

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION**  
**between the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance**  
**(Ukraine) and Plagiat.pl sp. z o.o.**

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**Taking into consideration** the systematic violations of academic integrity and intellectual property rights during the implementation of educational and scientific activities by the relevant entities,

**Aware of** the need for constructive changes in the field of ensuring academic integrity, combating its violations and forming new principles of academic culture in Ukraine,

**Aiming to** create an effective system of ensuring academic integrity on the national market and to draw public attention to the problem of violations in this area,

**Aiming to** bring academic integrity into line with high international standards and to integrate Ukrainian higher education into the European educational environment,

**Desiring to** maintain and expand lasting long-term ties in order to make more effective use of common opportunities for the protection of intellectual property, implementation of higher international experience in higher education and research institutions in the field of academic integrity during training and certification of higher education seekers and examination of research papers of higher education seekers, scientific, scientific-pedagogical staff for the presence of signs of plagiarism (textual and other types of borrowings without correct citation),

**Guided by** the Constitution of Ukraine, the Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education", the Law of Ukraine "On Education", the Charter of the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance and Plagiat.pl sp. z o.o.

The National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (Ukraine) and Plagiat.pl sp. z o.o., 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:

In compliance with current legislation of Ukraine and international law in the field of intellectual property protection and academic integrity, the Parties will cooperate to hold consultations, joint (including with representatives of higher education and research institutions) activities, information exchange, preparation of joint methodological and promotional materials, creating an atmosphere conducive to the writing of research papers and students works without plagiarism.

## ARTICLE 2

In order to cooperate and coordinate joint efforts to create protection of intellectual property and ensure academic integrity with the effective use of innovative technologies, the Parties during the term of this Memorandum will create the necessary conditions for cooperation in the following areas:

- deepening the experience of using systems for testing research papers and students works for signs of academic plagiarism (hereinafter - the systems);
- organisation and holding of joint events, round tables, conferences, in particular carrying out of trainings (with issue of certificates) on acquaintance with work of systems for applicants of higher education, scientific and pedagogical and staff;
- use of support by Plagiat.pl experts in the development and implementation of procedures for verification and evaluation of research papers and students works.

## ARTICLE 3

The Parties undertake not to disclose information concerning the confidentiality of commercial or technical features and the provision of services in cooperation with the implementation of the provisions of this Memorandum without prior agreement.

## ARTICLE 4

By mutual agreement, the Parties shall, during the term of this Memorandum, publish information that does not disclose personal information, in their periodicals and on web pages on joint activities, programs, projects, including international ones, and inform the society and the international scientific community about the results of cooperation under this Memorandum.

## ARTICLE 5

This Memorandum is not a joint venture agreement and 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.



## 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.

Memorandum signed in (Kyiv) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_ 2020 in two originals in the English language, which are authentic and have the same legal force.

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