

Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)

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BETWEEN



Faculty of Natural Sciences(hereinafter: the FNS),

University of Tirana,

With headquarters in

Bulevardi "Zogu I", 1001 Tirana, Albania

represented by Prof. Spiro Drushku, the Dean

AND



School of International Education(hereinafter: the SIE),

Kunming University of Science and Technology,

No.727 South Jingming Rd., Chenggong District, Kunming, 650500, China

represented by Prof. Shen Ling, the Dean

PREAMBLE:

1. Having regard to the respective mandates of the Parties and their objectives as defined in their founding legal acts;
2. Taking note of the progress achieved so far in the exchange of information and expertise between the Parties’;
3. Considering that it is within the common interest of the Parties’ to enhance further their cooperation in certain areas while avoiding duplication of efforts and overlaps in their respective activities, and ensuring the best use of available resources. Therefore, in consideration of the mutual interest above, the Parties have agreed the following:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) is to provide a common strategic commitment to establish and develop cooperation in order to exchange experiences and knowledge in the field of science and technology, the need to intensify cooperation by creating conditions for establishing partnerships in joint programs, projects, strategies, plans, and competencies, etc.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. The Parties’ agreed to cooperate in the field of science and technology in development and scientific research as well as in other matters of mutual interest, all with the aim of:
- Increasing one's own potentials
 - Contributions to raising the scientific and technological level and preparation in the areas in which the partners are interested and
 - Conducting a rational development policy in activities of wider social significance.

2.2. Having in mind the commitment to achieve the goals of long-term cooperation, the contracting parties agree that the realized cooperation is referred to in point 2.1. of this MoC is realized in:

- Joint work on research and development projects
- Study design
- Quality control and quality management
- Organization and realization of professional and scientific events,
- Publishing scientific and professional papers in the field of environmental protection
- Realization of partnerships in the field of applications and cooperation through joint programs and projects and direct participation in the implementation of national and international EU projects and programs
- Organizing and joint appearances at fairs, meetings to promote and present joint programs, projects, and campaigns
- Joint work on other professional and scientific activities in the field that belong to the activities of the Parties.

3. LEGAL NATURE

3.1. This MoC is a statement of intent and does not create any enforceable rights or obligations. The Parties' will fulfill their tasks under this MoC on a best-effort basis;

3.2. This MoC does not modify or supersede any European Union law or any national laws nor does it affect any provisions under other multilateral or bilateral agreements in force and applicable to the Parties;

3.3. There will be no third-party beneficiaries to this MoC.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

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- 4.1. This MoC will be implemented by mutual agreement and regular consultation between the Parties;
- 4.2. Further aspects of the cooperation between the Parties as the detailed working methods and procedures may be developed and agreed upon in the framework of the present MoC, including specification of the respective roles and responsibilities of involved members of staff and the modalities for the participation as an observer to relevant meetings.
- 4.3. The Parties undertake to form joint working bodies, with the task of preparing and implementing projects in areas that are the subject of cooperation, all with the aim of better, more efficient, and complete achievement of cooperation goals, especially in terms of project planning and prioritization.
- 4.4. The Contracting Parties agreed to use the Parties' laboratories for the needs of innovation and other joint projects in the areas that are the subject of cooperation.
- 4.5. To ensure the implementation of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall hold periodic meetings of authorized representatives and joint teams.
- 4.6. The Contracting Parties have agreed that business and technical cooperation within the meaning of this Agreement shall be appointed by the heads of the institutions by special decisions, of which both parties shall make written notifications.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 5.1. Exchange of information between the Parties for this MoC shall only take place by the provisions of this MoC and by the applicable laws and regulations governing the processing and release of information, in particular, the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001;
- 5.2. Each Party will ensure that information received based on this MoC will be treated following applicable laws and regulations governing the processing and release of information. Sharing of information shall safeguard the legitimate rights of third parties, including their Intellectual Property rights. When the exchange of data that is not publicly available takes place, confidentiality requirements shall apply as foreseen in the Parties' founding legal acts or other relevant legislation and the Parties respect each other's confidentiality policy. The Unauthorized use and processing of data provided by a third party for the benefit of another party shall not be allowed.

6. APPLICABILITY, AMENDMENT, AND TERMINATION

- 6.1. The Parties will begin to cooperate under the framework of this MoC as of the date of the last signature by either Party;
- 6.2. This MoC may be amended at any time with the written consent of both Parties;
- 6.3. This MoC may be terminated by either Party by providing three (3) months' written notice to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this MoC in two (2) original copies of which each Party has received one copy:

Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tirana

Authorized Representative:

Spiro Drushku, Dean of Faculty of Natural Sciences,

Done at: University of Tirana, Albania



Date:

14.12.2022

School of International Education (hereinafter: the SIE), Kunming University of Science and Technology

Authorized Representative:

Bing ZHANG, Director of Division of International Cooperation,

Done at: Kunming University of Science and Technology, China



Date:

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