VŠTE.
Vysoká škola technická
a ekonomická v Prešove

Regulation No. **7/2026**	**Internal Regulation of the Institute of Technology and Business in Prešov**

Directive VŠTE No. 7/2026 Internationalisation Strategy

VŠTE.
Vysoká škola technická
a ekonomická v Prešove

Valid from:	29 October 2026	**Effective from:**	29 October 2026	**Effective until:**	indefinite
Approved by			Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov on 29 October 2026		
			doc. Ing. Jakub Horák, MBA, PhD., Chair of the Board of Trustees		
Prepared by (submitted by)			Rector of VŠTE in Prešov (proposal under Section 31(2) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll.)		
			doc. ThDr. PaedDr. Marek Storoška, PhD., Rector		
Replaces document	original wording of Directive VŠTE No. 7/2026 of 20 April 2026				
Number of pages	7		**Number of annexes**	0	

VŠTE.
Vysoká škola technická
a ekonomická v Prešove

Internationalisation Strategy

Institute of Technology and Business in Prešov

Directive of VŠTE No. 7/2026 Internationalisation Strategy (Smernica VŠTE č. 7/2026 Stratégia internacionalizácie)

2026

Article 1 Internationalisation Strategy of the Institute of Technology and Business in Prešov

International cooperation and its development have been and remain among the principal priorities of the Institute of Technology and Business in Prešov (hereinafter "VŠTE in Prešov"). The internationalisation of its activities represents a key area of development of VŠTE in Prešov in connection with membership of the European Union (hereinafter "EU"), but also from the perspective of future development. International cooperation is oriented primarily towards EU Member States; however, given the nature of its teaching and research activities, VŠTE in Prešov also develops appropriate relations with institutions in other parts of Europe and the world. The acquisition of high-quality international contacts also contributes to strengthening the position of VŠTE in Prešov within Slovakia.

VŠTE in Prešov regards as the dominant objectives of internationalisation, in particular, the strengthening of its international standing and the internationalisation of all its activities through the development of existing cooperation and through the development of programmes and projects which the EU will pursue in the future. Bilateral agreements concluded within the ERASMUS+ programme contribute to a significant expansion of the portfolio of bilateral contracts (the implementation of the Erasmus+ programme at VŠTE in Prešov is governed by Directive No. 3/2025 on the Implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme (Smernica č. 3/2025 o realizácii programu Erasmus+)). Opening up space for international cooperation is essential for the advancement of VŠTE in Prešov. The necessity of this advancement is at the same time consistent with current developments in education in Europe and worldwide.

The constantly evolving needs of the labour market at national and international level require qualified higher education graduates with an international outlook. The integration of international elements into education, the exchange of experience and the development of the language and intercultural skills of students and staff of higher education institutions increase the competitiveness of higher education, raise the standard of graduates and strengthen the quality of human resources at higher education institutions. Through these elements VŠTE in Prešov wishes to counter, and at the same time contribute to compensating for, the outflow of people, especially young people, abroad, and to support the circulation of students and university staff, which ensures a continuous exchange of the most up-to-date knowledge directly at home.

The internationalisation strategy at VŠTE in Prešov is conditioned by the current internationalisation of the academic environment as well as by general globalisation, which presents many difficult challenges but at the same time enormous scientific, academic, professional and human opportunities. The internationalisation strategy is based on a proactive approach which naturally complements and extends the principal activities of VŠTE in Prešov in the fields of education, research and cooperation with practice.

Proceeding from the long-term strategic plan, this document formulates the strategic objective of internationalisation of VŠTE in Prešov and the main objectives of internationalisation in the fields of higher education and research, and at the same time sets out the instruments for achieving them. The preparation of a separate document devoted to internationalisation reflects the importance which VŠTE in Prešov attaches to this area. The fundamental precondition for success in the field of internationalisation is general support for openness to cooperation by VŠTE in Prešov within the international academic community. VŠTE in Prešov subscribes to such openness and will support it in every respect.

The Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and External Relations is responsible for coordinating and evaluating the implementation of this strategy. Student academic mobility is governed by Section 71 of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Higher Education Act) (hereinafter the "Act"); the transfer of credits obtained during credit mobility is carried out in accordance with Section 80 of the Act and Directive of VŠTE No. 21/2026 Study Rules (Smernica VŠTE č. 21/2026 Študijný poriadok).

