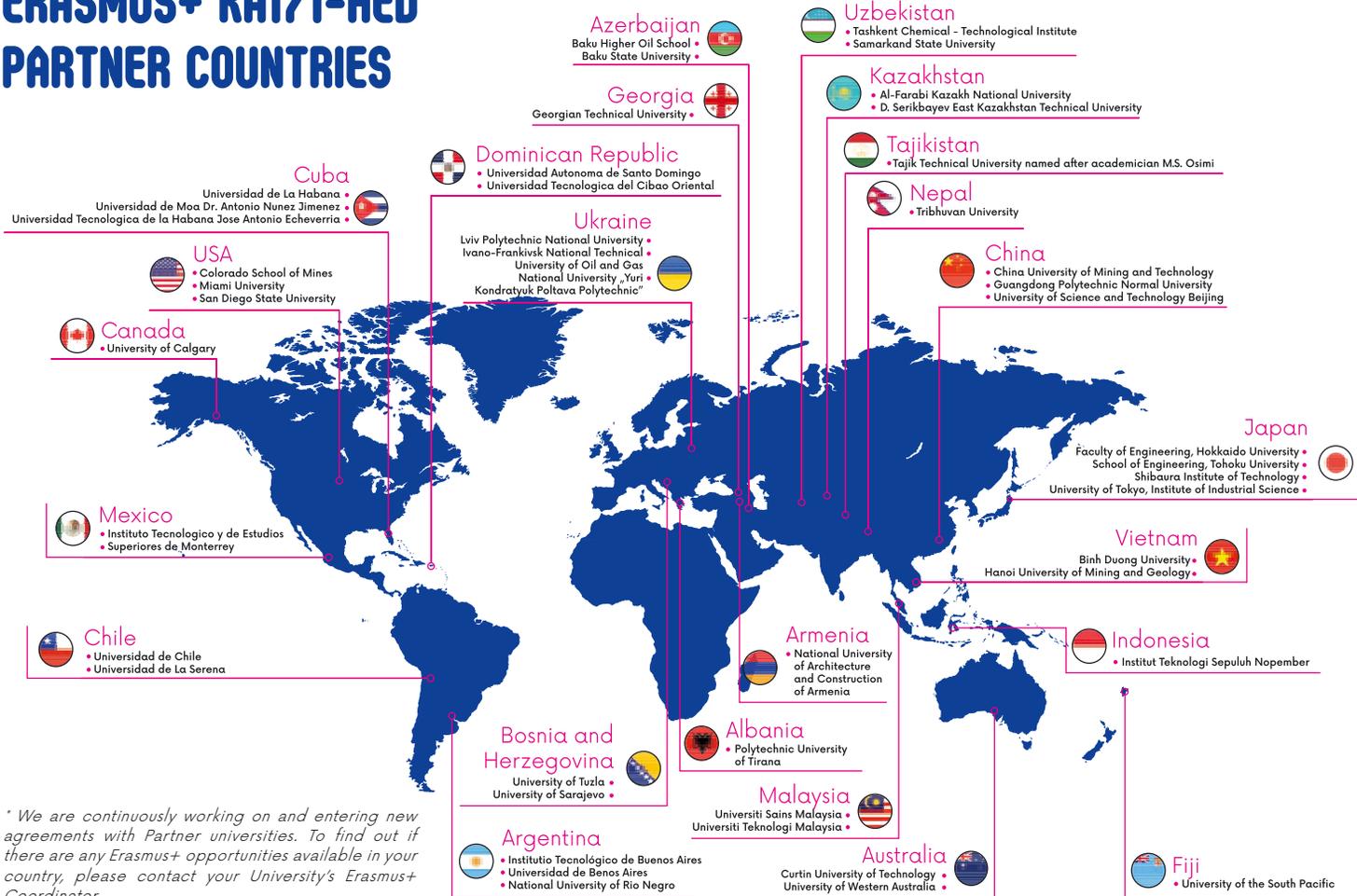
*The AGH University campus is very large with a variety of laboratories and digital classrooms where everyone has the opportunity to develop their skills. I say with conviction that my experience with Erasmus+ at AGH University of Krakow is one of the best decisions I have made in my life. I would recommend everyone to come to AGH University of Krakow and have one of the most valuable experiences in their life. Do zobaczenia w Krakowie! (See you in Krakow).*

# ERASMUS+ KA171-HED

## SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR STUDENT & ACADEMIC STAFF MOBILITY



# ERASMUS+ KA171-HED PARTNER COUNTRIES



\* We are continuously working on and entering new agreements with Partner universities. To find out if there are any Erasmus+ opportunities available in your country, please contact your University's Erasmus+ Coordinator.

