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University of Craiova, Romania
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, Romania, 200585

hereinafter referred to as the “coordinator”, represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD., Rector, the legal representative as defined in the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001.

and the following beneficiary:

KTH Royal Institute of Technology - established: Stockholm, Sweden

hereinafter referred to as the “beneficiaries”, represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by their legal representatives, according to the Mandates previously signed and attached to the Grant Agreement (here in Annex II).

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The parties hereby have agreed as follows:

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Subject of the Partnership Agreement

1.1 This Agreement defines the terms that govern the relations between the parties, by establishing their rights and obligations, and lays down the rules of procedure for the work to be carried out in order to successfully implement the Erasmus+ CBHE action *Implementation of Education Quality Assurance System via Cooperation of University - Business-Government in HEIs (EDUQAS)* (hereinafter referred to as the "project").

1.2 The coordinator and the beneficiaries, undertake to do everything in their power to carry out the work programme forming the subject of this Agreement, which falls within the framework of the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001, concluded between the coordinator and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Agency"), related to the above-mentioned project.

1.3 The subject matter of this Agreement and the related work programme are detailed in the annexes of the Grant Agreement. The respective Grant Agreement terms and conditions, related annexes and guidelines, shall form an integral part of the present Agreement, and take precedence over it (see Article 20 of the present Agreement for the list of annexes).

1.4 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Grant Agreement and any further amendments of the latter.

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3.1 General obligations and role of the beneficiaries (including the coordinator).

The beneficiaries:

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- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;
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- (e) shall be responsible for the sound financial management and cost efficiency of the funds allocated to the project.

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- (g) establish payment requests on behalf of the beneficiaries, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement;
- (h) provide one copy of this Agreement duly signed to each beneficiary and to the Executive Agency within 6 months of the signature of the Grant Agreement.
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Article 4 **Financing the action**

- 4.1 The maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project for the contractual period covered by the Grant Agreement amounts to EUR 815.296,30 and shall take the form as stipulated in Annex III of the Grant Agreement.
- 4.2 The Erasmus+ grant contribution is awarded to the partnership under the form of:
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- 4.3 The grant contribution to the project is intended to cover only part of the costs actually incurred by the beneficiaries in carrying out the activities foreseen. The beneficiaries commit to provide additional resources to the project so as to ensure its full implementation in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
- 4.4 Full details of the estimated budget breakdown per funding source, beneficiary and budget category are given in Annex I of this Agreement.

Article 5 **Payment arrangements**

- 5.1 The coordinator will transfer the part of the Erasmus+ grant contribution corresponding to each individual beneficiary using the accounts stipulated in Annex III of this Agreement.
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3. The coordinator shall transfer all amounts to the project partners after they have been received from the Agency.

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[Within 30 days of receipt] of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity (as specified in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant), the coordinator will reimburse to the beneficiary's account specified on Annex III of this Agreement the [part of the] costs actually incurred in accordance with the estimated budget breakdown identified under Annex 1 of the Agreement. - *not applicable*

5.3 Beneficiaries are obliged to use the Erasmus+ grant contribution exclusively for the purposes defined by the project, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the present Agreement and the Grant Agreement and its annexes. Erasmus+ grant amounts received in advance and not used by the beneficiaries will be reimbursed to the coordinator at the latest 30 days after the end of the project's contractual period.

5.4 If there is a difference between the amount of the Erasmus+ grant contribution actually used by the partnership and the amount of expenditure declared eligible by the Executive Agency at the end of the project, the following procedure will apply:

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5.5 The costs of financial transfers and other banking commissions shall be borne by each project partner.

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Article 7 **Budgetary and financial management**

7.1 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's staff costs, travel costs and costs of stay will be calculated on the basis of "unit contributions" whose individual amounts are specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant and in the Guidelines for the Special Mobility Strand (when applicable).

7.2 For the implementation of the project and the beneficiary's reimbursement of costs incurred in terms of staff, travel and costs of stay, the partnership will

Possible options:

- apply the unit costs amounts defined in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant
- use the procedure and amounts described hereafter (in Annex XXX of this Agreement) not applicable

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7.5 Each beneficiary is responsible for ensuring adequate insurance arrangements for their staff and students while participating in project activities.

Article 8

General administrative provisions

8.1 Any important project related communication between the parties shall be done in writing and addressed to the appointed project manager of each beneficiary, as per the details below:

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Phone number: +46 70 476 0532

8.2 Any changes to the above information should be communicated in a timely manner.

Article 9

Promotion and visibility

9.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall ensure adequate promotion of the project and commit to playing an active role in any actions organised to capitalise on, exploit / disseminate the results of the project.

9.2 Any notice or publication by the project, including at a conference or a seminar, must specify that the project is being co-financed by EU funds within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, and must comply with the visibility rules laid down in Articles I.10.8 and I.10.9 of the Grant Agreement, as well as in section 1.6 of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

Article 10
Confidentiality and data protection

10.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries undertake to preserve the confidentiality of any document, information or other material directly related to the subject of the Agreement that is duly classed as confidential, if disclosure could cause prejudice to the other party. The parties shall remain bound by this obligation beyond the closing date of the action.

10.2 All personal data contained in or relating to this Agreement shall be processed in accordance with the dispositions of Article II.6 of the Grant Agreement.

Article 11
Ownership and property rights

11.1 The ownership of all project results, including copyrights and intellectual property rights, as well as all reports and other documentation resulting from the action, shall be vested in the beneficiaries, in compliance with Article I.7 of the Grant Agreement.

11.2 Materials already developed and brought in may be only used within the scope of the project as templates of good practice. Copyrights shall be strictly safeguarded and permission for reproduction and scale of production has to be settled beforehand.

Article 12
Liability

12.1 Each of the contracting parties discharges the other of any civil liability for any damages suffered by itself or its staff/students as a result of the performance of this Agreement, insofar as such damages are not due to serious or intentional negligence or fault of the other party or its staff/students.

Article 13
Conflict of interest

13.1 The coordinator and beneficiaries must undertake all necessary precautions to prevent any risk of conflicts of interest, which could affect their impartial and objective performance of the Agreement. Such conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional reasons, or any other shared interest.

13.2 Any situation constituting or likely to lead to any such conflict should be brought to the attention of the coordinator without delay, and the beneficiary in cause shall undertake to take all necessary measures to rectify this situation at once.

13.3 The coordinator will decide if it is deemed necessary to inform the Executive Agency as provided for in Article II.4 of the Grant Agreement.

Article 14 **Working languages**

14.1 The working language of the partnership shall be English.

14.2 Both parties commit in allocating to the project staff with enough knowledge of the working language, allowing a smooth communication and understanding of the matters discussed.

Article 15 **Conflict resolution**

15.1 In case of conflict between the project partners resulting from the interpretation or the application of this Agreement, or in connection with the activities contained within, the parties involved shall make the effort to come to an amicable arrangement rapidly and in the spirit of good cooperation.

15.2 Disputes should be addressed in writing to the project Steering Committee (or a body consisting of representatives of all the project partners), that will try to mediate in order to resolve the conflict.

Article 16 **Applicable law and jurisdiction**

16.1 This Agreement is governed by the Romanian law, being the law of the coordinator's country.

16.2 In case of any disputes on matters under this Agreement, which cannot be resolved by an amicable settlement, the matter shall have to be decided in accordance with the jurisdiction of the coordinator's country.

16.3 If any provision of this Agreement or the application of any such provision shall be considered invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part for legal requirements, all other stipulations remain valid and binding to both parties.

16.4 If any provision in this Agreement should be wholly or partly ineffective, the parties to this Agreement undertake to replace the ineffective provision by an effective provision which comes as close as possible to the purpose of the ineffective provision.

16.5 This Agreement is concluded in English. In the event of translation of this Agreement and its annexes, the English version shall prevail.

Article 17 **Termination of the Agreement**

17.1 In the event that any of the beneficiaries fail to perform any obligations under the present Agreement or the Grant Agreement, the coordinator may terminate their participation in the project, upon formal written authorisation by the Executive Agency.

17.2 The coordinator shall notify the beneficiary in cause by registered letter. The beneficiary has one month to supply all relevant information to appeal the decision.

Article 18
Force Majeure

18.1 If either parties face a case of *force majeure* (as per defined in article II.14 of the Grant Agreement), it shall promptly notify the other party in writing, specifying the nature, probable duration and expected effects of this event.

18.2 Neither of the parties shall be deemed in breach of its obligations if it has been prevented from performing its tasks due to *force majeure*. The parties shall take all necessary measures to minimise possible damage to successful project implementation.

Article 19
Amendments

19.1 Any amendments to this Agreement must be made in writing by means of a Supplementary Agreement, and become effective when signed by the authorised legal representatives of both parties. No oral agreement may bind the parties to this effect.

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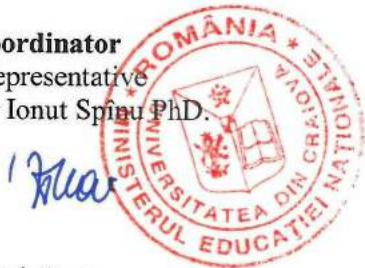
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Annexes

- Annex I – Budget/Expenditure/Co-financing breakdown per partner and budget category.
- Annex II - Copy of the Grant Agreement signed between the coordinator and the Executive Agency, its annexes, and any existing amendment.
- Annex III - Financial identification form

We, the undersigned, declare to have read and accepted the terms and conditions of this Agreement as described here before, including the annexes thereto.

For the Coordinator

The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionut Spînu PhD.

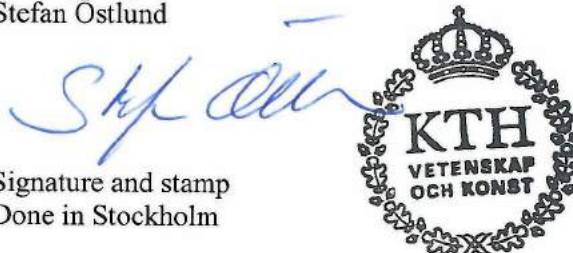


Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

For the Beneficiary

The legal representative
Stefan Östlund



Signature and stamp
Done in Stockholm

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04/03/2018

Annex I

Budget / Expenditure / Co-financing breakdown and budget category

Partner: KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden

Maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution

	EUR
I Staff costs	45 918
II Travel costs	6 800
III Costs of stay	10 560
IV Equipment	-
V Subcontracting	1 000
TOTAL GRANT CONTRIBUTION (total I- V)	64 278

Co-financing

	EUR
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We, the undersigned, declare to have read and accepted the terms and conditions of this Agreement as described here before, including the annexes thereto.

