

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### ON ESTABLISHING THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM

Uzhhorod

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SU «Uzhhorod National University» (hereinafter referred to as - *Consortium Coordinator*), represented by the Rector, Professor Volodymyr Smolanka and the undersigned Members of Memorandum, (hereinafter – *Partners Parties*), establish the Consortium of Universities (hereinafter - *the Consortium*).

#### Article 1

##### Purpose of the Consortium

The purpose of the Consortium is to establish and coordinate the inter-institutional cooperation in the areas of academic mobility, research, technological development and innovation, improving the competitiveness at national and international levels.

#### Article 2

##### Main activities of the Consortium

The main areas of cooperation between the Partners Parties shall be the following:

- organization of joint conferences, symposia, seminars and other scientific forums;
- preparation and publication of joint educational and scientific papers;
- academic mobility of students, PhD students and academic staff;
- development of joint educational and research programs, establishing joint leadership of PhD students;
- mutually beneficial cooperation with the authorities, business and other interested parties;
- development, promotion and implementation of joint projects with national and international donors.

#### Article 3

##### Obligations of Partners Parties

Partners Parties commit themselves to:

- delegating the representatives to the Council of the Consortium;
- participating in the development and implementation of joint projects and activities;
- providing information on activities in joint projects, events and other initiatives implemented under the Consortium or within the main areas of its activity;
- selecting partners for the project implementation among the Partners Parties.

## **Article 4**

### **Organizational Structure of the Consortium**

1. The main governing body of the Consortium is the Partners Council, which is represented by all universities of the Consortium Partners.
2. Partners Council of the network shall decide on the activities of the Consortium.
3. The meeting of the Partners Council is held at least once a year.
4. The Partners Council consists of representatives of all partners - university leaders or their delegated representatives.
5. The responsibilities of the Council include:
  - acceptance of new Consortium Partners;
  - adoption of long-term priorities of the Consortium and its operational objectives;
  - consideration of initiatives proposed by at least one Partner Party;
  - monitoring and evaluation of the Partners Parties activity under the Consortium joint activity and its functioning as a whole.
6. The Council shall take all decisions by a simple majority of votes of the Consortium Partners Parties.
7. Consortium Coordinator ensures effective communication between Partners Parties, keeps records of their activities, organizes meetings of the Consortium Council.
8. Each Partner Party shall appoint one coordinator, responsible for ongoing work in the Consortium.

## **Article 5**

### **Privacy Policy**

1. Partners undertake not to publish or distribute information relating Partners Parties to third parties.
2. Partners undertake to use their internal procedures to ensure the privacy of information regarding the Consortium during the period of validity of this Memorandum.
3. The Memorandum shall be implemented in accordance with the national legislation of the Partners Parties.

## **Article 6**

### **Final Provisions**

1. Any changes to this Memorandum shall be made in writing.
2. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this Memorandum shall be resolved through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.
3. The Memorandum is concluded for an indefinite period of time.

4. If a Partner Party decides to terminate its participation in the Memorandum, it is obliged to give a three months' notice to the Consortium Coordinator in writing.
5. The Memorandum is made in three identical copies in Ukrainian, English and Russian, three for the each Partner Party, each of those is being equally valid.

#### Signatures of Consortium Partners

Rector of Uzhhorod National University		Volodymyr Smolanka
Rector of the Pomeranian Academy in Słupsk		Roman Drozd
Rector of L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University		Erlan Sydykov
Rector of "Vasile Goldis" Western University of Arad		Coralia Adina Cotoraci
Rector of "Babes-Bolyai" University, Cluj-Napoca		Ioan-Aurel Pop
Rector of University of Economics in Bratislava		Rudolf Sivák
Rector of Mukachevo State University		Tetyana Shcherban
Rector of the Higher School of Business - National Louis University		Wiktor Patena
Professor of Mykolas Romeris University		Alvydas Baležentis
President of Rákóczi Ferenc II Transcarpathian Hungarian Institute		Ildikó Oros
Rector of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University		Ihor Tsependa
Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University		Bohdan Prakh
Rector of Zhytomyr Ivan Franko State University		Petro Saukh
Rector of the Carpathian University named after Augustyn Voloshyn		Viktor Bed