# How to Apply – Student Mobility for Erasmus+ KA131 & KA171 Programme

If you would like to visit AGH University of Krakow (PL KRAKOW02) as part of one of the Erasmus+ Student mobility Programmes (KA131 or KA171), here are the steps you need to follow:

## Deadlines!



Before Mobility During Mobility After Mobility

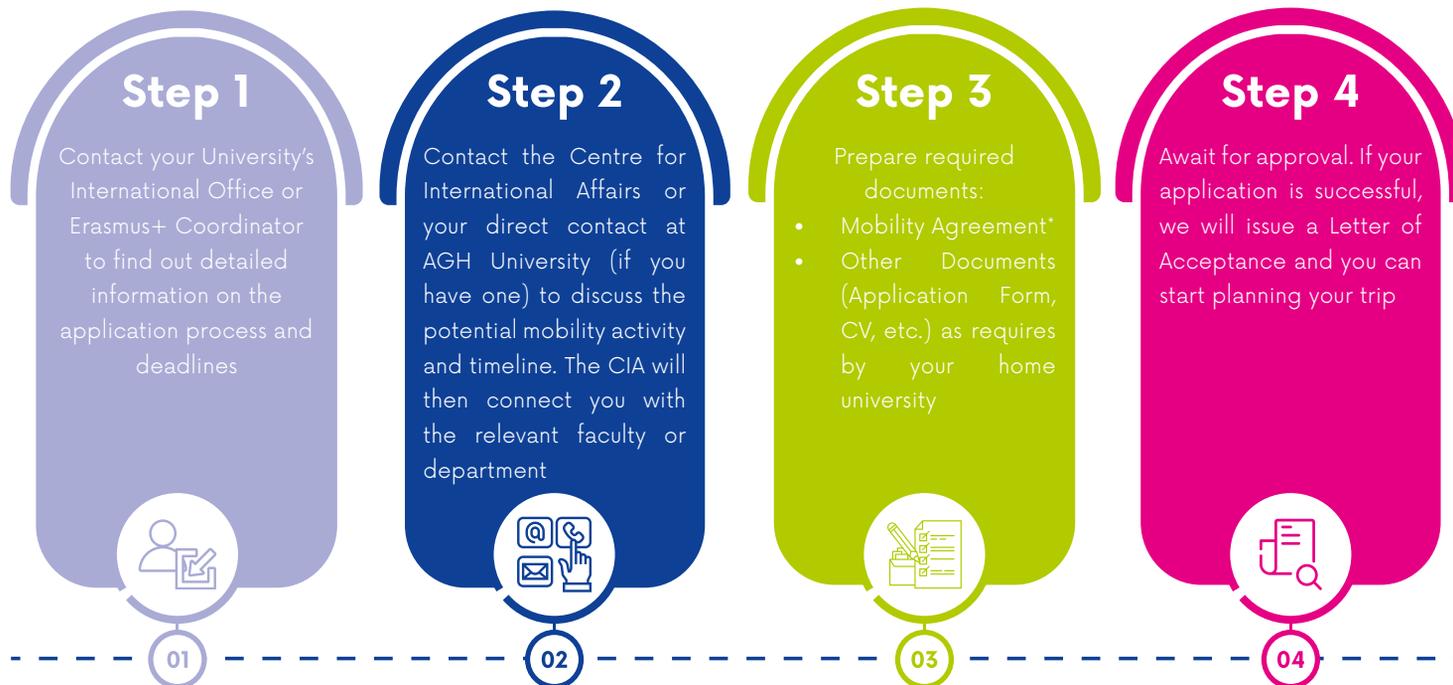


Please scan the QR code for more detailed information



# HOW TO APPLY – STAFF MOBILITY FOR ERASMUS+ KA131 & KA171 PROGRAMME

If you would like to visit AGH University of Krakow as part of one of the Erasmus+ Staff mobility Programmes (KA131 or KA171), here are the steps you need to follow:



*\*Mobility Agreement – outlining planned activities during your stay at AGH University. Details should be agreed on with your university and AGH University of Krakow*

# Financial Support

- For Erasmus+ Programme KA131-HED – the sending institution will be responsible for funding.
- For Erasmus+ Programme KA171-HED – AGH University of Krakow will fund individual support and roundtrip travel expense.

