European Policy Statement (EPS)

a) University’s strategy, objectives and priorities for its Erasmus activities (mobility, multilateral projects and thematic networks, etc.) and any other actions in the context of the Lifelong Learning Programme (2007-2013).

b) Specific actions which are planned to give visibility to Erasmus activities and type of publicity which will be given to the Erasmus University Charter and the EPS.

University School of Physical Education in Cracow, Poland (previously-Academy of Physical Education in Krakow) is planning to maintain its existing co-operation ties with the present partners, i.e. with Universidade do Minho (Portugal), Instituto Politecnico Braganca (Portugal), Universite de Savoie (France) with University College Birmingham (Great Britain), with Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences (Finland) as well as with Hanze University Groningen (Holland); extend its co-operation programme to include new partners (from the neighbouring states such as Germany, the Scandinavian countries, e.g. Denmark, the countries lying on the Apennine and the Iberian Peninsula); increase the number of visiting students and lecturers as well as the number of those students and staff going to study and teach abroad, while at the same time ensuring suitable qualification criteria for both students and staff; maintain and broaden its multi-directional research programmes with both national and foreign research centres; take part in academic conferences and symposia and to increase the number of similar events taking place at University School of Physical Education in Cracow; cooperate with state administration institutions (the Mayor’s Office, the Provincional Office, the Krakow Municipal City Council ) within the scope of activities associated with European integration; increase the participation of its employees in training session devoted to structural funds; make its teaching, social and sports facilities more attractive through suitable investments (rennovation and modernization of buildings); acquire both national and foreign financial resources to finance investments in order to intensify international exchange; computerize the library, modernize computer labs and extend the internet network to include students’ dormitories and hostels; intensify the Insitution’s promotional activities (broaden the scope of information materials concerning the Insitution’s didactic offer, both in the printed and electronic versions); introduce a system of three-stage studies within all specializations, in accordance with the Bologna Declaration, including the possibility of accepting foreign students for a traineeship period; continually update the information concerning foreign cooperation and the offered courses; broaden the offer of facultative classes conducted in English, as well as undertake activities aiming at the introduction of English language study modules.

Quality of academic mobility activities:
Universally acknowledged and transparent criteria of selected candidates; the outgoing students are granted credit for the period of their study abroad. Drafting official agreement with the institutions. Extending the offer of foreign language classes; the period is also accessible to Polish students. Increasing the quality of tuition through recognition of foreign diplomas and academic degrees. Organizing Polish Language and culture courses for foreign students as well as integration events; ensuring accommodation and food to the Erasmus programme visiting students. Promoting the Erasmus Programme offer at information meetings, on posters, notice-boards, as well as on the website and in the University Erasmus Office. Providing information on the Programme by the Coordinators. Advertisements concerning the language offer will be posted throughout the University. The offer with the English-language programme will also be posted on the University website devoted to foreign cooperation and the Erasmus Programme; information meetings promoting the cooperating institutions will also be organized for the teaching staff and students. Maintaining the existing criteria of qualifying candidates for foreign programmes, as a well-proven method. Continuing to use the academic credit transfer system (ECTS) for both the outgoing and incoming students. Promotion of the Erasmus University Charter and placing the updated version of EPS on the University website. The University supports all activities aimed at combating discrimination, racism and xenophobia. When qualifying candidates for foreign scholarships, the University applied the principle of gender equality. The University liquidates architectural barriers and hurdles by building ramps and installing lifts for the disabled. Bearing in mind the needs of the handicapped, the University co-organizes Olympiads and festivals.

**Quality of student placement activities:**

The suggestion to extend the offer to physiotherapy students participating in the Erasmus Programme will involve the following institutions: The Cracow Rehabilitation Centre in Wola Justowska, Cracow, ul.Modrzewiowa 22, The University Children’s Hospital Collegium Medicum UJ Paediatrics Institute, Cracow, ul.Wielicka 256, Rehabilitation Children’s Hospital in Radziszów, Podlaskie 173; Orthopaedic-Rehabilitation Hospital in Zakopane, ul. Balzera 15, Rehabilitation Centre „Krzeszowice”, ul. Daszyńskiego 1, 32-065 Krzeszowice. The suggestion to extend the offer to students of tourism and recreation participating in the Erasmus Programme will involve the following institutions: Tourism Information Agencies, Hotels, Travel Agencies, Fitness Centres.
The University (The Methodology and Physical Education Department) is planning to enter cooperation with the British International School of Cracow; the cooperation would concern the organization of student placement on three different levels where the students would get acquainted with the principles of school functioning; they would also acquire the skill of lesson observation and be able to conduct Physical Education lessons themselves.

The supervision of all the students taking part in the placement scheme within Erasmus Programme will be carried out by: tutors designated by a given institution; in the case of Physical Education-by the school teacher, inspections carried out by University staff members responsible for placement coordination; evaluation of students’ work, the reports submitted by them and verification of the acquired practical and theoretical skills.

The precise implementation and character of the placements will be negotiated with the foreign partner institution as well as with the institution which organizes the placement, whereas it is the Coordinator at the University School of Physical Education in Cracow who will be responsible for the supervision of the student placement programme.