

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

between the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (Ukraine) and Agency for Science and Higher Education (Croatia)

May 6, 2021

Kyiv / Zagreb

Taking into consideration the aspiration of the Participants of this Memorandum to establish cooperation in the field of higher education quality assurance, striving to create an effective system of exchanging the positive practices and experiences and to establish partnerships in this sphere.

The National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (Ukraine) and Agency for Science and Higher Education (Croatia) hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", basing on the principles of mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutually beneficial cooperation, have concluded this Memorandum on the following:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall cooperate through consultations, exchanging information on quality assurance, joint activities (e.g., common projects, exchange of experts, professional development of both agencies' staff) in the field of higher education quality assurance.

ARTICLE 2

In order to cooperate and coordinate the joint efforts, basing on this Memorandum, the Parties create the necessary conditions for cooperation in the following areas:

- organization and implementation of joint events, roundtables, conferences, trainings on higher education quality assurance;
- providing informational, methodological, consulting, organizational and scientific support;
- other areas defined by common needs.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties undertake to act on the basis of the principles of mutual respect, integrity and competence.

ARTICLE 4

By mutual agreement, the Parties shall publish information in their respective periodicals and web pages on joint events, programs, projects, and inform the

society and the scientific community of the results of cooperation under this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 5

This Memorandum is a statement of intent and does not create any enforceable rights of obligations. The Parties will fulfil their tasks under this Memorandum on a best-effort basis.

This Memorandum does not contain financial obligations.

All financial obligations that may arise in implementing the provisions of this Memorandum will be made in separate agreements between the Parties.

By mutual agreement, the right to use the results of activities according to the provisions of this Memorandum is vested in the Parties in accordance with the relevant regulations on personal data protection.

ARTICLE 6

This Memorandum does not preclude other forms of cooperation previously agreed upon by the Parties which do not conflict with the provisions of the Parties' charters and the purpose of this Memorandum.

Disputes related to the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Memorandum after its entry into force will be resolved through negotiation and consultations.

The text of this Memorandum may be the subject to the amendments previously agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 7

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by both parties and it shall be valid for three (3) years. The Memorandum is extended for a following three-year period, unless either party states in written about its termination prior to its expiration.

Either Party may terminate this Memorandum providing written notification of its intention to the other Party. In such a case, this Memorandum shall cease to have effect one month after the receipt of the relevant notification.

Should this Memorandum be terminated, its provisions will apply until the full implementation of the joint programs and projects launched within it.

Done in Kyiv / Zagreb on May 6, 2021 in two originals in the English language, which are authentic and have the same legal force.

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