



**AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT
UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED
NATIONS (BELGRAD, REPUBLIC OF SERBIA)
AND KAZAKH HUMANITARIAN JURIDICAL INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY
(SEMEY, REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN)**

25.05.2017

The parties to the Agreement:

Kazakhstan Humanitarian Juridical Innovative University (KazHJIU), Republic of Kazakhstan, (hereinafter: the "University"), represented by Prof. Shyryn Kurmanbayeva, Rector
and

European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) University for Peace established by the United Nations, Republic of Serbia, (hereinafter: the "ECPD"), represented by Academician Negoslav Ostojić, ECPD Executive Director.

Context

- 1) The parties to the Agreement have identified and highlighted the potential for academic benefits through their active cooperation that would include joint postgraduate studies, exchange of information and academic staff and students and research projects, while seeking further opportunities for joint activities;
- 2) The parties to the Agreement agree to promote joint academic, scientific and cultural endeavours and foster cooperation between its faculties, schools, departments, institutes and research centres;
- 3) The parties to the Agreement acknowledge and recognise the goodwill that exists between them to facilitate the development of further specific agreements and forms of cooperation;

Aims of the cooperation

- 4) The parties commit themselves to explore mutually beneficial cooperative projects in teaching, research, consultancy and educational programmes, including exchange of professors and experts of ECPD from various countries and professors and experts of Kazakhstan Humanitarian Juridical Innovative University, as well as to develop joint programmes and create, when necessary, joint institutions;
- 5) Both institutions agree to cooperate in all areas of mutual interest and education and research programmes. The parties shall explore potential for cooperation in joint provision of scholarship and qualifications in suitable areas. Projects are expected to focus on appropriate activities to support and enhance the process of transition in the Region, on education and research, projects and programmes related to regional sustainable development and regional trans-border cooperation, as well as European integration processes;
- 6) The parties agree to organise joint postgraduate programs at specialist, master and doctoral levels in various fields in line with the priority needs and interests of Kazakhstan

and the neighbouring countries; the parties have agreed to issue joint degrees that will be co-signed and co-sealed by both institutions;

- 7) The parties agree to carry out joint research projects at the national, local and regional levels in various fields in line with the priority needs and interests of Kazakhstan and the neighbouring countries;
- 8) The parties agree to publish joint publications, monographs and magazines in various fields in line with the priority needs and interests of Kazakhstan and the neighbouring countries;
- 9) The parties agree to organise joint conferences, roundtables, workshops, panel discussions and similar events focusing on various topics which may contribute to strengthening regional and international cooperation;

Implementation

- 10) Within this framework both institutions shall cooperate in the following activities:
 - a) Joint education and research activities in areas of mutual interest to both institutions of priority importance to Kazakhstan and the neighbouring countries;
 - b) Exchange of information in areas of mutual interest to both institutions;
 - c) Exchange of professors, researchers and students to carry out joint projects.
- 11) Joint education activities can be organized as follows:
 - a) joint international postgraduate studies at specialist, master and doctoral studies,
 - b) joint international postgraduate schools, seminars, instructive courses and innovation courses,
 - c) joint study programmes abroad for professionals working in the corporate sector, scientific institutions and state administration, as well as for interested individuals,
 - d) joint study visits to certain foreign institutions for experts and individuals referred to in the previous Item,
 - e) joint organisation and conducting of summer schools, workshops and study trips in Kazakhstan and the neighbouring countries, particularly for foreign students and experts,
 - f) setting up joint departments and schools for postgraduate studies in Kazakhstan and neighbouring countries,
- 12) Joint activities should involve cross-disciplinary cooperation in the following areas:
 - a) economic, scientific, technological and social developments in the economies in transition;
 - b) management development and education;
 - c) strategic management, financial management, small business management, project management and health management;
 - d) management in public companies, public administration and local self-government administration, health management;
 - e) technological innovation, knowledge management and quality management;
 - f) international relations, public diplomacy, economic diplomacy and journalism;
 - g) European Union Institutions and proceedings, EU Law and International Business Law, European and regional cooperation and integration.
- 13) Kazakhstan Humanitarian Juridical Innovative University and ECPD shall:
 - a) jointly try to provide financial resources for certain number of scholarships to be granted to the best students involved in their COOPERATION;
 - b) undertake to try by joint efforts to set up, as soon as possible, a permanent fund for granting scholarships to the students referred to in the previous paragraph of this item;
 - c) set the Rules for the joint postgraduate studies at the specialist, master and doctoral levels to be adopted by the relevant governing bodies of the University and ECPD;

