**The Internationalization Strategy**

**of Don State Technical University**

**for the period of 2014-2020**

1. **General terms**

The Internationalization Strategy of Don State Technical University (Hereinafter Strategy) is based on fundamental documents on higher education modernization in the context of postindustrial society and knowledge economy development:

* International documents:
  + The Ministerial Communiqué «Maximal use of our potential: of European Higher Education Area consolidation»;
  + Mobility development strategy in European Higher Education Area for the period to 2020 «Mobility for education improvement»;
  + The III Bologna political forum participants joint statement «Outside of the Bologna Process: creation and cooperation of national, regional and global higher education areas», adopted within the frame of the VIII Ministerial Conference of Bologna Process countries and the III Bologna political forum (26-27 April 2012, Bucharest, Romania);
  + The Russian Federation international agreements.
* National documents:
  + The Russian Federation Federal law «Education act of the Russian Federation» № 273-FL as of 21.12.12;
  + The Russian Federation Governmental program «Education development» for the period of 2013-2020;
  + The Russian Federation long-term social and economic development concept for the period to 2020;
  + The Russian Federation Educational services export concept for the period of 2011-2020;
* Local documents:
  + Don State Technical University Statute;
  + Development programme for the period of 2011-2020;
  + Strategic development programme for the period of 2012-2016 «Engineering education: sustainable regional development – 7 «C» CONCEPT».

Internationalization is a mutual integration of international and intercultural dimensions in higher education.

The strategy determines approaches, goals and priorities of internationalization instruments implementation into the university activities.

1. **Internationalization approaches**

In accordance with higher education policies and trends of leading countries and the Russian Federation, the realization of DSTU internationalization process is based on the following approaches:

* *mutual understanding approach* based on long-term and effective connections within the university and on the international university partnership;
* *revenue-generating* *approach* aimed at providing financial stability and extra income generation. This approach supposes learning activities diversification according to “Mobility for Better Learning” strategy, joint degree programmes development, inclusive education and additional education (winter/summer courses);
* *capacity building approach* promoting participation in international projects and academic mobility programmes, increasing brand recognition, and therefore enhancing DTSU graduates competitiveness, as well as international reputation of university lecturers and researchers.

1. **Goals of internationalization.**

The goals are divided into academic and economic ones:

* *The academic goals* are aimed at increasing education and researches quality through students and lecturers participation in international academic mobility and educational programmes modernisation taking into account the European dimension.
* *The economic goals* provide financial stability and sustainable development due to additional funding sources involvement and intellectual product income generation.

1. **Priorities**

The priorities of the Strategy are the following:

* DTSU promotion and entering into national and world educational rankings;
* Strategic international alliances creation – network cooperation and institutional partnership;
* International dimension implementation;
* International project activities efficiency increase;
* Academic and professional mobility programs realization;
* Foreign students enrolment;
* International environment development at the university.

1. **Final provisions**

Realization of the Strategy provides increasing education quality and DSTU diploma competitiveness at national and international levels, enhances the university impact in Russia and abroad, summons internal and additional external intellectual and financial resources.