

GLOBAL HIGHER EDUCATION



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- In a world where **academia transcends borders**, the safety and well-being of international scholars are paramount. As educators, administrators, and partners, we must actively work to ensure that scholars can pursue knowledge free from threats
 - The global higher education system has changed drastically over the last decade, addressing issues with varying success, including a sharp rise in security threats
 - Recognizing the growing risks, the Czech University of Life Sciences (CZU) is introducing new guidelines and protocols to enhance the security of international relations.

CZU CHALLENGES



- 20 000 students, 30% of whom are international, most of them in a single U.S. style campus, International Cooperation with hundreds of institutions on all continents with the exception of Antarctica
- Strategic partnerships in development projects in Africa and Asia, often in unstable regions with hostile environments, posing personal security risks
- Research in fields that our academics do not traditionally perceive as attractive for espionage but are, in fact, priorities for illegitimate foreign influence.

CZU CHALLENGES



ILLEGITIMATE
FOREIGN
INFLUENCE

ESPIONAGE



ON CAMPUS
PERSONAL
SECURITY



FOREIGN
TRAVEL AND
MOBILITY
SECURITY



COMMON FRAMEWORK



- EU policy: „As open as possible as closed as necessary“
- National policy – Interministerial Working Group for Combating Illegitimate Influence in Higher Education and Research Environments / Ministry of Education Guidelines 6/2024
- Security and Information Service (BIS) annual reports
- National interest
- Institutional interest

STRATEGIES, COUNTERMEASURES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION



- SYNERGY BETWEEN TWO KEY UNIVERSITY ACTORS
- CZU INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE
(Illegitimate Foreign Influence, Due Dilligence, Foreign Travel and Mobility security)
- CZU SECURITY DIVISION
(Cybersecurity, Oncampus Personal Security, Counters Espionage)
- Creation of common strategies and procedures

CZU IMPLEMENTATION



- Strategy of Internationalisation Update
- Manual for Safe International Cooperation and International Travel for Employees of Czech University of Life Sciences Prague – University Guidelines: Establishing international partnerships and the principle of Due diligence, The influence of foreign power in the university environment, International Travel Guidelines
- Centralized Memorandum of Understanding
- List of Countries Blacklisted for Travel