

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION ON SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

BETWEEN

**UNIVERSITY OF TUSCIA
ITALY**

AND

UNIVERSITY OF KRAGUJEVAC, SERBIA

The University of Tuscia, based in via S. Maria in Gradi 4, 01100 Viterbo, Italia, represented by Rector, Prof. Dr Tiziana Laureti, and the University of Kragujevac, based in Liceja Kneževine Srbije 1A, Kragujevac, Serbia, represented by Rector, Prof. Dr Vladimir Ranković, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, intending to strengthen cooperation in the field of science, technology and education and acknowledging the importance of partnership based on the principles of voluntary participation, equality, common good and reciprocity, subject to the availability of resources provided to fulfill cooperation between the Parties, hereby agree on the following:

Article 1 Goals

The main goals of this Memorandum are:

- Establishing the framework for cooperation in the field of science, technology and education between the Parties;
- Making efforts to respond to global and regional challenges through shared experience and complimentary capacities in the field of science, technology and education;
- Generating and sharing new knowledge and development of innovative products and services in the field of science, technology and education, subject to resources available to the Parties;
- Facilitating Parties' partnership in the field of science, technology and education whenever it is appropriate.

Article 2 Areas of cooperation

2.1 The main areas of cooperation under this Memorandum include (but are not

limited to) the following areas:

- Exchange of information about strategies and programs of the Parties in the field of science, technology and education;
- Visits and exchange of university teaching and administrative staff and students;
- Application of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) to facilitate the exchange of students and the recognition of educational activities carried out in the two Countries;
- Exchange of scientific and teaching materials and publications;
- Exploring and promoting co-operation and collaboration in the fields of teaching and research;
- Development of programmes which are mutually beneficial to both parties;
- Exchange in research: Joint programmes in research and development, including exchange of publications and reports;
- Discussion of other areas of mutual interests, including the possibility of exploring joint programmes, double degree agreements and centres of excellence;
- Mutually beneficial collaborative research and development. Any publications resulting from the collaborative research will carry the names of the team members from both institutions.

2.2 Cooperation between the two universities will be developed in the following fields:

0810: Agriculture, not further defined

0520: Environment

0410: Business and administration

2.3 A timetable for progressing developments will be agreed between the two institutions.

2.4 Each party assign a key contact person to be responsible for the execution of this memorandum.

Key contact person for University of Tuscia:

- Academic coordinator:

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Article 3 Mechanisms and forms of cooperation

Parties or authorized persons are able to conclude agreements and work programs which are regulated by the articles of this Memorandum.

The following forms of cooperation are applicable under this Memorandum and agreements/work programs concluded under that framework:

- short-term exchange programs for students, scientists, researchers, technical experts and lecturers;
- specialized educational programs to promote human capital in the field of science, technology and education;
- joint scientific guidance for MSc and PhD students;
- organization of practical workshops, symposiums, and conferences based on common interest in the field of science, technology and education;
- exchange of information in the field of science, technology and education;
- development and implementation of joint educational programs, double degree agreements and scientific and research projects.

Article 4 Mechanisms and forms of financing

Cooperation in the fields of science, technology and education within the framework of this Memorandum shall be implemented through appropriate mechanisms and forms of financing, to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties in specific supplementary agreements and/or work programs.

Each Party may, subject to the availability of financial resources and in accordance with its internal regulations and applicable legal provisions, finance or co-finance the mobility costs of its own teaching, technical and administrative staff, as well as of its own students.

In particular, the University of Tuscia may finance or co-finance the mobility of its teaching, technical and administrative staff and its students in compliance with the University Guidelines for International Agreements and access to mobility funds currently in force (Rector's Decree No. 496/15 of 13.05.2015 and Rector's Decree No. 678/16 of 03.08.2016, as subsequently amended and supplemented). Should the financial resources allocated to the Mobility and International Cooperation Office for this purpose be unavailable or insufficient, the mobility activities may take place on a fully self-funded basis.

Article 5 Control of intellectual property rights

Both parties guarantee appropriate and effective protection and equal distribution of rights on the intellectual property which may arise as a result of joint cooperation in the framework of this Memorandum according to national laws and international agreements of the countries which the Parties belong to.

Conditions of acquisition, maintenance and use of intellectual property rights regarding the possible products and (or) processes which may be a result of this Memorandum should be a subject of supplementary agreements and work programs in the framework of cooperation.

Article 6 Gender equality

The parties declare that they know and accept the internal regulations on sexual harassment, violence and gender discrimination. The University of Tuscia follows the guidelines of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) and aims to "identify and implement innovative strategies to promote cultural change and equal opportunities in Universities and Research Centers" (<http://eige.europa.eu>). The University of Tuscia has developed a Gender Equality Plan on which it bases its activity (https://www.unitus.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Gender-Equality-Plan_eng_compressed-1-3.pdf).

Article 7 Conclusion

The Memorandum enters into force from the date of signing and is valid within 5 (five) years. Unless one of the Parties notifies another Party about its intention to terminate this Memorandum, it shall be automatically extended at the end of initial term for another term of 5 (five) years.

Contents of this Memorandum may be changed by the mutual agreement between the Parties.

Any Party at any time may inform another Party about its intention to terminate this Memorandum. In this case the termination shall take effect in 6 (six) months after the date of notification and shall not include ongoing activities in the cooperation framework unless the Parties have mutually decided otherwise.

The Parties shall commit themselves to solving any dispute connected to the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum through direct negotiations.

This Memorandum has been duly signed in 2 (two) copies in English language, with equal validity.

<i>FOR</i> UNIVERSITY OF TUSCIA _____ Rector Prof. Dr Tiziana LAURETI <i>VITERBO</i> / /20__	<i>FOR</i> UNIVERSITY OF KRAGUJEVAC _____ Rector Prof. Dr Vladimir Ranković <i>Place and data</i> / /20__
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