## Example indicative funding amounts for 2024:

### Individual support:

- Student mobilities – around 600 EUR up to 820 EUR/per month
- Staff mobilities – around 103 EUR up to 190 EUR/per day

### Travel support:

- from 28 EUR up to 1735 EUR depending on distance travelled and mode of travel.



*\*Please note that funding amounts get updated each year and can vary depending on your individual circumstance. Please contact your Erasmus+ Coordinator for detailed information on financial support available to you*



## Additional Forms of Financial Support

### Green travel

Erasmus+ not only provides incredible opportunities for students to study abroad and broaden their horizons but also encourages sustainable practices like green travel. By opting for green travel options such as biking, walking, carpooling, or using public transportation, students can reduce their carbon footprint and contribute positively to the environment while enjoying all the benefits of mobility abroad. The Erasmus+ Programme foresees an extra financial travel support for your green travel journey. It's a win-win situation for both participants and the planet! Ask your international/mobility office for more information about this funding opportunity.

### Additional Support for People with Fewer Opportunities\*

All Higher Education Institutions which are part of the Erasmus+ Programme have signed the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, and are committed to ensure equal access and opportunities to participants from all backgrounds.

*\* A person with fewer opportunities is a potential participant whose personal, physical, mental or health-related conditions is such that his/her participation in the project/mobility action would not be possible without extra financial or other support' (Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2021)*

*\* Please note that for Erasmus+ (KA131) Mobility Programme, the sending institutions are responsible for the financial support*

Encouraging students to explore the Additional Support for People with Fewer Opportunities ensures that everyone can benefit from the enriching experiences offered by Erasmus+, regardless of their background or circumstances.

The Erasmus+ Programme foresees a top-up grant of up to 250 EUR/month (depending on the length of stay) for People with Fewer Opportunities. It reinforces the program's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

To find out more please contact our Centre for International Affairs at: [csm@agh.edu.pl](mailto:csm@agh.edu.pl)



## 'Students helping students' - Erasmus Student Network

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) serves as the first line of support for students coming to Krakow under the Erasmus+ Programme. This active student network provides incoming Erasmus+ students with practical help and advice, aiding their adaptation at the AGH University and in the city of Krakow.

Main features of the network include:

- **Buddy Programme** – a dedicated person assigned to new Erasmus+ student who can; pick them up from the airport, help with accommodation, guide through the AGH University Campus and Krakow, be an emergency contact.
- **Welcome Month including Orientation Week** – a whole month (with the greatest intensity in the first week) of events at the start of each semester aiming to help new Erasmus+ students to get to know each other at the start of their Erasmus+ journey. The events include activities such as; city games, bonfire nights, go karting, laser tag, day trips, board game nights, clubbing and many more. The possibilities are endless!
- **Farewell Party** – a Final Party at the end of each semester to summarise the semester and celebrate the achievements of Erasmus+ students.

ESN organises several other projects and initiatives throughout the year:

- **ESN Tandem** weekly language meeting followed by a themed party
- **Exchange Zone** regular cultural exchange meeting, where Erasmus+ students can present information about their country, teach fellow students some useful phrases in their mother tongue and share some traditional foods
- **Discover Europe** a photography competition in three categories; people, architecture and nature
- **National Erasmus Games** a whole of Poland ESN sports competition in futsal, basketball and volleyball. The competition is divided into three levels: local, national and international
- **ESN Gift** – as part of this project, departing Erasmus+ students can leave some items they no longer need (such as pots, forks, spoons, cups, plates etc.) at the ESN Office for the incoming Erasmus+ students to pick up and use during their stay in Krakow
- **International/Christmas Dinner** – an event where students bring homemade dishes representing their national cuisines. It's a chance to share and taste a diverse array of foods from different cultures, promoting cultural exchange and community



ESN also pays special attention to students with specific needs, actively supporting them to feel included as part of the AGH University's Erasmus+ community.

### ESN card

All members of the network can apply for the ESN membership card, which serves as proof of membership in the ESN Poland Association. This card also offers a variety of discounts at cafes, restaurants, travel services, and other activities in Krakow and worldwide including Ryanair, FlixBus or Spotahome.