Article 2 Starting Points

The internationalisation strategy of VŠTE in Prešov is based on:

- the long-term strategic plans for the development of VŠTE in Prešov (the Long-Term Strategic Plan of VŠTE in Prešov for 2026–2032 drawn up pursuant to Section 7(4) of the Act), among whose priority objectives are the maintenance and enhancement of the internationalisation of the internal environment of the institution and the development and support of effective relations with foreign partner higher education institutions and universities;
- the prevailing trends in the development of mobility of students, teaching and research staff as well as non-teaching staff of the institution;
- the trends to date in international cooperation in the field of science and research of VŠTE in Prešov and its research units;
- current and expected trends in the development of the conditions of university life, which are influenced by economy, rationality, integration and internationalisation, combined with an emphasis on increasing the flexibility, openness and viability of individual higher education institutions;
- the development of trends in the European Union and worldwide, as well as trends in international academic cooperation and in particular the Bologna Process;
- the requirements of the Act concerning the internationalisation of studies, in particular the obligation to design study programmes so that students are able to undertake academic mobility or obtain equivalent learning outcomes (Section 56(4) of the Act – the "mobility window", applied to students from the academic year 2027/2028 pursuant to Section 145(9) of the Act), the possibility of providing joint study programmes with foreign higher education institutions (Section 57 of the Act), the issuing of documents on completion of studies at least in a combination of the Slovak and English languages (Section 89(4) of the Act) and the obligation to provide counselling services including a mobility coordinator (Section 120(5) of the Act).

VŠTE.
Vysoká škola technická
a ekonomická v Prešove

Article 3 Strategic Objectives

Objective 1 Internationalisation in the field of higher education:

– support for the quality of higher education which will correspond to international standards;

– development of international cooperation in the provision of higher education, including ensuring permanent two-way mobility of students, teachers and other university staff;

– attracting foreign students to study at VŠTE in Prešov as their home institution;

– attracting foreign teachers to the educational process at VŠTE in Prešov, both for the established weekly working time and for other forms of employment;

– increasing the share and quality of the study programmes offered in a foreign language.

Instruments:

– the use of international standards in the creation and operation of the internal quality assurance system for higher education (quality corresponding to international standards is an essential condition for engaging in international cooperation, and the internal quality assurance system which every higher education institution has in place is built on internationally accepted rules. VŠTE in Prešov will maintain its internal quality assurance system so that it complies with the relevant international standards and with the standards of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education, and for its effective operation it will also draw on the experience of foreign academic staff with whom it will consult the system);

– improving and expanding the possibilities for implementing the Erasmus+ project focused on the mobility of students, teachers and staff, and expanding the portfolio of other agreements with foreign and domestic higher education institutions supporting the exchange of students, teachers and researchers (international academic mobility programmes are the basic means of supporting mobility. VŠTE in Prešov will support the increased involvement of its individual units in these programmes. It will also actively seek suitable internships for its students, including abroad, and establish new partnerships for the implementation of mobility; an internship abroad may, under the conditions laid down in Section 83 of the Act and Section 16 of Decree No. 205/2026 Coll. of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic, be recognised as a final internship);

– ensuring the conditions for student academic mobility within study programmes (when creating and modifying study programmes in accordance with Directive of VŠTE No. 4/2026, VŠTE in Prešov shall ensure that the recommended study plan contains a recommended part of studies for undertaking academic mobility or obtaining equivalent learning outcomes pursuant to Section 56(4) and Section 77(1) of the Act, at the latest for students from the academic year 2027/2028. The Rector shall appoint a mobility coordinator pursuant to Section 120(5) of the Act, who provides students and staff with counselling and support in the preparation and implementation of mobility. VŠTE in Prešov will consider providing joint study programmes with foreign higher education institutions pursuant to Section 57 of the Act);

– creating the conditions for admitting a higher number of foreign students (the study of foreign students at VŠTE in Prešov as their home institution is among the most visible manifestations of

internationalisation in the field of higher education. As part of this support, VŠTE in Prešov will first and foremost ensure a permanent and effective information campaign on study opportunities for foreign students, in the course of which it will provide up-to-date, high-quality foreign-language material on study opportunities at VŠTE in Prešov (the information on study opportunities is published in Slovak and English pursuant to Section 18(1)(f) of the Act and Section 1 of Decree No. 205/2026 Coll.). It will focus in particular on promotional activities in selected countries, especially in Eastern Europe, where increased interest in studying in Slovakia can be expected. VŠTE in Prešov will support teaching in a foreign language and the provision of an information environment in English and other foreign languages. For prospective applicants from abroad wishing to study in Slovak, VŠTE in Prešov provides Slovak language courses and will maintain this option permanently. VŠTE in Prešov will also focus on creating a friendly environment for incoming foreign students and foreign experts in all its units, including service units);

