



Internationalisation Strategy

Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra



The aim of the SUA in Nitra is to fulfil the idea of internationalisation in the educational and research processes and to adapt its impact to the objectives of the strategy that will ensure this. Individual objectives are defined and implemented by instruments the implementation of which is monitored by defined measurable indicators. Internationalisation is one of the priorities resulting from the Long-term plan of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra for the years 2016-2022 and its updates.

Internationalisation therefore takes place:

- in line with trends observable across a range of universities, research and scientific institutions and workplaces in the EU as well as more widely internationally;
- in line with the relevant policies of the European Union and the Bologna Process principles.

Objectives

1. Developing international cooperation at all levels of the education and research process.

WHAT :	mobilities, cooperation, workshops, research
FOR WHOM:	students, teachers, non-teachers
WHERE:	university, faculties, workplaces, administrative and organizational background
WHY:	university competitiveness, perspective, variety, flexibility, openness, integration, accessibility

Instruments:

- mobilities, programmes, projects, individual activities,
- creation of financial resources for the implementation of international activities.

Indicators:

- number of mobilities of students, teachers, researchers, non-teachers,
- projects, programmes and the active participation of the university in their implementation;
- support from the university, creating opportunities to develop internationalisation.

2. Acquisition and strengthening of international influences across the whole range of university activities, overlapping throughout university life, partnership cooperation

Instruments:

- creation of consortia,
- individual contacts,
- participation in events,
- participation in fairs, presentations in media at foreign institutions,
- courses, e-learning.



Indicators:

- joint projects;
- common outputs,
- internships, internships, *jobshadowing*,
- joint courses, e-learning, teaching,
- leisure activities, volunteering,
- awareness.

In the academic environment, the **aim is to achieve overall support for the international atmosphere at the university**, with the integration of foreign lecturers, teachers, researchers and guest staff.

For home students the aim is to create **an inspiring environment** that will exceed the level of the national framework, while creating opportunities and students' interest in participation in university life from abroad.

The strategy also aims at building and strengthening the **university brand**, building awareness and stability between the SUA in Nitra and partner institutions.

Territorial definition and priorities:

- the V4 countries;
- areas inhabited by Slovaks living abroad,
- the EU countries,
- the countries of Europe,
- partner countries in Asia, North and South America, other continents.

Instruments to support and implement the strategy

Financial instruments:

- the budget of the university;
- special scholarships, post-doctoral scholarships,
- implementation of projects and programmes.

Infrastructure tools:

- Rector,
- Vice-rectors,
- International Relations Office,
- Project and Transfer Activities Office,
- Faculty Deans,
- Vice-deans for international relations,
- Erasmus+ Faculty Coordinators,
- AGROBIOTECH Research Centre,
- Faculty international and project centres,
- Erasmus Student Network,



- workplaces providing accommodation and catering.

Internal rules:

- The rules of study of the SUA,
- Long-term plan of the Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra for the years 2016-2022,
- Erasmus+ Mobility Directives:
 - Directive 6/2016 on the establishment and competence of a selection board for the mobility of students/graduates in Nitra under the ERASMUS+ programme and the competent faculties for the selection of applicants for the mobility of students/graduates under the ERASMUS + programme;
 - Directive 7/2016 on the establishment and competence of recruitment committees for the mobility of employees of the SUA in Nitra for the teaching and mobility of employees of the SUA in Nitra for training under the ERASMUS+ programme;
 - Rector's Guidance No 1/2016 for the preparation and implementation of student mobility for study and mobility of students/graduates for internships under the ERASMUS+ programme at the SUA in Nitra,
 - Rector's Guidance No 2/2016 for the preparation and implementation of employee mobility for teaching and training within the ERASMUS+ programme at the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra,
- SUA Rector's Directive No 3/2017 Principles for the implementation and administration of projects supported from the EU SF at the SUA in Nitra.