<https://esncard.org>

### Contact ESN Office at the AGH University of Krakow:

17 Władysława Reymonta Street,

30-059 Kraków

[president.agh@esn.pl](mailto:president.agh@esn.pl)



# Our Annual Events: International Staff Week and Partner Day

## Embrace Global Collaboration and Innovation

Erasmus+ Staff Week is an annual event designed to foster international collaboration, share best practices, and enhance the global perspective of our academic community. This event is an integral part of the Erasmus+ Programme, a European Union initiative that promotes international cooperation in the fields of education, training, youth, and sport. While Erasmus+ Student Exchange is widely known, Erasmus+ Staff Week specifically targets academic and administrative staff from higher education institutions. The primary goal is to foster collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the development of best practices among professionals working in the field of higher education.



Until now, our University hosted over 89 representatives of universities from 19 countries around the world (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Georgia, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Nepal, Serbia, Ukraine, USA and Vietnam).



## Event Highlights:

**Interactive Workshops:** hands-on workshops covering diverse topics such as innovative teaching strategies, international student support, and digital learning technologies.

**Expert-Led Seminars:** by renowned experts and thought leaders who will share their insights on current trends and future directions in higher education.

**Networking Sessions:** aiming to build meaningful connections with peers from international institutions, share experiences, discuss challenges, and explore potential partnerships.

**Cultural Experiences:** celebrating the diversity of our global community including local excursions, cultural performances, and international cuisine.

**Panel Discussions:** addressing issues in global education

**Institutional Exhibitions:** showcasing successful initiatives and educational Programmes offered by participating universities.



## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

There are several other Programmes available for international students and staff interested in in studying at the AGH University of Krakow:

 <p><b>SMILE Exchange Programme</b></p> <p>Student mobility for one or two semesters between universities in Latin America and Institutions in Magalhães network</p>	 <p><b>T.I.M.E</b></p> <p>Top Industrial Managers in Engineering network of 56 engineering schools promoting graduate student exchanges, double degree studies, educational projects and specialised task forces in engineering</p>	 <p><b>CEEPUS</b></p> <p>Students, PhD candidates, and research staff mobility for one to ten months between universities in Eastern, Central and South-Eastern Europe</p>	 <p><b>Fulbright Scholarship Programme</b></p> <p>American scholars and postgraduate students (Master's or PhD) can apply for a grant for an entire academic year of study and/or research at the AGH University of Krakow</p>	 <p><b>Euraxess Database</b></p> <p>AGH University has recently joined Euraxess Network. Check Euraxess Database of grant and job offers, for our opportunities available to Phd Candidates and scientists</p>	 <p><b>Banach NAWA</b></p> <p>Scholarship program open to Bachelor graduates from developing countries who wish to pursue second-cycle studies (master's degree) at the AGH University of Krakow</p>
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# Welcome Point – AGH University

The Welcome Point at AGH University was established thanks to the implementation of the “AGH UST Welcomes You” project as part of the **NAWA Narodowa Agencja Wymiany Akademickiej** (National Agency for Academic Exchange) Welcome to Poland program.

The Welcome Point is your gateway to the AGH University, offering comprehensive support and practical advice in all matters relating to your move to Krakow.

From connecting you with a research supervisor to assisting with the first steps in Poland, we’re here for you. We provide information on legal arrangements, help with travel, employment, and finding accommodation. We can also offer support in adapting to the new environment, advise on medical care and childcare options for your family members.

Moreover, as part of the AGH University Welcomes You! 2.0 Project we will organize several training sessions and two International Mental Health Week editions for AGH University guests (students/PhD students/academic staff). The training will cover broad topics such as Cultural Orientation in Poland, My 2 Minutes, and How to Create My First Start-up in Poland,

providing you with an excellent opportunity for personal growth and development.

The Welcome Point is more than just an information hub; it is a gateway to the vibrant and diverse community of AGH University, where you can begin building lasting connections and embark on a path to academic and personal success.

**Location:** AGH University, C1 Building, room 108

**Opening hours:** [08:00 – 15:00]

**For more information, please contact us at:**



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# Useful Information during your stay in Krakow

## AGH University Campus

Our campus is unique and one of a kind in Poland, as it encompasses all teaching and research facilities, main faculty offices, administrative buildings, and student organisations, all situated within one district of the city. The student campus boasts modern amenities including a football pitch, volleyball and basketball courts with artificial surfaces, and tennis courts. The modern AGH University swimming pool is one of the highlights of the campus.