- attracting foreign teachers to the educational process at VŠTE in Prešov, both for the established weekly working time and for other forms of employment (foreign teachers and lecturers working at higher education institutions in Slovakia represent an important element of the internationalisation of education, yet their representation remains low compared with the OECD average. Foreign academics represent above all a link to science at international level, and the experience they bring with them from previous countries and institutions opens up new opportunities for cooperation. VŠTE in Prešov will support a possible increase in the number of foreign teachers and create a friendly environment for them; the academic positions of foreign teachers are filled in accordance with Section 52 of the Act and Directive of VŠTE No. 20/2026);
- delivering study programmes by the distance method, in particular in English, for applicants from abroad (when delivering study programmes by the distance method and when providing further education, in particular to prospective learners from abroad, VŠTE in Prešov may use, alongside its name, the trade name EUVERSA, in its full form "Euversa — European University of Applied Sciences", under Article 2(5) of the Statute of VŠTE in Prešov. The admission procedure, studies and the service of documents are carried out electronically, and examinations and state examinations may be held online, which enables foreign students to study without regular personal presence at the seat of VŠTE in Prešov; details are governed by Directive VŠTE No. 26/2026 on the Distance Method and E-Learning and Directive VŠTE No. 27/2026 on Online Examinations and Identity Verification. Information on these study programmes is also published on the EUVERSA website).

Indicators:

- the share of foreign students studying at VŠTE in Prešov in the total number of students;
- the share of students of VŠTE in Prešov who complete part of their studies abroad;
- the share of students of VŠTE in Prešov who complete a work placement abroad;
- the share of foreign academics working in any form of employment at VŠTE in Prešov;
- the regularity of updating of information sources in foreign languages.

Objective 2 Internationalisation in the field of research, development and creative activity:

– support for the implementation of research and development activities in all areas of operation of VŠTE in Prešov at an internationally acceptable level;

– the involvement of VŠTE in Prešov in international cooperation in the field of research;

– ensuring the participation of experts of VŠTE in Prešov in international research teams, international projects and international institutions, and the organisation and co-organisation of international research events.

Instruments:

– increasing the weight and accessibility of the results of scientific research and creative activity in the international environment (VŠTE in Prešov will support the implementation of research and development activities at an internationally acceptable level or with a demonstrable potential to reach such a level. VŠTE in Prešov regards as the basic criterion of such a level the presentation of research activity at internationally recognised forums and publication in an indexed periodical, monograph or other indexed publication. VŠTE in Prešov also admits to this level other demonstrable grounds, such as the publication of a monograph or other work by a renowned publishing house. The support will include assistance in covering the costs associated with presenting the results of research and development activity at international forums and in the above-mentioned publications. VŠTE in Prešov will support the acquisition of funding from international grants and the involvement of foreign partners in its own grant schemes);

– increasing the participation of VŠTE in Prešov in projects of international research and technical cooperation (in the context of the trend towards teamwork in the field of research, VŠTE in Prešov will focus on further supporting the involvement of its research teams in international cooperation, particularly within the European area, in the form of participation in international projects or on the basis of inter-institutional cooperation agreements. At the same time it will identify such teams and, within its means, support them and present their results. Such involvement in international cooperation will at the same time increase the attractiveness of VŠTE in Prešov as a reliable partner for foreign higher education institutions and other educational and research institutions);

– support for two-way mobility of staff in the field of research and development (VŠTE in Prešov is aware of the important role of the individual mobility of its staff, because in addition to the exchange of knowledge, such mobility also leads to the establishment of personal contacts, which play an irreplaceable role in the involvement of academic institutions in international cooperation. VŠTE in Prešov will make appropriate use of the procedures applied in supporting mobility in the field of higher education, including staff mobility pursuant to Section 49(6) to (8) of the Act);