For the Coordinator

The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionut Spînu PhD.

Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

20.03.2018



For the Beneficiary

The legal representative
Albert Corhay

Signature and stamp
Done in Liège

Date

22 FEV. 2018



Annex I**Budget / Expenditure / Co-financing breakdown and budget category****Partner: Université de Liège (ULiège) - established: Liège, Belgium****Maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution**

		EUR
I	Staff costs	42 337
II	Travel costs	7 670
III	Costs of stay	10 560
IV	Equipment	-
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TOTAL GRANT CONTRIBUTION (total I- V)		61567

Co-financing

		EUR
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TOTAL CO-FINANCING		6 100



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The present Partnership Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement", is made and entered into by and between:

University of Craiova, Romania
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, Romania, 200585

hereinafter referred to as the "coordinator", represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD., Rector, the legal representative as defined in the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001,

and the following beneficiary:

UNIVERSITY OF PLOVDIV PAISH HILENDARSKI, Plovdiv – established in Bulgaria

hereinafter referred to as the "beneficiaries", represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by their legal representatives, according to the Mandates previously signed and attached to the Grant Agreement (here in Annex II),

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The parties hereby have agreed as follows:

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Article 2 **Duration**

2.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the last party signs, but shall have retroactive effect from the starting date of the eligibility period laid down in the Grant Agreement.

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2.3 The present Agreement shall remain in force until the coordinator has been discharged in full of his obligations arising from the Grant Agreement signed with the Executive Agency.

Article 3 **Obligations and responsibilities**

3.1 General obligations and role of the beneficiaries (including the coordinator).

The beneficiaries:

- (a) are jointly responsible for carrying out the activities attributed to them, and shall conduct the work in accordance with the work programme and schedule set forth in the Grant Agreement and approved application, working to the best of their abilities to achieve the defined results and taking full responsibility for their work in accordance with accepted professional principles;
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- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;
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3.2 Specific obligations and role of the coordinator.

The coordinator undertakes to:

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- (g) establish payment requests on behalf of the beneficiaries, as per the dispositions of Article 1.4 of the Grant Agreement;
- (h) provide one copy of this Agreement duly signed to each beneficiary and to the Executive Agency within 6 months of the signature of the Grant Agreement;
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- (j) transmit to the beneficiaries copies of all reports submitted to the Executive Agency, as well as copies of any feedback letters received from the Agency following report assessment and field monitoring visits.

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Each beneficiary undertakes to:

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- (b) support the coordinator in fulfilling its tasks according to the Grant Agreement;
- (c) submit in due time to the coordinator all relevant data needed to draw up the reports, financial statements and any other documents provided for in the Grant Agreement, as well as all necessary documents in the events of audits, checks or evaluations;
- (d) provide the coordinator with any other information or documents it may require and which are necessary for the management of the project;
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Article 4
Financing the action

4.1 The maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project for the contractual period covered by the Grant Agreement amounts to EUR 815.296,30 and shall take the form as stipulated in Annex III of the Grant Agreement.

4.2 The Erasmus+ grant contribution is awarded to the partnership under the form of:

- a "*reimbursement of actual costs*" for Equipment and Subcontracting costs
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4.3 The grant contribution to the project is intended to cover only part of the costs actually incurred by the beneficiaries in carrying out the activities foreseen. The beneficiaries commit to provide additional resources to the project so as to ensure its full implementation in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

4.4 Full details of the estimated budget breakdown per funding source, beneficiary and budget category are given in Annex I of this Agreement.

Article 5
Payment arrangements

5.1 The coordinator will transfer the part of the Erasmus+ grant contribution corresponding to each individual beneficiary using the accounts stipulated in Annex III of this Agreement.

5.2 The transfer of the Erasmus+ grant contribution to individual beneficiaries will be implemented in accordance with the following timetable and procedure:

Payment(s) in advance

The coordinator will transfer to the respective account of each beneficiary in advance of the actual activities (=expenditures) [part of] the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution identified under Annex I of this Agreement, in the following way:

1. 50% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution at the time of signature of this Agreement, according to the amount transferred into the coordinator's account from the Agency;
2. 40% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution after the reception of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity covering at least 70% of the amount of advance payment already made, and once the second pre-financing has been transferred into the coordinator's account by the Agency;
3. The coordinator shall transfer all amounts to the project partners after they have been received from the Agency.

Reimbursement of costs incurred

[Within 30 days of receipt] of the necessary proofs of expenditure activity (as specified in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant), the coordinator will reimburse to the beneficiary's account specified on Annex III of this Agreement the [part of the] costs actually incurred in accordance with the estimated budget breakdown identified under Annex I of the Agreement. - *not applicable*

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- 1) *the beneficiary responsible for the expenditure declared ineligible will reimburse the corresponding amount to the coordinator*
- 2) *the beneficiary commits to take in charge a percentage of the ineligible amounts corresponding to their share of the Erasmus+ grant and will reimburse it to the coordinator*
not applicable

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Possible options:

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- use the procedure and amounts described hereafter (in Annex XXX of this Agreement) not applicable

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For the coordinator:

Assoc. Prof. PhD. Anca BANDOI
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, 200585
anca.bandoi01@yahoo.com

For the beneficiaries:

University of Plovdiv „Paisii Hilendarski”, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
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Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

For the Beneficiary

The legal representative
Prof. Zapryan Kozludzhov PhD

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Signature and stamp
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Date [06/02/2018]



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Article 4 Financing the action

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For the Coordinator

The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD



Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

26/02/2018

For the Beneficiary

The legal representative
Jānis IKSTENS, Vice-rector for Social
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University of Craiova, Romania
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, Romania, 200585

hereinafter referred to as the “coordinator”, represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD., Rector, the legal representative as defined in the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001.

and the following beneficiary:

Université de Lorraine – France
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hereinafter referred to as the “beneficiaries”, represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by their legal representatives, according to the Mandates previously signed and attached to the Grant Agreement (here in Annex II).

Where a provision applies without distinction to the "coordinator" and the "beneficiaries", for the purpose of this Agreement they will be collectively referred to as the "beneficiaries".

The parties hereby have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Subject of the Partnership Agreement

1.1 This Agreement defines the terms that govern the relations between the parties, by establishing their rights and obligations, and lays down the rules of procedure for the work to be carried out in order to successfully implement the Erasmus+ CBHE action *Implementation of Education Quality Assurance System via Cooperation of University - Business-Government in HEIs (EDUQAS)* (hereinafter referred to as the "project").

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2.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the last party signs, but shall have retroactive effect from the starting date of the eligibility period laid down in the Grant Agreement.

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Obligations and responsibilities

3.1 General obligations and role of the beneficiaries (including the coordinator).

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The legal representative
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Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date :



For the Beneficiary
The legal representative
Pierre Mutzenhardt, President

Signature and stamp
Done in Nancy

Date : - 6 SEP. 2018





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Where a provision applies without distinction to the "coordinator" and the "beneficiaries", for the purpose of this Agreement they will be collectively referred to as the "beneficiaries".

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1.1 This Agreement defines the terms that govern the relations between the parties, by establishing their rights and obligations, and lays down the rules of procedure for the work to be carried out in order to successfully implement the Erasmus+ CBHE action *Implementation of Education Quality Assurance System via Cooperation of University - Business-Government in HEIs (EDUQAS)* (hereinafter referred to as the "project").

1.2 The coordinator and the beneficiaries, undertake to do everything in their power to carry out the work programme forming the subject of this Agreement, which falls within the framework of the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001, concluded between the coordinator and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Agency"), related to the above-mentioned project.

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2.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the last party signs, but shall have retroactive effect from the starting date of the eligibility period laid down in the Grant Agreement.

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3.1 General obligations and role of the beneficiaries (including the coordinator).

The beneficiaries:

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- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;
- (d) shall provide staff, facilities, equipment and material to the extent needed for executing the activities as specified in the work programme;

- (e) shall be responsible for the sound financial management and cost efficiency of the funds allocated to the project.

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- (d) as the sole recipient of payments on behalf of all beneficiaries, transfer funds to the beneficiaries without unjustified delay and in accordance with the dispositions for payments laid down in Article 5 of this Agreement;
- (e) manage and verify the appropriate spending of the funds in accordance with the dispositions of the Grant Agreement and this Agreement;
- (f) comply with all reporting requirements *vis-à-vis* the Executive Agency, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement. The coordinator shall not delegate any part of this task to any party;
- (g) establish payment requests on behalf of the beneficiaries, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement;
- (h) provide one copy of this Agreement duly signed to each beneficiary and to the Executive Agency within 6 months of the signature of the Grant Agreement.
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- (j) transmit to the beneficiaries copies of all reports submitted to the Executive Agency, as well as copies of any feedback letters received from the Agency following report assessment and field monitoring visits.

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Each beneficiary undertakes to:

- (a) ensure adequate communication with the coordinator and with the other beneficiaries;
- (b) support the coordinator in fulfilling its tasks according to the Grant Agreement;
- (c) submit in due time to the coordinator all relevant data needed to draw up the reports, financial statements and any other documents provided for in the Grant Agreement, as well as all necessary documents in the events of audits, checks or evaluations;
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- (g) should provide the coordinator, upon request, the internal auditing reports certifying that all expenses have been undertaken according to the grant agreement and within the financial regulations of the programme.

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Iryna ZOLOTARYOVA
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Termination of the Agreement

17.1 In the event that any of the beneficiaries fail to perform any obligations under the present Agreement or the Grant Agreement, the coordinator may terminate their participation in the project, upon formal written authorisation by the Executive Agency.

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Force Majeure

18.1 If either parties face a case of *force majeure* (as per defined in article II.14 of the Grant Agreement), it shall promptly notify the other party in writing, specifying the nature, probable duration and expected effects of this event.

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Amendments

19.1 Any amendments to this Agreement must be made in writing by means of a Supplementary Agreement, and become effective when signed by the authorised legal representatives of both parties. No oral agreement may bind the parties to this effect.

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- Annex I – Budget breakdown per partner and budget category.
- Annex II - Copy of the Grant Agreement signed between the coordinator and the Executive Agency, its annexes, and any existing amendment.
- Annex III - Financial identification form
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We, the undersigned, declare to have read and accepted the terms and conditions of this Agreement as described here before, including the annexes thereto.

For the Coordinator
The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionut Spînu PhD.

Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date



For the Beneficiary
Rector
Volodymyr PONOMARENKO

Signature and stamp
Done in Kharkiv

Date





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The present Partnership Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement", is made and entered into by and between,

University of Craiova, Romania
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, Romania, 200585

hereinafter referred to as the "coordinator", represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD., Rector, the legal representative as defined in the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001.

and the following beneficiary:

LVIV POLYTECHNIC NATIONAL UNIVERSITY - established Lviv, Ukraine;

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17.2 The coordinator shall notify the beneficiary in cause by registered letter. The beneficiary has one month to supply all relevant information to appeal the decision.

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18.1 If either parties face a case of *force majeure* (as per defined in article II.14 of the Grant Agreement), it shall promptly notify the other party in writing, specifying the nature, probable duration and expected effects of this event.

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19.1 Any amendments to this Agreement must be made in writing by means of a Supplementary Agreement, and become effective when signed by the authorised legal representatives of both parties. No oral agreement may bind the parties to this effect.

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We, the undersigned, declare to have read and accepted the terms and conditions of this Agreement as described here before, including the annexes thereto.

For the Coordinator

The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionut Spînu PhD



Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

26/02/2018

For the Beneficiary

The legal representative
Yuriy Bobalo



Signature and stamp
Done in Lviv

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University of Craiova, Romania
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, Romania, 200585

hereinafter referred to as the "coordinator", represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD., Rector, the legal representative as defined in the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001.

and the following beneficiary:

Donetsk State University of Management - established in Mariupol, Ukraine;

hereinafter referred to as the "beneficiaries", represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by their legal representatives, according to the Mandates previously signed and attached to the Grant Agreement (here in Annex II).

Where a provision applies without distinction to the "coordinator" and the "beneficiaries", for the purpose of this Agreement they will be collectively referred to as the "beneficiaries".

The parties hereby have agreed as follows:

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1.1 This Agreement defines the terms that govern the relations between the parties, by establishing their rights and obligations, and lays down the rules of procedure for the work to be carried out in order to successfully implement the Erasmus+ CBHE action *Implementation of Education Quality Assurance System via Cooperation of University - Business-Government in HEIs (EDUQAS)* (hereinafter referred to as the "project").

1.2 The coordinator and the beneficiaries, undertake to do everything in their power to carry out the work programme forming the subject of this Agreement, which falls within the framework of the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001, concluded between the coordinator and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Agency"), related to the above-mentioned project.

1.3 The subject matter of this Agreement and the related work programme are detailed in the annexes of the Grant Agreement. The respective Grant Agreement terms and conditions, related annexes and guidelines, shall form an integral part of the present Agreement, and take precedence over it (see Article 20 of the present Agreement for the list of annexes).

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2.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the last party signs, but shall have retroactive effect from the starting date of the eligibility period laid down in the Grant Agreement.

2.2 The period of eligibility of the activities and the costs shall be in accordance to the dispositions of the Grant Agreement or any subsequent amendments of it.

2.3 The present Agreement shall remain in force until the coordinator has been discharged in full of his obligations arising from the Grant Agreement signed with the Executive Agency.

Article 3

Obligations and responsibilities

3.1 General obligations and role of the beneficiaries (including the coordinator).

The beneficiaries:

- (a) are jointly responsible for carrying out the activities attributed to them, and shall conduct the work in accordance with the work programme and schedule set forth in the Grant Agreement and approved application, working to the best of their abilities to achieve the defined results and taking full responsibility for their work in accordance with accepted professional principles;
- (b) undertake to comply with all the provisions of the Grant Agreement and its annexes, with all the provisions of this Agreement, as well as with EU and national legislation;
- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;
- (d) shall provide staff, facilities, equipment and material to the extent needed for executing the activities as specified in the work programme;

- (e) shall be responsible for the sound financial management and cost efficiency of the funds allocated to the project.

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The coordinator undertakes to:

- (a) be responsible for the overall coordination, management and implementation of the project in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
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- (e) manage and verify the appropriate spending of the funds in accordance with the dispositions of the Grant Agreement and this Agreement;
- (f) comply with all reporting requirements *vis-à-vis* the Executive Agency, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement. The coordinator shall not delegate any part of this task to any party;
- (g) establish payment requests on behalf of the beneficiaries, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement;
- (h) provide one copy of this Agreement duly signed to each beneficiary and to the Executive Agency within 6 months of the signature of the Grant Agreement.
- (i) provide the beneficiaries with official documents related to the project, such as the signed Grant Agreement and its annexes, the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant, the various reports templates and any other relevant document concerning the project.
- (j) transmit to the beneficiaries copies of all reports submitted to the Executive Agency, as well as copies of any feedback letters received from the Agency following report assessment and field monitoring visits.

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Each beneficiary undertakes to:

- (a) ensure adequate communication with the coordinator and with the other beneficiaries;
- (b) support the coordinator in fulfilling its tasks according to the Grant Agreement;
- (c) submit in due time to the coordinator all relevant data needed to draw up the reports, financial statements and any other documents provided for in the Grant Agreement, as well as all necessary documents in the events of audits, checks or evaluations;
- (d) provide the coordinator with any other information or documents it may require and which are necessary for the management of the project;
- (e) notify the coordinator of any event likely to substantially affect or delay the implementation of the action, as well as of any important deviation of the project (e.g. replacement of the project contact person, changes in partner's budget, deviations from work plan etc.);
- (f) inform the coordinator of any change in its legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation and of any change in its name, address or legal representative.

- (g) undertake their own expenditure, while the coordinator will not undertake any expenses on behalf of the partners;
- (h) should provide the coordinator, upon request, the internal auditing reports certifying that all expenses have been undertaken according to the grant agreement and within the financial regulations of the programme.

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- 4.1 The maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project for the contractual period covered by the Grant Agreement amounts to EUR 815.296,30 and shall take the form as stipulated in Annex III of the Grant Agreement.
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- 4.3 The grant contribution to the project is intended to cover only part of the costs actually incurred by the beneficiaries in carrying out the activities foreseen. The beneficiaries commit to provide additional resources to the project so as to ensure its full implementation in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
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- 5.1 The coordinator will transfer the part of the Erasmus+ grant contribution corresponding to each individual beneficiary using the accounts stipulated in Annex III of this Agreement.
- 5.2 The transfer of the Erasmus+ grant contribution to individual beneficiaries will be implemented in accordance with the following timetable and procedure:

Payment(s) in advance

The coordinator will transfer to the respective account of each beneficiary in advance of the actual activities (/expenditures) [part of] the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution identified under Annex 1 of this Agreement, in the following way:

1. 50% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution at the time of signature of this Agreement, according to the amount transferred into the coordinator's account from the Agency;
2. 40% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution after the reception of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity covering at least 70% of the amount of advance payment already made, and once the second pre-financing has been transferred into the coordinator's account by the Agency.
3. The coordinator shall transfer all amounts to the project partners after they have been received from the Agency.

5.3 Beneficiaries are obliged to use the Erasmus+ grant contribution exclusively for the purposes defined by the project, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the present Agreement and the Grant Agreement and its annexes. Erasmus+ grant amounts received in advance and not used by the beneficiaries will be reimbursed to the coordinator at the latest 30 days after the end of the project's contractual period.

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1) the beneficiary responsible for the expenditure declared ineligible will reimburse the corresponding amount to the coordinator.

5.5 The costs of financial transfers and other banking commissions shall be borne by each project partner.

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6.1 The coordinator is responsible for submitting in due time to the Executive Agency all reports and financial statements as required in the Grant Agreement. For this purpose and in a timely manner, the beneficiaries commit to provide the coordinator with all necessary information and, if applicable, copies of supporting documents needed for drawing up reports, financial statements and any other documents required in the Grant Agreement.

6.2 The coordinator shall provide the beneficiaries with the appropriate reporting forms for the declaration of expenses/activities and the respective instructions for their completion. These reports must be drawn up in EURO.

6.3 The beneficiaries shall keep a record of any expenditure/activity incurred under the project and all proofs and related documents for a period of 5 years after the payment of the final balance under the Grant Agreement. The coordinator may reject any item, which cannot be justified in accordance with the rules set out by the Executive Agency in the Grant Agreement and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

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7.1 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's staff costs, travel costs and costs of stay will be calculated on the basis of "unit contributions" whose individual amounts are specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant and in the Guidelines for the Special Mobility Strand (when applicable).

7.2 For the implementation of the project and the beneficiary's reimbursement of costs incurred in terms of staff, travel and costs of stay, the partnership will

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7.3 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's equipment and subcontracting costs will be based on the justification of the costs actually incurred. This justification will take the form of the support documentation specified in the relevant section of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

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8.1 Any important project related communication between the parties shall be done in writing and addressed to the appointed project manager of each beneficiary, as per the details below:

For the coordinator:

Assoc. Prof. PhD. Anca BANDOI
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, 200585
anca.bandoi01@yahoo.com

For the beneficiary:

Donetsk State University of Management - Mariupol, Ukraine
Irina SIKORSKAYA
Mariupol, Karpinskogo St.58, 87535 Ukraine
Email: irinasikorskaya0207@gmail.com
Phone: +380506208193

8.2 Any changes to the above information should be communicated in a timely manner.

Article 9 **Promotion and visibility**

9.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall ensure adequate promotion of the project and commit to playing an active role in any actions organised to capitalise on, exploit / disseminate the results of the project.

9.2 Any notice or publication by the project, including at a conference or a seminar, must specify that the project is being co-financed by EU funds within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, and must comply with the visibility rules laid down in Articles I.10.8 and I.10.9 of the Grant Agreement, as well as in section 1.6 of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

Article 10 **Confidentiality and data protection**

10.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries undertake to preserve the confidentiality of any document, information or other material directly related to the subject of the Agreement that is duly classed as confidential, if disclosure could cause prejudice to the other party. The parties shall remain bound by this obligation beyond the closing date of the action.

10.2 All personal data contained in or relating to this Agreement shall be processed in accordance with the dispositions of Article II.6 of the Grant Agreement.

Article 11 **Ownership and property rights**

11.1 The ownership of all project results, including copyrights and intellectual property rights, as well as all reports and other documentation resulting from the action, shall be vested in the beneficiaries, in compliance with Article I.7 of the Grant Agreement.

11.2 Materials already developed and brought in may be only used within the scope of the project as templates of good practice. Copyrights shall be strictly safeguarded and permission for reproduction and scale of production has to be settled beforehand.

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12.1 Each of the contracting parties discharges the other of any civil liability for any damages suffered by itself or its staff/students as a result of the performance of this Agreement, insofar as such damages are not due to serious or intentional negligence or fault of the other party or its staff/students.

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13.1 The coordinator and beneficiaries must undertake all necessary precautions to prevent any risk of conflicts of interest, which could affect their impartial and objective performance of the Agreement. Such conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional reasons, or any other shared interest.

13.2 Any situation constituting or likely to lead to any such conflict should be brought to the attention of the coordinator without delay, and the beneficiary in cause shall undertake to take all necessary measures to rectify this situation at once.

13.3 The coordinator will decide if it is deemed necessary to inform the Executive Agency as provided for in Article II.4 of the Grant Agreement.

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Working languages

14.1 The working language of the partnership shall be English.

14.2 Both parties commit in allocating to the project staff with enough knowledge of the working language, allowing a smooth communication and understanding of the matters discussed.

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Conflict resolution

15.1 In case of conflict between the project partners resulting from the interpretation or the application of this Agreement, or in connection with the activities contained within, the parties involved shall make the effort to come to an amicable arrangement rapidly and in the spirit of good cooperation.

15.2 Disputes should be addressed in writing to the project Steering Committee (or a body consisting of representatives of all the project partners), that will try to mediate in order to resolve the conflict.

Article 16
Applicable law and jurisdiction

16.1 This Agreement is governed by the Romanian law, being the law of the coordinator's country.

16.2 In case of any disputes on matters under this Agreement, which cannot be resolved by an amicable settlement, the matter shall have to be decided in accordance with the jurisdiction of the coordinator's country.

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16.5 This Agreement is concluded in English. In the event of translation of this Agreement and its annexes, the English version shall prevail.

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For the Coordinator
The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionut Spinu PhD.



Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

26/02/2018

For the Beneficiary
The legal representative
Prof Svetlana Marova



Signature and stamp
Done in Mariupol

Date [16/02/2018]



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For the coordinator:

Assoc. Prof. PhD. Anca BANDOI
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, 200585
anca.bandoi01@yahoo.com

For the beneficiary:

NATIONAL METALLURGICAL ACADEMY OF UKRAINE, Dnipro, Ukraine
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For the Coordinator

The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionut Spînu PhD.



Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date 26/02/2018

For the Beneficiary

The legal representative
Prof. Volodymyr Shatokha,
Vice Rector for Research and Pedagogy



Signature and stamp
Done in Dnipro

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University of Craiova, Romania
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, Romania, 200585

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and the following beneficiary:

**Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages - established
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Obligations and responsibilities

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- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;
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4.4 Full details of the estimated budget breakdown per funding source, beneficiary and budget category are given in Annex I of this Agreement.

Article 5 **Payment arrangements**

5.1 The coordinator will transfer the part of the Erasmus+ grant contribution corresponding to each individual beneficiary using the accounts stipulated in Annex III of this Agreement.

5.2 The transfer of the Erasmus+ grant contribution to individual beneficiaries will be implemented in accordance with the following timetable and procedure:

Payment(s) in advance

The coordinator will transfer to the respective account of each beneficiary in advance of the actual activities (/expenditures) [part of] the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution identified under Annex I of this Agreement, in the following way:

1. 50% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution at the time of signature of this Agreement, according to the amount transferred into the coordinator's account from the Agency;
2. 40% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution after the reception of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity covering at least 70% of the amount of advance payment already made, and once the second pre-financing has been transferred into the coordinator's account by the Agency.
3. The coordinator shall transfer all amounts to the project partners after they have been received from the Agency.

Reimbursement of costs incurred

[Within 30 days of receipt] of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity (as specified in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant), the coordinator will reimburse to the beneficiary's account specified on Annex III of this Agreement the [part of the] costs actually incurred in accordance with the estimated budget breakdown identified under Annex I of the Agreement. - *not applicable*

5.3 Beneficiaries are obliged to use the Erasmus+ grant contribution exclusively for the purposes defined by the project, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the present Agreement and the Grant Agreement and its annexes. Erasmus+ grant amounts received in advance and not used by the beneficiaries will be reimbursed to the coordinator at the latest 30 days after the end of the project's contractual period.

5.4 If there is a difference between the amount of the Erasmus+ grant contribution actually used by the partnership and the amount of expenditure declared eligible by the Executive Agency at the end of the project, the following procedure will apply:

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Possible options:

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For the coordinator:

Assoc. Prof. PhD. Anca BANDOI
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, 200585
anca.bandoi01@yahoo.com

For the beneficiary:

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200, Muratbayev str., 050022, Almaty, Kazakhstan
E-mail: nmaygul@mail.ru, nugmanova.m@ablaikhan.kz
Phone: +7701 3592544

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The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionut Spinu, PhD.

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Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

For the Beneficiary

The legal representative
Prof. Salima Kunanbayeva, Academician

Signature and stamp
Done in Almaty



Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

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1. 50% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution at the time of signature of this Agreement, according to the amount transferred into the coordinator's account from the Agency;
2. 40% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution after the reception of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity covering at least 70% of the amount of advance payment already made, and once the second pre-financing has been transferred into the coordinator's account by the Agency.
3. The coordinator shall transfer all amounts to the project partners after they have been received from the Agency.

Reimbursement of costs incurred

[Within 30 days of receipt] of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity (as specified in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant), the coordinator will reimburse to the beneficiary's account specified on Annex III of this Agreement the [part of the] costs actually incurred in accordance with the estimated budget breakdown identified under Annex 1 of the Agreement. - *not applicable*

5.3 Beneficiaries are obliged to use the Erasmus+ grant contribution exclusively for the purposes defined by the project, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the present Agreement and the Grant Agreement and its annexes. Erasmus+ grant amounts received in advance and not used by the beneficiaries will be reimbursed to the coordinator at the latest 30 days after the end of the project's contractual period.

5.4 If there is a difference between the amount of the Erasmus+ grant contribution actually used by the partnership and the amount of expenditure declared eligible by the Executive Agency at the end of the project, the following procedure will apply:

- 1) *the beneficiary responsible for the expenditure declared ineligible will reimburse the corresponding amount to the coordinator.*
- 2) *the beneficiary commits to take in charge a percentage of the ineligible amount(s) corresponding to their share of the Erasmus+ grant and will reimburse it to the coordinator. not applicable*

5.5 The costs of financial transfers and other banking commissions shall be borne by each project partner.

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6.1 The coordinator is responsible for submitting in due time to the Executive Agency all reports and financial statements as required in the Grant Agreement. For this purpose and in a timely manner, the beneficiaries commit to provide the coordinator with all necessary information and, if applicable, copies of supporting documents needed for drawing up reports, financial statements and any other documents required in the Grant Agreement.

6.2 The coordinator shall provide the beneficiaries with the appropriate reporting forms for the declaration of expenses/activities and the respective instructions for their completion. These reports must be drawn up in EURO.

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Article 7 **Budgetary and financial management**

7.1 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's staff costs, travel costs and costs of stay will be calculated on the basis of "unit contributions" whose individual amounts are specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant and in the Guidelines for the Special Mobility Strand (when applicable).

7.2 For the implementation of the project and the beneficiary's reimbursement of costs incurred in terms of staff, travel and costs of stay, the partnership will

Possible options:

- apply the unit costs amounts defined in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant
- use the procedure and amounts described hereafter (in Annex XXX of this Agreement) not applicable

- *on other unit costs amounts than those specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide (even higher if deemed necessary), not applicable*
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8.1 Any important project related communication between the parties shall be done in writing and addressed to the appointed project manager of each beneficiary, as per the details below:

For the coordinator:

Assoc. Prof. PhD. Anca BANDOI
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, 200585
anca.bandoi01@yahoo.com

For the beneficiary:

Ainazat Urkinbayeva
Zhubanova street, 7, Postal code 010005
E-mail: a.urkinbayeva@kuef.kz
Phone: +87013786798

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Promotion and visibility

9.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall ensure adequate promotion of the project and commit to playing an active role in any actions organised to capitalise on, exploit / disseminate the results of the project.

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12.1 Each of the contracting parties discharges the other of any civil liability for any damages suffered by itself or its staff/students as a result of the performance of this Agreement, insofar as such damages are not due to serious or intentional negligence or fault of the other party or its staff/students.

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We, the undersigned, declare to have read and accepted the terms and conditions of this Agreement as described here before, including the annexes thereto.

For the Coordinator
The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD



Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date [26/02/2018]

For the Beneficiary
The legal representative
Sarsengali Abdymanapov, rector



Signature and stamp
Done in Astana

Date [16/02/2018]



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Partnership Agreement

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The present Partnership Agreement, hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”, is made and entered into by and between,

University of Craiova, Romania

A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, Romania, 200585

hereinafter referred to as the “coordinator”, represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD., Rector, the legal representative as defined in the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001.

and the following beneficiary:

**Institute of Higher Education of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine,
IHE NAESU - established Kyiv, Ukraine;**

hereinafter referred to as the “beneficiaries”, represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by their legal representatives, according to the Mandates previously signed and attached to the Grant Agreement (here in Annex II).

Where a provision applies without distinction to the "coordinator" and the "beneficiaries", for the purpose of this Agreement they will be collectively referred to as the "beneficiaries".

The parties hereby have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Subject of the Partnership Agreement

1.1 This Agreement defines the terms that govern the relations between the parties, by establishing their rights and obligations, and lays down the rules of procedure for the work to be carried out in order to successfully implement the Erasmus+ CBHE action *Implementation of Education Quality Assurance System via Cooperation of University - Business-Government in HEIs (EDUQAS)* (hereinafter referred to as the “project”).

1.2 The coordinator and the beneficiaries, undertake to do everything in their power to carry out the work programme forming the subject of this Agreement, which falls within the framework of the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001, concluded between the coordinator and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Agency"), related to the above-mentioned project.

1.3 The subject matter of this Agreement and the related work programme are detailed in the annexes of the Grant Agreement. The respective Grant Agreement terms and conditions, related annexes and guidelines, shall form an integral part of the present Agreement, and take precedence over it (see Article 20 of the present Agreement for the list of annexes).

1.4 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Grant Agreement and any further amendments of the latter.

Article 2 Duration

2.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the last party signs, but shall have retroactive effect from the starting date of the eligibility period laid down in the Grant Agreement.

2.2 The period of eligibility of the activities and the costs shall be in accordance to the dispositions of the Grant Agreement or any subsequent amendments of it.

2.3 The present Agreement shall remain in force until the coordinator has been discharged in full of his obligations arising from the Grant Agreement signed with the Executive Agency.

Article 3 Obligations and responsibilities

3.1 General obligations and role of the beneficiaries (including the coordinator).

The beneficiaries:

- (a) are jointly responsible for carrying out the activities attributed to them, and shall conduct the work in accordance with the work programme and schedule set forth in the Grant Agreement and approved application, working to the best of their abilities to achieve the defined results and taking full responsibility for their work in accordance with accepted professional principles;
- (b) undertake to comply with all the provisions of the Grant Agreement and its annexes, with all the provisions of this Agreement, as well as with EU and national legislation;
- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;
- (d) shall provide staff, facilities, equipment and material to the extent needed for executing the activities as specified in the work programme;
- (e) shall be responsible for the sound financial management and cost efficiency of the funds allocated to the project.

3.2 Specific obligations and role of the coordinator.

The coordinator undertakes to:

- (a) be responsible for the overall coordination, management and implementation of the project in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
- (b) be the intermediary for all communication between the beneficiaries and the Executive Agency, and inform the beneficiaries of any relevant communication exchanged with the Executive Agency;
- (c) inform the beneficiaries of any changes connected to the project or to the Grant Agreement, or of any event likely to substantially affect the implementation of the action;
- (d) as the sole recipient of payments on behalf of all beneficiaries, transfer funds to the beneficiaries without unjustified delay and in accordance with the dispositions for payments laid down in Article 5 of this Agreement;
- (e) manage and verify the appropriate spending of the funds in accordance with the dispositions of the Grant Agreement and this Agreement;
- (f) comply with all reporting requirements *vis-à-vis* the Executive Agency, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement. The coordinator shall not delegate any part of this task to any party;

- (g) establish payment requests on behalf of the beneficiaries, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement;
- (h) provide one copy of this Agreement duly signed to each beneficiary and to the Executive Agency within 6 months of the signature of the Grant Agreement.
- (i) provide the beneficiaries with official documents related to the project, such as the signed Grant Agreement and its annexes, the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant, the various reports templates and any other relevant document concerning the project.
- (j) transmit to the beneficiaries copies of all reports submitted to the Executive Agency, as well as copies of any feedback letters received from the Agency following report assessment and field monitoring visits.

3.3 Specific obligations and role of each beneficiary (excluding the coordinator).

Each beneficiary undertakes to:

- (a) ensure adequate communication with the coordinator and with the other beneficiaries;
- (b) support the coordinator in fulfilling its tasks according to the Grant Agreement;
- (c) submit in due time to the coordinator all relevant data needed to draw up the reports, financial statements and any other documents provided for in the Grant Agreement, as well as all necessary documents in the events of audits, checks or evaluations;
- (d) provide the coordinator with any other information or documents it may require and which are necessary for the management of the project;
- (e) notify the coordinator of any event likely to substantially affect or delay the implementation of the action, as well as of any important deviation of the project (e.g. replacement of the project contact person, changes in partner's budget, deviations from work plan etc.);
- (f) inform the coordinator of any change in its legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation and of any change in its name, address or legal representative.
- (g) should provide the coordinator, upon request, the internal auditing reports certifying that all expenses have been undertaken according to the grant agreement and within the financial regulations of the programme.

Article 4

Financing the action

4.1 The maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project for the contractual period covered by the Grant Agreement amounts to EUR 815.296,30 and shall take the form as stipulated in Annex III of the Grant Agreement.

4.2 The Erasmus+ grant contribution is awarded to the partnership under the form of:

- a "*reimbursement of actual costs*" for Equipment and Subcontracting costs
- a "*unit contribution*" to the costs incurred for Staff costs, Travel costs and costs of Stay

4.3 The grant contribution to the project is intended to cover only part of the costs actually incurred by the beneficiaries in carrying out the activities foreseen. The beneficiaries commit to provide additional resources to the project so as to ensure its full implementation in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

4.4 Full details of the estimated budget breakdown per funding source, beneficiary and budget category are given in Annex I of this Agreement.

Article 5

Payment arrangements

5.1 The coordinator will transfer the part of the Erasmus+ grant contribution corresponding to each individual beneficiary using the accounts stipulated in Annex III of this Agreement.

5.2 The transfer of the Erasmus+ grant contribution to individual beneficiaries will be implemented in accordance with the following timetable and procedure:

Payment(s) in advance

The coordinator will transfer to the respective account of each beneficiary in advance of the actual activities (/expenditures) [part of] the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution identified under Annex I of this Agreement, in the following way:

1. 50% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution at the time of signature of this Agreement, according to the amount transferred into the coordinator's account from the Agency;
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A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, 200585
anca.bandoi01@yahoo.com

For the beneficiary:

Svitlana Kalashnikova
9 Bastionna Str., Of. 907, Kyiv, 01014, Ukraine
E-mail – svit.ukr@ukr.net
Phone: +380503303754

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For the Coordinator
The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionut Spinu PhD.

Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date



For the Beneficiary
Director
Prof. Svitlana Kalashnikova

Signature and stamp
Done in Kyiv

Date: March 21, 2018



Annex I**Budget / Expenditure / Co-financing breakdown and budget category**

Partner: Institute of Higher Education of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, IHE NAESU - established Kyiv, Ukraine;

Maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution

	EUR
I Staff costs	1 540
II Travel costs	2 825
III Costs of stay	7 440
IV Equipment	-
V Subcontracting	-
TOTAL GRANT CONTRIBUTION (total I- V)	11 805

Co-financing

	EUR
Staff costs	900,00
Staff costs	995,00
Staff costs	900,00
Staff costs	900,00
TOTAL CO-FINANCING	3 695





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representative as defined in the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001.

and the following beneficiary:

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE - established
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- (a) are jointly responsible for carrying out the activities attributed to them, and shall conduct the work in accordance with the work programme and schedule set forth in the Grant Agreement and approved application, working to the best of their abilities to achieve the defined results and taking full responsibility for their work in accordance with accepted professional principles;
- (b) undertake to comply with all the provisions of the Grant Agreement and its annexes, with all the provisions of this Agreement, as well as with EU and national legislation;
- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;
- (d) shall provide staff, facilities, equipment and material to the extent needed for executing the activities as specified in the work programme;
- (e) shall be responsible for the sound financial management and cost efficiency of the funds allocated to the project.

3.2 Specific obligations and role of the coordinator.

The coordinator undertakes to:

- (a) be responsible for the overall coordination, management and implementation of the project in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
- (b) be the intermediary for all communication between the beneficiaries and the Executive Agency, and inform the beneficiaries of any relevant communication exchanged with the Executive Agency;
- (c) inform the beneficiaries of any changes connected to the project or to the Grant Agreement, or of any event likely to substantially affect the implementation of the action;
- (d) as the sole recipient of payments on behalf of all beneficiaries, transfer funds to the beneficiaries without unjustified delay and in accordance with the dispositions for payments laid down in Article 5 of this Agreement;
- (e) manage and verify the appropriate spending of the funds in accordance with the dispositions of the Grant Agreement and this Agreement;
- (f) comply with all reporting requirements *vis-à-vis* the Executive Agency, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement. The coordinator shall not delegate any part of this task to any party;
- (g) establish payment requests on behalf of the beneficiaries, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement;
- (h) provide one copy of this Agreement duly signed to each beneficiary and to the Executive Agency within 6 months of the signature of the Grant Agreement.
- (i) provide the beneficiaries with official documents related to the project, such as the signed Grant Agreement and its annexes, the Guidelines for the

Use of the Grant, the various reports templates and any other relevant document concerning the project.

- (j) transmit to the beneficiaries copies of all reports submitted to the Executive Agency, as well as copies of any feedback letters received from the Agency following report assessment and field monitoring visits.

3.3 Specific obligations and role of each beneficiary (excluding the coordinator).

Each beneficiary undertakes to:

- (a) ensure adequate communication with the coordinator and with the other beneficiaries;
- (b) support the coordinator in fulfilling its tasks according to the Grant Agreement;
- (c) submit in due time to the coordinator all relevant data needed to draw up the reports, financial statements and any other documents provided for in the Grant Agreement, as well as all necessary documents in the events of audits, checks or evaluations;
- (d) provide the coordinator with any other information or documents it may require and which are necessary for the management of the project;
- (e) notify the coordinator of any event likely to substantially affect or delay the implementation of the action, as well as of any important deviation of the project (e.g. replacement of the project contact person, changes in partner's budget, deviations from work plan etc.);
- (f) inform the coordinator of any change in its legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation and of any change in its name, address or legal representative.
- (g) should provide the coordinator, upon request, the internal auditing reports certifying that all expenses have been undertaken according to the grant agreement and within the financial regulations of the programme.

Article 4 **Financing the action**

4.1 The maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project for the contractual period covered by the Grant Agreement amounts to EUR 815.296,30 and shall take the form as stipulated in Annex III of the Grant Agreement.

4.2 The Erasmus+ grant contribution is awarded to the partnership under the form of:

- a "*reimbursement of actual costs*" for Equipment and Subcontracting costs
- a "*unit contribution*" to the costs incurred for Staff costs, Travel costs and costs of Stay

4.3 The grant contribution to the project is intended to cover only part of the costs actually incurred by the beneficiaries in carrying out the activities foreseen. The beneficiaries commit to provide additional resources to the project so as to ensure its full implementation in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

4.4 Full details of the estimated budget breakdown per funding source, beneficiary and budget category are given in Annex I of this Agreement.

Article 5

Payment arrangements

5.1 The coordinator will transfer the part of the Erasmus+ grant contribution corresponding to each individual beneficiary using the accounts stipulated in Annex III of this Agreement.

5.2 The transfer of the Erasmus+ grant contribution to individual beneficiaries will be implemented in accordance with the following timetable and procedure:

Payment(s) in advance

The coordinator will transfer to the respective account of each beneficiary in advance of the actual activities (/expenditures) [part of] the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution identified under Annex 1 of this Agreement, in the following way:

1. 50% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution at the time of signature of this Agreement, according to the amount transferred into the coordinator's account from the Agency;
2. 40% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution after the reception of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity covering at least 70% of the amount of advance payment already made, and once the second pre-financing has been transferred into the coordinator's account by the Agency.
3. The coordinator shall transfer all amounts to the project partners after they have been received from the Agency.

5.3 Beneficiaries are obliged to use the Erasmus+ grant contribution exclusively for the purposes defined by the project, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the present Agreement and the Grant Agreement and its annexes. Erasmus+ grant amounts received in advance and not used by the beneficiaries will be reimbursed to the coordinator at the latest 30 days after the end of the project's contractual period.

5.4 If there is a difference between the amount of the Erasmus+ grant contribution actually used by the partnership and the amount of expenditure declared eligible by the Executive Agency at the end of the project, the following procedure will apply:

1) the beneficiary responsible for the expenditure declared ineligible will reimburse the corresponding amount to the coordinator.

5.5 The costs of financial transfers and other banking commissions shall be borne by each project partner.

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6.1 The coordinator is responsible for submitting in due time to the Executive Agency all reports and financial statements as required in the Grant Agreement. For this purpose and in a timely manner, the beneficiaries commit to provide the coordinator with all necessary information and, if applicable, copies of supporting documents needed for drawing up reports, financial statements and any other documents required in the Grant Agreement.

6.2 The coordinator shall provide the beneficiaries with the appropriate reporting forms for the declaration of expenses/activities and the respective instructions for their completion. These reports must be drawn up in EURO.

6.3 The beneficiaries shall keep a record of any expenditure/activity incurred under the project and all proofs and related documents for a period of 5 years after the payment of the final balance under the Grant Agreement. The coordinator may reject any item, which cannot be justified in accordance with the rules set out by the Executive Agency in the Grant Agreement and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

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7.1 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's staff costs, travel costs and costs of stay will be calculated on the basis of "unit contributions" whose individual amounts are specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant and in the Guidelines for the Special Mobility Strand (when applicable).

7.2 For the implementation of the project and the beneficiary's reimbursement of costs incurred in terms of staff, travel and costs of stay, the partnership will

Possible options:

- apply the unit costs amounts defined in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant

7.3 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's equipment and subcontracting costs will be based on the justification of the costs actually incurred. This justification will take the form of the support documentation specified in the relevant section of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

7.4 The beneficiaries confirm that they respect the social and labour legislation of their country regarding the costs of staff contributing to the project.

7.5 Each beneficiary is responsible for ensuring adequate insurance arrangements for their staff and students while participating in project activities.

Article 8

General administrative provisions

8.1 Any important project related communication between the parties shall be done in writing and addressed to the appointed project manager of each beneficiary, as per the details below:

For the coordinator:

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For the beneficiary:

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+38044 481-32-38

8.2 Any changes to the above information should be communicated in a timely manner.

Article 9

Promotion and visibility

9.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall ensure adequate promotion of the project and commit to playing an active role in any actions organised to capitalise on, exploit / disseminate the results of the project.

9.2 Any notice or publication by the project, including at a conference or a seminar, must specify that the project is being co-financed by EU funds within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, and must comply with the visibility rules laid down in Articles I.10.8 and I.10.9 of the Grant Agreement, as well as in section 1.6 of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

Article 10

Confidentiality and data protection

10.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries undertake to preserve the confidentiality of any document, information or other material directly related to the subject of the Agreement that is duly classed as confidential, if disclosure could cause prejudice to the other party. The parties shall remain bound by this obligation beyond the closing date of the action.

10.2 All personal data contained in or relating to this Agreement shall be processed in accordance with the dispositions of Article II.6 of the Grant Agreement.

Article 11

Ownership and property rights

11.1 The ownership of all project results, including copyrights and intellectual property rights, as well as all reports and other documentation resulting from the action, shall be vested in the beneficiaries, in compliance with Article I.7 of the Grant Agreement.

11.2 Materials already developed and brought in may be only used within the scope of the project as templates of good practice. Copyrights shall be strictly safeguarded and permission for reproduction and scale of production has to be settled beforehand.

Article 12

Liability

12.1 Each of the contracting parties discharges the other of any civil liability for any damages suffered by itself or its staff/students as a result of the performance of this Agreement, insofar as such damages are not due to serious or intentional negligence or fault of the other party or its staff/students.

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Conflict of interest

13.1 The coordinator and beneficiaries must undertake all necessary precautions to prevent any risk of conflicts of interest, which could affect their impartial and objective performance of the Agreement. Such conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional reasons, or any other shared interest.

13.2 Any situation constituting or likely to lead to any such conflict should be brought to the attention of the coordinator without delay, and the beneficiary in cause shall undertake to take all necessary measures to rectify this situation at once.

13.3 The coordinator will decide if it is deemed necessary to inform the Executive Agency as provided for in Article II.4 of the Grant Agreement.

Article 14

Working languages

14.1 The working language of the partnership shall be English.

14.2 Both parties commit in allocating to the project staff with enough knowledge of the working language, allowing a smooth communication and understanding of the matters discussed.

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Conflict resolution

15.1 In case of conflict between the project partners resulting from the interpretation or the application of this Agreement, or in connection with the activities contained within, the parties involved shall make the effort to come to an amicable arrangement rapidly and in the spirit of good cooperation.

15.2 Disputes should be addressed in writing to the project Steering Committee (or a body consisting of representatives of all the project partners), that will try to mediate in order to resolve the conflict.

Article 16

Applicable law and jurisdiction

16.1 This Agreement is governed by the Romanian law, being the law of the coordinator's country.

16.2 In case of any disputes on matters under this Agreement, which cannot be resolved by an amicable settlement, the matter shall have to be decided in accordance with the jurisdiction of the coordinator's country.

16.3 If any provision of this Agreement or the application of any such provision shall be considered invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part for legal requirements, all other stipulations remain valid and binding to both parties.

16.4 If any provision in this Agreement should be wholly or partly ineffective, the parties to this Agreement undertake to replace the ineffective provision by an effective provision which comes as close as possible to the purpose of the ineffective provision.

16.5 This Agreement is concluded in English. In the event of translation of this Agreement and its annexes, the English version shall prevail.

Article 17

Termination of the Agreement

17.1 In the event that any of the beneficiaries fail to perform any obligations under the present Agreement or the Grant Agreement, the coordinator may terminate their participation in the project, upon formal written authorisation by the Executive Agency.

17.2 The coordinator shall notify the beneficiary in cause by registered letter. The beneficiary has one month to supply all relevant information to appeal the decision.

Article 18

Force Majeure

18.1 If either parties face a case of *force majeure* (as per defined in article II.14 of the Grant Agreement), it shall promptly notify the other party in writing, specifying the nature, probable duration and expected effects of this event.

18.2 Neither of the parties shall be deemed in breach of its obligations if it has been prevented from performing its tasks due to *force majeure*. The parties shall take all necessary measures to minimise possible damage to successful project implementation.

Article 19 Amendments

19.1 Any amendments to this Agreement must be made in writing by means of a Supplementary Agreement, and become effective when signed by the authorised legal representatives of both parties. No oral agreement may bind the parties to this effect.

19.2 The amendment may not have the purpose or the effect of making changes which might call into question the dispositions of the Grant Agreement.

Article 20 Annexes

Annex I – Budget per partner and budget category.

Annex II - Copy of the Grant Agreement signed between the coordinator and the Executive Agency, its annexes, and any existing amendment.

Annex III - Financial identification form

We, the undersigned, declare to have read and accepted the terms and conditions of this Agreement as described here before, including the annexes thereto.

For the Coordinator

The legal representative

Prof. Cezar Ionut Spînu PhD.



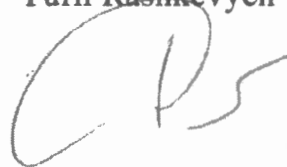

Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date

For the Beneficiary

Deputy Minister

Yurii Rashkevych



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Done in Kyiv

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Partnership Agreement

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*Implementation of Education Quality Assurance System via Cooperation of University - Business-
Government in HEIs (EDUQAS)*

The present Partnership Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement", is made and entered into by and between,

University of Craiova, Romania
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, Romania, 200585

hereinafter referred to as the "coordinator", represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD., Rector, the legal representative as defined in the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001.

and the following beneficiary:

Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan - established Astana, Kazakhstan;

and

Kazakh University of Economics, Finance and International Trade - established Astana, Kazakhstan;

hereinafter referred to as the "beneficiaries", represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by their legal representatives, according to the Mandates previously signed and attached to the Grant Agreement (here in Annex II).

Where a provision applies without distinction to the "coordinator" and the "beneficiaries", for the purpose of this Agreement they will be collectively referred to as the "beneficiaries".

The parties hereby have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Subject of the Partnership Agreement

1.1 This Agreement defines the terms that govern the relations between the parties, by establishing their rights and obligations, and lays down the rules of procedure for the work to be carried out in order to successfully implement the Erasmus+ CBHE action *Implementation of Education Quality Assurance System via Cooperation of University - Business-Government in HEIs (EDUQAS)* (hereinafter referred to as the "project").

1.2 The coordinator and the beneficiaries, undertake to do everything in their power to carry out the work programme forming the subject of this Agreement, which falls within the framework of the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001, concluded between the coordinator and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Agency"), related to the above-mentioned project.

1.3 The subject matter of this Agreement and the related work programme are detailed in the annexes of the Grant Agreement. The respective Grant Agreement terms and conditions, related annexes and guidelines, shall form an integral part of the present Agreement, and take precedence over it (see Article 20 of the present Agreement for the list of annexes).

1.4 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Grant Agreement and any further amendments of the latter.

Article 2

Duration

2.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the last party signs, but shall have retroactive effect from the starting date of the eligibility period laid down in the Grant Agreement.

2.2 The period of eligibility of the activities and the costs shall be in accordance to the dispositions of the Grant Agreement or any subsequent amendments of it.

2.3 The present Agreement shall remain in force until the coordinator has been discharged in full of his obligations arising from the Grant Agreement signed with the Executive Agency.

Article 3

Obligations and responsibilities

3.1 General obligations and role of the beneficiaries (including the coordinator).

The beneficiaries:

- (a) are jointly responsible for carrying out the activities attributed to them, and shall conduct the work in accordance with the work programme and schedule set forth in the Grant Agreement and approved application, working to the best of their abilities to achieve the defined results and taking full responsibility for their work in accordance with accepted professional principles;
- (b) undertake to comply with all the provisions of the Grant Agreement and its annexes, with all the provisions of this Agreement, as well as with EU and national legislation;
- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;

- (d) shall provide staff, facilities, equipment and material to the extent needed for executing the activities as specified in the work programme;
- (e) shall be responsible for the sound financial management and cost efficiency of the funds allocated to the project.

3.2 Specific obligations and role of the coordinator.

The coordinator undertakes to:

- (a) be responsible for the overall coordination, management and implementation of the project in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
- (b) be the intermediary for all communication between the beneficiaries and the Executive Agency, and inform the beneficiaries of any relevant communication exchanged with the Executive Agency;
- (c) inform the beneficiaries of any changes connected to the project or to the Grant Agreement, or of any event likely to substantially affect the implementation of the action;
- (d) as the sole recipient of payments on behalf of all beneficiaries, transfer funds to the beneficiaries without unjustified delay and in accordance with the dispositions for payments laid down in Article 5 of this Agreement;
- (e) manage and verify the appropriate spending of the funds in accordance with the dispositions of the Grant Agreement and this Agreement;
- (f) comply with all reporting requirements *vis-à-vis* the Executive Agency, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement. The coordinator shall not delegate any part of this task to any party;
- (g) establish payment requests on behalf of the beneficiaries, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement;
- (h) provide one copy of this Agreement duly signed to each beneficiary and to the Executive Agency within 6 months of the signature of the Grant Agreement.
- (i) provide the beneficiaries with official documents related to the project, such as the signed Grant Agreement and its annexes, the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant, the various reports templates and any other relevant document concerning the project.
- (j) transmit to the beneficiaries copies of all reports submitted to the Executive Agency, as well as copies of any feedback letters received from the Agency following report assessment and field monitoring visits.

3.3 Specific obligations and role of each beneficiary (excluding the coordinator).

Each beneficiary undertakes to:

- (a) ensure adequate communication with the coordinator and with the other beneficiaries;
- (b) support the coordinator in fulfilling its tasks according to the Grant Agreement;
- (c) submit in due time to the coordinator all relevant data needed to draw up the reports, financial statements and any other documents provided for in the Grant Agreement, as well as all necessary documents in the events of audits, checks or evaluations;
- (d) provide the coordinator with any other information or documents it may require and which are necessary for the management of the project;
- (e) notify the coordinator of any event likely to substantially affect or delay the implementation of the action, as well as of any important deviation of the project (e.g. replacement of the project contact person, changes in partner's budget, deviations from work plan etc.);
- (f) inform the coordinator of any change in its legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation and of any change in its name, address or legal representative.
- (g) undertake their own expenditure, while the coordinator will not undertake any expenses on behalf of the partners;
- (h) should provide the coordinator, upon request, the internal auditing reports certifying that all expenses have been undertaken according to the grant agreement and within the financial regulations of the programme.

Article 4 Financing the action

4.1 The maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project for the contractual period covered by the Grant Agreement amounts to EUR 815.296,30 and shall take the form as stipulated in Annex III of the Grant Agreement.

4.2 The Erasmus+ grant contribution is awarded to the partnership under the form of:

- a "*reimbursement of actual costs*" for Equipment and Subcontracting costs
- a "*unit contribution*" to the costs incurred for Staff costs, Travel costs and costs of Stay

4.3 The grant contribution to the project is intended to cover only part of the costs actually incurred by the beneficiaries in carrying out the activities foreseen. The beneficiaries commit to provide additional resources to the project so as to ensure its full implementation in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

4.4 Full details of the estimated budget breakdown per funding source, beneficiary and budget category are given in Annex I of this Agreement.

Article 5 Payment arrangements

5.1 The coordinator will transfer the part of the Erasmus+ grant contribution corresponding to the beneficiary using the accounts stipulated in Annex III of this Agreement - in this case, the partner institution administrating the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan will be

the KAZAKH UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMY, FINANCE AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE (KAZUEFIT), Astana. KAZUEFIT will open a separate bank account from which the expenses of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan will be handled, according to the current agreement and within the limits of the approved budget.

5.2 The transfer of the Erasmus+ grant contribution to individual beneficiaries will be implemented in accordance with the following timetable and procedure:

Payment(s) in advance

The coordinator will transfer to the respective account of each beneficiary in advance of the actual activities (/expenditures) [part of] the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution identified under Annex I of this Agreement, in the following way:

1. 50% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution at the time of signature of this Agreement, according to the amount transferred into the coordinator's account from the Agency;
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3. The coordinator shall transfer all amounts to the project partners after they have been received from the Agency.

Reimbursement of costs incurred

[Within 30 days of receipt] of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity (as specified in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant), the coordinator will reimburse to the beneficiary's account specified on Annex III of this Agreement the [part of the] costs actually incurred in accordance with the estimated budget breakdown identified under Annex I of the Agreement. - *not applicable*

5.3 Beneficiaries are obliged to use the Erasmus+ grant contribution exclusively for the purposes defined by the project, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the present Agreement and the Grant Agreement and its annexes. Erasmus+ grant amounts received in advance and not used by the beneficiaries will be reimbursed to the coordinator at the latest 30 days after the end of the project's contractual period.

5.4 If there is a difference between the amount of the Erasmus+ grant contribution actually used by the partnership and the amount of expenditure declared eligible by the Executive Agency at the end of the project, the following procedure will apply:

- 1) *the beneficiary - both KAZUEFIT and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan are responsible for the expenditure declared ineligible will reimburse the corresponding amount to the coordinator.*
- 2) *the beneficiary - both KAZUEFIT and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan commit to take in charge a percentage of the ineligible amount(s) corresponding to their share of the Erasmus+ grant and will reimburse it to the coordinator. not applicable*

5.5 The costs of financial transfers and other banking commissions shall be borne by each project partner.

Article 6 Reporting

6.1 The coordinator is responsible for submitting in due time to the Executive Agency all reports and financial statements as required in the Grant Agreement. For this purpose and in a timely manner, the beneficiaries commit to provide the coordinator with all necessary information and, if applicable, copies of supporting documents needed for drawing up reports, financial statements and any other documents required in the Grant Agreement.

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7.1 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's staff costs, travel costs and costs of stay will be calculated on the basis of "unit contributions" whose individual amounts are specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant and in the Guidelines for the Special Mobility Strand (when applicable).

7.2 For the implementation of the project and the beneficiary's reimbursement of costs incurred in terms of staff, travel and costs of stay, the partnership will

Possible options:

- apply the unit costs amounts defined in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant
- use the procedure and amounts described hereafter (in Annex XXX of this Agreement) not applicable

- *on other unit costs amounts than those specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide (even higher if deemed necessary), not applicable*
- *on the reimbursement of actual costs incurred (with a maximum if necessary) or not applicable*
- *on a combination of both not applicable*

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For the coordinator:

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Kazakh University of Economics, Finance and International Trade - established Astana, Kazakhstan;

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- 16.1 This Agreement is governed by the Romanian law, being the law of the coordinator's country.
- 16.2 In case of any disputes on matters under this Agreement, which cannot be resolved by an amicable settlement, the matter shall have to be decided in accordance with the jurisdiction of the coordinator's country.
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For the Coordinator

The legal representative
Prof. Cezar Ionut Spinu PhD



Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

For the Beneficiary

The legal representative
Gulzat Kobenova – Director of the Department of Higher and Postgraduate Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Signature and stamp
Done in Astana

Date [DD/MM/YYYY]

For the Beneficiary

The legal representative
Sarsengali Abdymanapov, rector
Kazakh University of Economics, Finance and International Trade
Astana, Kazakhstan

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The present Partnership Agreement, hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”, is made and entered into by and between,

University of Craiova, Romania
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, Romania, 200585

hereinafter referred to as the “coordinator”, represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by Prof. Cezar Ionuț Spînu PhD., Rector, the legal representative as defined in the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001.

and the following beneficiary:

Haut Conseil de l'évaluation de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur - established PARIS, France;

hereinafter referred to as the “beneficiaries”, represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by their legal representatives, according to the Mandates previously signed and attached to the Grant Agreement (here in Annex II).

Where a provision applies without distinction to the "coordinator" and the "beneficiaries", for the purpose of this Agreement they will be collectively referred to as the "beneficiaries".

The parties hereby have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Subject of the Partnership Agreement

1.1 This Agreement defines the terms that govern the relations between the parties, by establishing their rights and obligations, and lays down the rules of procedure for the work to be carried out in order to successfully implement the Erasmus+ CBHE action *Implementation of Education Quality Assurance System via Cooperation of University - Business-Government in HEIs (EDUQAS)* (hereinafter referred to as the "project").

1.2 The coordinator and the beneficiaries, undertake to do everything in their power to carry out the work programme forming the subject of this Agreement, which falls within the framework of the Grant Agreement 2017-2895/001-001, concluded between the coordinator and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Agency"), related to the above-mentioned project.

1.3 The subject matter of this Agreement and the related work programme are detailed in the annexes of the Grant Agreement. The respective Grant Agreement terms and conditions, related annexes and guidelines, shall form an integral part of the present Agreement, and take precedence over it (see Article 20 of the present Agreement for the list of annexes).

1.4 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Grant Agreement and any further amendments of the latter.

Article 2

Duration

2.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the last party signs, but shall have retroactive effect from the starting date of the eligibility period laid down in the Grant Agreement.

2.2 The period of eligibility of the activities and the costs shall be in accordance to the dispositions of the Grant Agreement or any subsequent amendments of it.

2.3 The present Agreement shall remain in force until the coordinator has been discharged in full of his obligations arising from the Grant Agreement signed with the Executive Agency.

Article 3

Obligations and responsibilities

3.1 General obligations and role of the beneficiaries (including the coordinator).

The beneficiaries:

- (a) are jointly responsible for carrying out the activities attributed to them, and shall conduct the work in accordance with the work programme and schedule set forth in the Grant Agreement and approved application, working to the best of their abilities to achieve the defined results and taking full responsibility for their work in accordance with accepted professional principles;
- (b) undertake to comply with all the provisions of the Grant Agreement and its annexes, with all the provisions of this Agreement, as well as with EU and national legislation;
- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;
- (d) shall provide staff, facilities, equipment and material to the extent needed for executing the activities as specified in the work programme;

- (e) shall be responsible for the sound financial management and cost efficiency of the funds allocated to the project.

3.2 Specific obligations and role of the coordinator.

The coordinator undertakes to:

- (a) be responsible for the overall coordination, management and implementation of the project in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
- (b) be the intermediary for all communication between the beneficiaries and the Executive Agency, and inform the beneficiaries of any relevant communication exchanged with the Executive Agency;
- (c) inform the beneficiaries of any changes connected to the project or to the Grant Agreement, or of any event likely to substantially affect the implementation of the action;
- (d) as the sole recipient of payments on behalf of all beneficiaries, transfer funds to the beneficiaries without unjustified delay and in accordance with the dispositions for payments laid down in Article 5 of this Agreement;
- (e) manage and verify the appropriate spending of the funds in accordance with the dispositions of the Grant Agreement and this Agreement;
- (f) comply with all reporting requirements *vis-à-vis* the Executive Agency, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement. The coordinator shall not delegate any part of this task to any party;
- (g) establish payment requests on behalf of the beneficiaries, as per the dispositions of Article I.4 of the Grant Agreement;
- (h) provide one copy of this Agreement duly signed to each beneficiary and to the Executive Agency within 6 months of the signature of the Grant Agreement.
- (i) provide the beneficiaries with official documents related to the project, such as the signed Grant Agreement and its annexes, the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant, the various reports templates and any other relevant document concerning the project.
- (j) transmit to the beneficiaries copies of all reports submitted to the Executive Agency, as well as copies of any feedback letters received from the Agency following report assessment and field monitoring visits.

3.3 Specific obligations and role of each beneficiary (excluding the coordinator).

Each beneficiary undertakes to:

- (a) ensure adequate communication with the coordinator and with the other beneficiaries;
- (b) support the coordinator in fulfilling its tasks according to the Grant Agreement;
- (c) submit in due time to the coordinator all relevant data needed to draw up the reports, financial statements and any other documents provided for in the Grant Agreement, as well as all necessary documents in the events of audits, checks or evaluations;
- (d) provide the coordinator with any other information or documents it may require and which are necessary for the management of the project;
- (e) notify the coordinator of any event likely to substantially affect or delay the implementation of the action, as well as of any important deviation of the project (e.g. replacement of the project contact person, changes in partner's budget, deviations from work plan etc.);
- (f) inform the coordinator of any change in its legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation and of any change in its name, address or legal representative.

- (g) undertake their own expenditure, while the coordinator will not undertake any expenses on behalf of the partners;
- (h) should provide the coordinator, upon request, the internal auditing reports certifying that all expenses have been undertaken according to the grant agreement and within the financial regulations of the programme.

Article 4 **Financing the action**

4.1 The maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project for the contractual period covered by the Grant Agreement amounts to EUR 815.296,30 and shall take the form as stipulated in Annex III of the Grant Agreement.

4.2 The Erasmus+ grant contribution is awarded to the partnership under the form of:

- a "*reimbursement of actual costs*" for Equipment and Subcontracting costs
- a "*unit contribution*" to the costs incurred for Staff costs, Travel costs and costs of Stay

4.3 The grant contribution to the project is intended to cover only part of the costs actually incurred by the beneficiaries in carrying out the activities foreseen. The beneficiaries commit to provide additional resources to the project so as to ensure its full implementation in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

4.4 Full details of the estimated budget breakdown per funding source, beneficiary and budget category are given in Annex I of this Agreement.

Article 5 **Payment arrangements**

5.1 The coordinator will transfer the part of the Erasmus+ grant contribution corresponding to each individual beneficiary using the accounts stipulated in Annex III of this Agreement.

5.2 The transfer of the Erasmus+ grant contribution to individual beneficiaries will be implemented in accordance with the following timetable and procedure:

Payment(s) in advance

The coordinator will transfer to the respective account of each beneficiary in advance of the actual activities (/expenditures) [part of] the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution identified under Annex 1 of this Agreement, in the following way:

1. 50% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution at the time of signature of this Agreement, according to the amount transferred into the coordinator's account from the Agency;
2. 40% of the estimated Erasmus+ grant contribution after the reception of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity covering at least 70% of the amount of advance payment already made, and once the second pre-financing has been transferred into the coordinator's account by the Agency.
3. The coordinator shall transfer all amounts to the project partners after they have been received from the Agency.

Reimbursement of costs incurred

[Within 30 days of receipt] of the necessary proofs of expenditure/activity (as specified in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant), the coordinator will reimburse to the beneficiary's account specified on Annex III of this Agreement the [part of the] costs actually incurred in accordance with the estimated budget breakdown identified under Annex 1 of the Agreement. - *not applicable*

5.3 Beneficiaries are obliged to use the Erasmus+ grant contribution exclusively for the purposes defined by the project, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the present Agreement and the Grant Agreement and its annexes. Erasmus+ grant amounts received in advance and not used by the beneficiaries will be reimbursed to the coordinator at the latest 30 days after the end of the project's contractual period.

5.4 If there is a difference between the amount of the Erasmus+ grant contribution actually used by the partnership and the amount of expenditure declared eligible by the Executive Agency at the end of the project, the following procedure will apply:

- 1) *the beneficiary responsible for the expenditure declared ineligible will reimburse the corresponding amount to the coordinator.*
- 2) *the beneficiary commits to take in charge a percentage of the ineligible amount(s) corresponding to their share of the Erasmus+ grant and will reimburse it to the coordinator. not applicable*

5.5 The costs of financial transfers and other banking commissions shall be borne by each project partner.

**Article 6
Reporting**

6.1 The coordinator is responsible for submitting in due time to the Executive Agency all reports and financial statements as required in the Grant Agreement. For this purpose and in a timely manner, the beneficiaries commit to provide the coordinator with all necessary information and, if applicable, copies of supporting documents needed for drawing up reports, financial statements and any other documents required in the Grant Agreement.

6.2 The coordinator shall provide the beneficiaries with the appropriate reporting forms for the declaration of expenses/activities and the respective instructions for their completion. These reports must be drawn up in EURO.

6.3 The beneficiaries shall keep a record of any expenditure/activity incurred under the project and all proofs and related documents for a period of 5 years after the payment of the final balance under the Grant Agreement. The coordinator may reject any item, which cannot be justified in accordance with the rules set out by the Executive Agency in the Grant Agreement and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

Article 7 **Budgetary and financial management**

7.1 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's staff costs, travel costs and costs of stay will be calculated on the basis of "unit contributions" whose individual amounts are specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant and in the Guidelines for the Special Mobility Strand (when applicable).

7.2 For the implementation of the project and the beneficiary's reimbursement of costs incurred in terms of staff, travel and costs of stay, the partnership will

Possible options:

- apply the unit costs amounts defined in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant
- use the procedure and amounts described hereafter (in Annex XXX of this Agreement) not applicable

- *on other unit costs amounts than those specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide (even higher if deemed necessary), not applicable*
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7.3 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's equipment and subcontracting costs will be based on the justification of the costs actually incurred. This justification will take the form of the support documentation specified in the relevant section of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

7.4 The beneficiaries confirm that they respect the social and labour legislation of their country regarding the costs of staff contributing to the project.

7.5 Each beneficiary is responsible for ensuring adequate insurance arrangements for their staff and students while participating in project activities.

Article 8
General administrative provisions

8.1 Any important project related communication between the parties shall be done in writing and addressed to the appointed project manager of each beneficiary, as per the details below:

For the coordinator:

Assoc. Prof. PhD. Anca BANDOI
A. I. Cuza no.13, Craiova, 200585
anca.bandoi01@yahoo.com

For the beneficiary:

Haut Conseil de l'évaluation de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur
Solange Piszcz
Hceres 2 rue Albert Einstein 75013 PARIS France
E-mail solange.piszcz@hceres.fr
Phone: +33 1 55 55 64 54

8.2 Any changes to the above information should be communicated in a timely manner.

Article 9
Promotion and visibility

9.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall ensure adequate promotion of the project and commit to playing an active role in any actions organised to capitalise on, exploit / disseminate the results of the project.

9.2 Any notice or publication by the project, including at a conference or a seminar, must specify that the project is being co-financed by EU funds within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, and must comply with the visibility rules laid down in Articles I.10.8 and I.10.9 of the Grant Agreement, as well as in section 1.6 of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

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Confidentiality and data protection

10.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries undertake to preserve the confidentiality of any document, information or other material directly related to the subject of the Agreement that is duly classed as confidential, if disclosure could cause prejudice to the other party. The parties shall remain bound by this obligation beyond the closing date of the action.

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Ownership and property rights

11.1 The ownership of all project results, including copyrights and intellectual property rights, as well as all reports and other documentation resulting from the action, shall be vested in the beneficiaries, in compliance with Article I.7 of the Grant Agreement.

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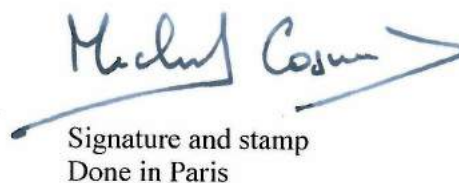


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Signature and stamp
Done in Craiova

Date

For the Beneficiary
The legal representative
Michel Cosnard, President



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Annex I

Budget / Expenditure / Co-financing breakdown and budget category

**Partner: Haut Conseil de l'évaluation de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur -
established PARIS, France;**

Maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution

		EUR
I	Staff costs	2 140
II	Travel costs	1 910
III	Costs of stay	3 120
IV	Equipment	-
V	Subcontracting	-
TOTAL GRANT CONTRIBUTION (total I- V)		7 170

Co-financing

		EUR
TOTAL CO-FINANCING		0