## Welcome to AGH UST Mobile application



is a useful tool for all international students that arrive at a campus for the first time. Its main goal is to help students move around the AGH University Campus and provide them with all necessary information, including locations of AGH University premises (faculties, dormitories, sports facilities, student clubs, copy centres, canteens and many more).

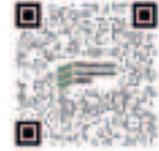
## Accommodation

In terms of location, the AGH University of Krakow is centralised and all faculties' buildings are situated within 40ha in a district

called Krowodrza. The AGH University Student Campus is only a 15-minute walk between the Main Building and the Krakow Main Square. If you rent a flat near the Campus, you will be able to reach the university within a couple of minutes on foot.

## AGH University Student Campus

The AGH University Student Campus provides accommodation for medium and long term stays (up to 1 year) for international students and visiting staff. Since the demand is much higher than the capacity, please contact the AGH University Student Campus as early as possible:



## Private flat/apartment

Many students in Krakow opt to live in private flats, either sharing with others or living on their own. You can search for a flat or apartment on websites such as OLX and Otodom.



### Living costs and services

In comparison to other European cities, Kraków is a relatively inexpensive place to live and study - a student can get by on around 600 euros per month. **1 EURO = around 4.3 zloty PLN**

#### Monthly expenses (average cost):

- rent in a shared flat (or dormitory) at the AGH University Campus – 100-150 euros;
- food – 200 euros;
- transportation – 20 euros;
- mobile phone/Internet/TV – 30 euros;
- study materials – 50 euros;
- other expenses (leisure/entertainment) – 100 euros.

#### Examples of some other selected prices:

- bread (1 loaf) – 2 euro;
- milk (1 litre) – 0.7 euro;
- lunch in a canteen – 5 euros;
- coffee in a café – 2-3 euros;
- cinema ticket – 6 euros.



### Student Discounts:

All students in Poland receive 50% discount on public transportation and 51% on long-distance trains. Student discount is also offered at majority of cinemas, museums, some restaurants and cafes. Make sure to organize your Student ID as soon as you arrive so that you can take advantage of all discounts immediately.



# Why participating in the Erasmus+ Exchange in Poland is a Great Choice

## Academic Excellence and Diverse Programs

One of the most compelling reasons to choose Poland for your Erasmus+ exchange is its strong academic reputation. Top Polish universities like the University of Warsaw, Jagiellonian University, AGH University of Krakow, and Warsaw University of Technology offer high standards and rigorous programs. With variety of courses available in English, Poland is an attractive option for international students across various fields, including engineering, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.

## Affordable Cost of Living

Poland is one of the most affordable student destinations in Europe. The cost of living is significantly lower than in Western Europe, allowing students to enjoy a high quality

of life on a budget. Accommodation, food, transportation, and entertainment are all reasonably priced, making it easier to manage expenses without compromising experiences.

## Rich Cultural Heritage

Poland's rich cultural heritage offers a unique experience for exchange students. Its history is reflected in architecture, museums, and festivals. Cities like Krakow, Warsaw, and Gdańsk are filled with historical landmarks, from medieval castles to WWII memorials. The vibrant arts scene, traditional music, and local festivals provide endless opportunities to engage with Polish culture.

## Strategic Location and Travel Opportunities

Poland's central location in Europe makes it an ideal base for travel. You can easily explore neighbouring countries like Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Lithuania. With a well-developed transportation network, including trains and budget airlines, weekend trips and longer travels are convenient and affordable.

## Warm and Welcoming People

Polish people are known for their hospitality and friendliness towards foreigners. As an Erasmus+ student, you will find that locals are eager to help and make you feel at home. The strong sense of community among international students, supported by numerous organizations and networks, ensures a smooth transition and enriching experience.



### Trong Hoa Nguyen

Erasmus+ (KA171) Student Mobility from Hanoi University of Mining and Geology, Vietnam

*As an exchange student at AGH University of Krakow, I am very proud and feel lucky to study here because AGH University has given me an interesting and special experience of exchange student life in Poland. Besides the fully equipped research and university facilities, the students, lecturers and staffs were friendly and supportive.*



## Learning Polish and Personal Growth

While many courses are available in English, learning Polish can be incredibly rewarding. It enhances your communication skills and employability, and allows you to connect more deeply with the local culture. Adapting to a new environment, overcoming challenges, and gaining independence are invaluable for personal growth.



