



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
between
Sumy National Agrarian University, Ukraine
and Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy, Józefów, Poland

Sumy National Agrarian University, Ukraine, represented by Professor Volodymyr Ladyka as Rector, and Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy (WSGE), represented by Professor Magdalena Sitek as Rector, acting as legal representatives of both institutions, deeming the development of direct cultural, educational and scientific co-operation mutually advantageous, are aware of both the importance of international cooperation between within the field of education and scientific research and the usefulness of establishing closer relations for reciprocal benefits.

The areas of cooperation will include any program offered at either university, which is felt to be desirable and feasible for the development and strengthening of cooperative relationships of both institutions. However, any specific program shall be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds, and approval of each university. Such programs may include: ● Undergraduate and graduate students exchange programs; ● Joint development degree programs; ● Exchange programs for administrative and teaching staff; ● Joint research projects; ● Joint cultural programs; ● Joint conferences and workshops; ● Exchange of publications; ● Joint teaching projects.

Therefore both institutions wish to develop and maintain activities that will foster co-operation and enhance, as a first step, the skills of their students, staff and administrators, promoting the exchange of experience and knowledge, according to the following provisions and areas of cooperation as desirable and feasible:

1. **Exchange of students (undergraduate, graduate and PhD) within integrated study programs:** the respective institutions will endeavor to establish an exchange program in the future to enable students to pursue study programs and receive transfer credits towards a degree or certificate in the students' respective home institution. Any specific activities will be detailed and agreed upon in subsequent agreements (including ERASMUS programs).
2. **Exchange of teaching, research and technical personnel for workshops, seminars, conferences and joint research projects:** The two parties will explore the exchange of teaching, research and technical personnel for workshops, seminars, conferences and joint research projects. Collaboration in the field of TV, radio and books and articles publishing is also considered. Specific arrangements would be negotiated directly between participating professors and the university that arranges the special course.
3. **Develop alternative educational tools and models to promote excellence and applied training:** internships, dual education, executive master programs, and doctoral programs.
4. **Exchange of information and scientific publications:** The respective institutions will endeavor to explore mutually fruitful exchanges of information and scientific publications.
5. **Each co-operation activity will be regulated by a specific agreement** signed by the heads of the Colleges/Faculties or Departments involved.



6. The respective institutions shall make sure that all visiting scholars and students are covered by insurance according to the norms of their host institution. This insurance must be in effect at the time they are traveling/working at their respective guest institution. The guest institution will not be held liable for any healthcare costs, whatsoever, incurred by the traveler/guest scholars or students.
7. The parties agree that in the case of student exchange, those chosen to participate, provided they are officially enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate programme, will pay normal tuition and fees at their home institution and will be exempted from the tuition fees at the host institution.
8. The parties agree that any conflicts arising from the present agreement will be resolved by a joint committee set up for that purpose.
9. Any financial provisions contained in this document are subject to agreement and appended separately.
10. The parties agree to designate, on behalf of each institution, a coordinator whose responsibility will be to supervise the execution of the agreement and to draw up an annual programme of activities, setting out specific provisions concerning the exchange of persons, budget requirements and details of funding.
11. The present agreement will have duration of 5 years from the date of signing and can be renewed, any year, by the express agreement of both parties. If one party wishes to cancel the agreement, this decision must be communicated to the other party no less than nine months in advance.
12. Both institutions will conduct an annual evaluation of the activities agreed to on the basis of this document. Results of the evaluation will be shared by the two institutions and will be used to propose improvements to the terms of the agreement or extensions to those terms. Each institution in writing must ratify any changes to the terms.

The representatives of the respective institutions on the dates hereinafter stated will execute the present contract.

Signed and stamped,

ON BEHALF OF

SUMY NATIONAL AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY
SUMY, UKRAINE
Professor Volodymyr Ladyka
Rector of SNAU



Signature and stamp:

Date:

Alcide De Gasperi University of
Euroregional Economy
Assoc. Professor Magdalena Sitek
Rector of WSGE



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Date: