



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

In the area of innovation, trade, and investment

between

“Fan S. Noli” University of Korçë

and

“St. Kliment Ohridski” University of Bitola

Nowtherefore, “Fan S. Noli” University of Korçë (UniKO) and the “St. Kliment Ohridski” University of Bitola (UB) will be called “Parts” on behalf of the Memorandum.

Article 1

Main purpose

- 1.1 Strengthening capacities of key stakeholders in advancing competitiveness and know in the CBC areas. These will be achieved through physical and virtual infrastructure introduction by notable educational institutions, research centres, and business sectors.
- 1.2 Enhancing cross-sector cooperation between SMEs and Start-Ups by focusing on complementary and utilizing the present and future to business opportunities for joint ventures, as well as bottlenecks among Start-Ups and SMEs.
- 1.3 Mainstreaming the established innovation eco system from national CBC areas.

Article 2

Overall objective

The main objective consist in:

- 2.1 Social communities, work space or research centers that provide subject-matter expertise on technology trends, knowledge, strategic innovation management, and regional industry-specific insights.
- 2.2 Enabling active knowledge transfer between researchers and business experts, industry, and representatives of regional governance.
- 2.3 Brainstorming with scientists and other smart platforms.



Article 3 Function

3.1 An Innovation Hub will be a room within university grounds, furnished with all needed materials (ex. computers, printers, scanners, office cabinets etc.) that may be used for:

- Developing new innovative ideas
- Exchanging innovative experiences among stakeholders
- Invite youth and enhance creative ideas
- Discuss and initiate strategic policies at local level
- Developing Fund Raising
- Brainstorming

Article 4 Working Group

The Innovation Hub will establish its own Working Group composed by:

- 4.1 University staff – Trained university staff members will serve as Working Group staff in the respective Innovation Hub.
- 4.2 Excellent students, or everyone who share innovative ideas
- 4.3 Target municipality/commune representatives will take part
- 4.4 Regional Council Representatives
- 4.5 Chambers of Commerce
- 4.6 Regional Development Agencies
- 4.7 Youth Clubs

Article 5 Frequency of Meetings

Meetings among Working Group staff members will be:

- 5.1 Once every six months (rarely)
- 5.2 Once very four months (often)

Article 6 Synergies

- 6.1 Innovation Hub nominees are expected to create synergies with similar projects.
- 6.2 Lead to a successful implementation, as well as, usefulness.



Article 7 Implementation

7.1 This MoU is worthwhile under higher education law regulations in the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania, including all empowered internal or respective institutional organization charts.

7.2 The two Parts will share the advanced know-how technologies, as well as, their application.

7.3 Promote Start-Ups and SMEs in local and regional events.

7.4 Organize interactive events, business presentations, demo-days where Start-Ups exhibit their ideas, projects and products.

7.5 Lobbying of new ideas to appropriate authorities for their advancement.

7.6 Enhance the cooperation among stakeholders and support new ideas for further investment.

7.7 Establish professional regional networks.

7.8 The Parts may necessarily inform each other through official correspondence for all project dedicated events, activities, bilateral meetings, and any other cooperative issues.

Article 8 Amendment

8.1 This MoU may be amended at any time by mutual agreement. Each Part should make an official written approval, if one disagrees with one or some from abovementioned points.

Article 9 Duration and effectiveness

9.1 This MoU is worthwhile for five years from the date of assignment, with renewal admittance.

9.2 Every Part has the right to denounce the other, in case of misinformation, bad management, negligence in project outputs implementation, and clashes between administrative regulations.

9.3 After the assignment, this Memorandum should be officially translated in Macedonian and Albanian. In case of discordance, English version will prevail.

Article 10 Coming into Force

10.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is signed today, at ___/___/2018, in Bitola, by the main Univeristy representatives.

10.2 The Parts have signed this Memorandum of Understaning in two originals in English, of which they have taken one each.



For the "Fan S. Noli" University of Korçë



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