**Dr. Anna Tabatadze**

Erasmus+ (KA171) Staff Mobility for Teaching  
from Georgian Technical University, Georgia



*My visit with Erasmus+ Programme was quite productive. I met with representatives of universities from different countries and I had an opportunity to get acquainted with their training programmes and share experiences with each other. We all represented our country and made presentations about our universities' history, facilities, structure and enrolments information. Even now we continue our relations and cooperation. Erasmus+ Programme is the best way to get to know representatives from various European universities. It is the best way to develop your skills. Many thanks to Erasmus+ for giving me this opportunity.*



# Enchanting Krakow

Kraków, often hailed as Poland's cultural capital, is an enchanting city brimming with history, art, and architectural wonders. Nestled along the banks of the Vistula River in southern Poland, Kraków captivates visitors with its timeless charm and vibrant atmosphere. Here's a glimpse into the enchanting allure of Kraków:

## Old Town Splendor

At the heart of Kraków lies its UNESCO-listed Old Town, a treasure trove of medieval architecture and cobblestone streets. The focal point of the Old Town is the majestic Rynek Główny (Main Market Square), one of the largest medieval squares in Europe. Lined with elegant townhouses, cozy cafes, and the iconic Cloth Hall, the square exudes a captivating ambiance, especially when the trumpeter plays the Hejnał Mariacki from St. Mary's Basilica.

## Royal Residences

Kraków boasts a rich royal history, evident in its splendid castles and palaces. Wawel Castle, perched atop Wawel Hill overlooking the city, served as the residence of Polish kings for centuries. Its exquisite Renaissance courtyard, Gothic cathedral, and opulent chambers are a testament to Poland's regal past. Nearby, the Renaissance-style Royal Castle enchants visitors with its sumptuous interiors and magnificent gardens.

## Sacred Sites

Kraków is renowned for its religious heritage, with numerous churches, synagogues, and pilgrimage sites dotting the cityscape. St. Mary's Basilica, with its twin towers and stunning Gothic interior, is a masterpiece of medieval architecture. The Wawel Cathedral, Poland's national sanctuary, houses the tombs of Polish monarchs and national heroes. Kraków's Kazimierz district, once the heart of Jewish life, is home to historic synagogues, including the beautifully restored Old Synagogue.

## Cultural Vibrancy

Kraków pulsates with cultural energy, manifested in its thriving arts scene, lively festivals, and vibrant street life. The city is a hub of creativity and innovation, with contemporary art galleries, theaters, and music venues scattered throughout its neighborhoods. The annual Kraków Film Festival, the International Cultural Centre, and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Kraków (MOCAK) showcase the city's commitment to artistic expression.



### **MSc. Liz Gamez**

*Erasmus+ Staff Mobility  
from Polytechnic José Antonio Echeverría –  
Cujaa, Cuba*



*ERASMUS+ Programme at AGH University, gave me the opportunity to meet new colleagues and new cultures, as well as create ties for future academic collaborations. It was a wonderful experience!!*



## Gastronomic Delights

Kraków tantalises the taste buds with its rich culinary heritage and diverse dining scene. Traditional Polish delicacies such as pierogi (dumplings), żurek (sour rye soup), and obwarzanki (bagels) abound in local eateries and street stalls. Kazimierz, Kraków's historic Jewish quarter, is a culinary hotspot known for its eclectic restaurants serving Jewish specialties and fusion cuisine.

## Green Oasis

Despite its urban bustle, Kraków offers ample green spaces for relaxation and recreation. The Planty Park, a ring of lush gardens encircling the Old Town, provides a tranquil retreat from the city's hustle and bustle. Nearby, the expansive Blonia Park and the picturesque Vistula Boulevards offer panoramic views of the river and the city skyline.



### Dr. Gasham Zeynalov

Erasmus+ (KA171) Staff Mobility for Teaching from Baku Higher Oil School, Azerbaijan

*Within Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching Programme, I had the privilege to participate in cultural exchange and international cooperation for two times at AGH University of Krakow. These experiences allowed me to improve my teaching skills with international audiences and expand my professional network with members of scientific and educational communities from different countries, including AGH University. These opportunities have been truly memorable and enriching for me.*



In essence, Kraków's enchanting allure lies in its seamless blend of historical grandeur, cultural richness, and contemporary vibrancy. Whether strolling through its storied streets, marveling at its architectural treasures, or savoring its culinary delights, visitors to Kraków are sure to be captivated by its timeless charm.

## Meet Our Team

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