- d) accept and mutually recognize diplomas, certificates and grades issued by both university institutions, without equivalence procedure;
- e) issue multilingual degrees and certificates (alternative: in the English and Spanish languages or possibly in Latin);
- f) provide working premises, teaching aids and other necessary teaching equipment;
- g) set tuition fee for postgraduate studies and compensations for other forms of postgraduate studies by exchange of correspondence between the institutions;
- h) negotiate annually the exchange of students. In order to do this, both institutions will exchange information at least six months prior to the beginning of the exchange period. This information shall specify the activities to be carried out as well as their duration, dates, number of participants and other relevant details;
- i) use international relations in the area of education and science for postgraduate studies and improving quality of the postgraduate studies referred to in the Agreement, both of the University and ECPD and its international institutional network of affiliation across Europe;
- j) approve financial plans of COOPERATION in each particular case, through liaison officers, and confirm it by exchange of correspondence.

Management of the cooperation

14) In order to further the cooperation intended by this Agreement, and to facilitate effective communication and management of information, ECPD and Kazakhstan Humanitarian Juridical Innovative University agree that they will each nominate a liaison officer.

15) The liaison officers will be responsible for:

- a) establishing and maintaining lines of communication necessary to give effect to the provisions, terms and spirit of this Agreement; and
- b) managing the link established between the two institutions through this Agreement and any subsequent Annex;

16) The Parties agree to create the Parity Committee, consisting of two members of each signatory party. The main task of the Parity Committee will be to develop common policies and programmes, determine joint tasks and objectives. Particular attention will be dedicated to international post-graduate education programmes at specialist, master and doctoral levels.

17) The Parity Committee will have the task to propose programmes, courses and joint activities by forming a plan of activities for each new academic year.

18) All the operational details and nomination of liaison officers and members of the Parity Committee will be determined by a separate annex to this Agreement.

19) Every joint project concerning this Agreement will be developed and put into practice by means of an appendix in which all the details about the particular activity will be specified.

Financial responsibilities

20) It is recognized that the implementation of program activities under this Agreement will in every case be dependent upon the availability of necessary resources, either from within the institutions concerned or from external sources.

21) Unless otherwise explicitly agreed, each party to this Agreement will be responsible for funding the activities of its staff in support of this cooperation. Financial responsibility for such activities shall be agreed and defined by separate annex.

22) When appropriate opportunities arise the parties shall use their reasonable endeavours to align their areas of expertise to secure funds and resources to assist in achieving the aims referred to in this Agreement or subsequent annexes.

23) In any case, both parties agree to seek external financial resources, both from public and private institutions.

24) Both parties will encourage joint participation in calls for projects and internationally and locally financed programmes.

Individual projects and agreements

25) The subject, nature, extent and applicable provisions of each joint project will be negotiated on an individual basis depending on the constraints of available funds and resources, and be supported by a written agreement (annex) made and entered into by and between ECPD and Kazakhstan Humanitarian Juridical Innovative University.

Duration of the Agreement

26) This Agreement shall have effect from the date of signature for an initial period of 10 (ten) years, and may be renewed by mutual consent of both parties thereafter.

Review of the Agreement

27) Not less than six months prior to the date of termination of this Agreement, the liaison officers will undertake a review of the Agreement and make a joint report to each party to it.

28) Modification of the Agreement can be requested in any moment, by either party, by way of written notice to the other party, with minimum of twelve months' notice, that is, one academic year before proposed modification should enter into force.

Termination of the Agreement

29) Either party to this Agreement may terminate it by providing a notice of termination to the other party, not less than twelve months in advance.


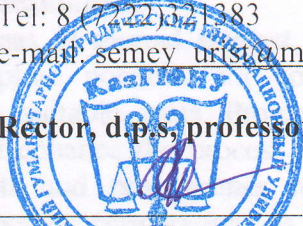
30) In the event of termination prior to the end of the period indicated in item 26, the parties agree to work together to protect the interests of any students currently deriving benefit from the cooperation.

31) Eventual termination of the Agreement should be conducted without detriment to previously coordinated activities and will be resolved by joint agreement.

Conclusive remarks

32) This Agreement written in the English language is to be considered as the only original version. Translations in any other languages are for internal use only.

34) This Agreement is signed in 4 (four) copies, two for each signatory party.

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