– the involvement of VŠTE in Prešov in the organisational side of international research cooperation (in the field of research it is necessary, in addition to carrying out the research activities themselves, to provide organisational and other supporting activities, which are also the subject of international cooperation. VŠTE in Prešov will engage in this area in particular by organising international events on its own premises, by supporting similar jointly organised events with foreign institutions, by supporting the participation of its staff in foreign research and academic bodies, and at the same time by endeavouring to involve foreign experts in its own bodies);

– strengthening open science at VŠTE in Prešov (a modern requirement, now also demanded by circumstances, is open access to publications, data and cooperation, to research materials, methods, software and other sources of information in the domestic and, above all, the international context. VŠTE in Prešov has put such access in place and will continue to strive to strengthen these trends on its premises).

Indicators:

– the number of publications in scientific periodicals indexed in world scientific citation databases and by renowned publishing houses;
– a gradual increase in the citation rate of publications and in citations of authors from VŠTE in Prešov in indexed databases and in the publications of renowned publishing houses;
– project success measured by the volume of funding obtained for domestic research projects, international research projects and other international projects from abroad;
– regular monitoring, evaluation and enhancement of the potential in the field of open access to the various scientific, professional and other sources of information required for the higher education environment.

Article 4 Related Regulations

1. This Directive builds primarily on the following legal regulations: Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Higher Education Act), as amended by Act No. 121/2026 Coll. (in particular Section 7(4), Section 9, Section 18(1)(f), Section 49(6) to (8), Section 56(4), Section 57, Section 71, Section 77(1), Section 80, Section 83, Section 89(4), Section 120(5) and Section 145(9)); Decree No. 205/2026 Coll. of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic implementing certain provisions of the Higher Education Act (in particular Sections 1, 6 and 16); Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on Quality Assurance in Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, and the Standards for the Internal Quality Assurance System of Higher Education, Educational Programmes Leading to a Micro-credential and Short-cycle Study Programmes (effective from 1 September 2026).

2. This Directive builds on the following internal regulations of VŠTE in Prešov: the Statute of VŠTE in Prešov (Štatút VŠTE v Prešove); the Long-Term Strategic Plan of VŠTE in Prešov for 2026–2032 (Dlhodobý zámer VŠTE v Prešove na roky 2026–2032); the Internal Quality System of VŠTE (Vnútorný systém kvality VŠTE); Directive No. 3/2025 on the Implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme; Directive of VŠTE No. 4/2026 on the Creation, Modification, Approval and Cancellation of Study Programmes and the Submission of Applications for Accreditation (Smernica VŠTE č. 4/2026); Directive of VŠTE No. 6/2026 Education Development Strategy (Smernica VŠTE č. 6/2026 Stratégia rozvoja vzdelávania); Directive of VŠTE No. 8/2026 Science and Research Development Strategy (Smernica VŠTE č. 8/2026 Stratégia rozvoja vedy a výskumu); Directive of VŠTE No. 20/2026 Principles of Selection Procedure (Smernica VŠTE č. 20/2026 Zásady výberového konania); Directive of VŠTE No. 21/2026 Study Rules; Directive of VŠTE No. 26/2026 on the Distance Method and E-Learning; Directive of VŠTE No. 27/2026 on Online Examinations and Identity Verification; Directive of VŠTE No. 25/2026 Determination of Tuition Fees and Fees Associated with Studies for Foreign Students (Smernica VŠTE č. 25/2026).

VŠTE.
Vysoká škola technická
a ekonomická v Prešove

Article 5 Repealing Provisions

The original wording of this internal regulation (approved on 20 April 2026) repealed Rector's Directive No. 2/2020 Internationalisation Strategy at the ISM Slovakia College of International Business in Prešov of 1 July 2020. No other internal regulation is repealed by this wording.

Article 6 Final Provisions

The original wording of this internal regulation was approved by the Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov on 20 April 2026.

The original wording of this internal regulation entered into force and effect on 20 April 2026.

This Directive has no annexes. The implementation of the strategy is evaluated according to the indicators set out in Article 3 within the annual report on the activities of VŠTE in Prešov (Section 18(1)(b) of the Act).

This version was approved and issued by the Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov on the proposal of the Rector (Section 31(2)(g) of the Act) on 29 October 2026. Effective from 29 October 2026.

Prešov, 29 October 2026



doc. Ing. Jakub Horák, MBA, PhD.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov