

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The Institute of the Polish Language at the Polish Academy of Sciences (IJP PAN, established 1973) conducts scholarly activities aimed at describing and documenting the Polish language as it is used today and in the earlier centuries. The flagship projects of the IJP PAN include scholarly dictionaries of the Polish language, based on our own linguistic material, which has been collected by several generations of employees. The variety of works conducted at the Institute spans from historical dictionaries describing Old and Middle Polish to dictionaries of contemporary Polish, including the most comprehensive contemporary dictionary of the Polish language, developed exclusively in an electronic version: the Great Dictionary of Polish. Lexicographic projects of the IJP PAN concern not only the standard Polish language, but also its other varieties, including regional dialects.

The Institute's staff are managers of research projects financed with the resources of the National Centre for Science (NSC) and the National Program for the Development of Humanities. The projects concern both lexicographical and corpus issues, as well as fundamental research focused on synchronic and diachronic linguistics. There are also pioneering projects aimed at breaking the boundaries between different scientific fields, for example the project named *Development of Computational Chemical Linguistics and Its Applications to the Efficient Planning of Multi-Step Chemical Syntheses*, carried out in cooperation with the Institute of Organic Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Faculty of Mathematics of the University of Warsaw, within the most prestigious scientific grant programme supported by the NSC.

Currently, IJP PAN also implements a multi-directional strategy in order to include more international elements in its works and to promote the results of research and practical solutions, created here, in other countries.

We cooperate with researchers from other Slavic countries on the edition of The Slavic Linguistic Atlas (OLA). Individual volumes of the Atlas, containing breakthrough findings in linguistic geography, are available at: www.slavatlas.org and <http://ola.zrc-sazu.si/>.

Since the 1990s, the Institute of the Polish Language has been part of the European project concerning an atlas of European languages, the Atlas Linguarium Europae (ALE), which is being edited with UNESCO patronage (<http://www.lingv.ro/ALE.html>).

Researchers specializing in Medieval Latin in Poland participate in international projects focusing on the characteristics and evolution of Medieval Latin in Europe such as:

- Medioevo Europeo: Medieval Europe – Medieval Cultures and Technological Resources, realized in the years 2010-2015 within the COST programme of the European Union (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/IS1005/#tabs|Name:overview>)

- OMNIA: Outils et méthodes numériques pour l'interrogation et l'analyse des textes médiolatins; realized with the patronage of the Union Académique Internationale (<http://www.glossaria.eu/>);

- scientific cooperation agreement between IRHT CNRS (L'Institut de recherche et d'histoire des textes, France) and IJP PAN;

- cooperation with other European teams working on Medieval Latin dictionaries (e.g. Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources, Lexicon Bohemorum, and Mittellateinische Wörterbuch).

Apart from the Medioevo Europeo project, researchers and PhD students of IJP PAN also take part in other projects of the COST network such as:

- ENeL: European Network of e-Lexicography (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/IS1305/#tabs|Name:overview>);

- enetCollect: European Network for Combining Language Learning with Crowdsourcing Techniques (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA16105/#tabs|Name:overview>);

- Distant Reading for European Literary History (<https://www.distant-reading.net/>).

IJP PAN also continues cooperation with other countries. It has signed a collaboration contract with the Zhytomyr Ivan Franko State University (Ukraine). The agreement is in effect until 2020¹.

The Institute for the Polish Language of the Polish Academy of Sciences declares its interest in participation in the Erasmus+ international cooperation programme. Its inclusion in such activity would stimulate the growth of the institution, which aims at the creation of an elevated international standard of research, as well as creation of application solutions for scientific use, business, and PhD education. Basing on earlier experience with international projects, the Institute can take part in the realization of the Strategic Partnerships programme together with institutions from other Erasmus+ countries and partner countries.

The structure of scientific and didactic work and of the administrative services can be easily adapted for such an enterprise. The Strategic Partnerships goals are congruent with the IJP PAN's long-term development policy. It includes the increase of its potential in the scope of cooperation related to innovation (competitive dictionary projects, text- and language-processing tools), as well as in the field of education (directing the development of PhD students to action, increasing their competitiveness in the scientific market and outside of it; increasing the scientific and educational potential of the teachers). The Institute is going to prioritize creating Strategic Partnerships with other research units in the same or similar fields of knowledge.

The IJP PAN, using the know-how worked out in earlier B+R projects such as the RCIN Digital Repository of Scientific Institutes or The Innovative Economy EU Operational Programme can successfully take part in international cooperation projects in Knowledge Alliances.

¹ For further information on the IJP PAN's scientific activity cf. <https://ijp.pan.pl/en/o-instytucie/cele-i-misja/> and <https://ijp.pan.pl/en/o-instytucie/historia/>.

At the Institute of the Polish Language, the Erasmus+ programme would be relevant to an increase of the educational process quality and to a manner of research concentrated on practical significance (cooperation with foreign scientific institutions and with companies).

With the Erasmus+ programme, a larger number of PhD students and scientists would engage in international cooperation, and the Institute would be able to suggest the methods and solutions created there to foreign entities. Mobility would stimulate the achievement of scientific excellence.

Realization of the goals of the European Educational Area will result in:

1. increase in the feeling of responsibility for the causative power of messages, including ones found on the internet (the issues of misinformation, counteracting xenophobic or populist attitudes).
2. allocation of additional funding for activities increasing the mobility of PhD students and teachers, and cooperation with foreign scientific institutions and businesses.
3. growing internationalization and increasing quality of the didactic process; theory application in practical activities, important to the local, national, and international communities.