

UMB's Internationalization Strategy

Matej Bel University's Internationalization Strategy defines the University's intentions in the area of International Relations through the set of principles, goals, priorities and tools. In accordance with the *Long-term strategy at UMB for 2015 – 2020*, the University perceives Internationalization as one of the main priorities.

PRINCIPLES

Internationalization Strategy at UMB is based on:

- the long-term intentions for the development of UMB, comprehensively perceived, including the specified area of international cooperation connected with the current process of internationalisation of European Universities;
- the prevailing trends in the development of student mobilities at all UMB faculties, pedagogical and scientific researchers as well as non-academic staff of UMB;
- the existing trends in the development of international cooperation of the central offices at UMB, at its faculties, specialized scientific and research units as well as at UMB as a whole;
 - the existing and forthcoming trends in the development of conditions for the university life in Slovakia, which are influenced by reform efficiency, rationality, integration and internationalization, coupled with pressure to increase flexibility, openness and viability of individual universities;
- the development in the European Union with a dominant and developing Bologna process in the university area.

STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 1: Two-way Internationalisation

UMB supports mobility activities of incoming and outgoing students, teachers and non-academic staff in all available mobility frames and grant programmes. It creates opportunities for financial resources for the realisation of mobility within the privileged inter-institutional partnerships.

Indicators:

- Number of foreign students enrolled in full-time studies at UMB
- Number of foreign school leavers of UMB
- Number of incoming and outgoing mobilities of students, teachers and non-academic staff

GOAL 2: Transversal Internationalisation

The presence of an international dimension in all activities including education, science and research at UMB is understood as a result of internal institutional synergy and at the same time targeted cultivation of links with privileged university partners abroad.

Indicators:

- Number and quality of courses offered in foreign language
- Number and quality of study programmes in foreign language and joint study programmes realised under international co-operation
- Number and quality of e-learning courses and activities in the spirit of an open university
- Number of students and number of school leavers of the Phd. Partnership (cotutelle de thèse)
- Quality of consortia of research, education and development projects with an international dimension
- Membership in international university networks and international professional associations

GOAL 3: Multilingual University

UMB actively promotes a policy of diversity, multilingualism and openness to cultural dialogue.

Indicators:

- The quality of communication competence in foreign languages of its teachers, non-academic staff and UMB students
- The presence of lecturers of foreign languages and cultures at UMB and outgoing Slovak UMB lectors sent abroad
- The extent of the students' professional traineeship realised abroad or in the collectives with international staff.