



ACADEMIC COOPERATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF FORESTRY - SOFIA, BULGARIA
AND
ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE

The undersigned parties,

Prof. DSc. Ivan Alexandrov Iliev – Rector and legal representative of the **UNIVERSITY OF FORESTRY**, official address: 10 Kliment Ohridski Blvd., 1797 Sofia, Bulgaria, website: www.ltu.bg, on the one hand,

and

Prof. Papaioannou Nikolaos - Rector and legal representative of the **ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI**, official address: Thessaloniki 541 24, Greece; website: <https://www.auth.gr/> , on the other hand,

agreed to sign the present Academic Cooperation Framework Agreement upon the following considerations:

1. Both institutions are linked by common objectives in scientific and cultural fields.
2. Both institutions consider of common interest to promote cooperation and collaboration for scientific and technological development, seeking a practical application of knowledge for the benefit of society.
3. The institutions have common objectives in relation to scientific, research and training activities.
4. Both parties, being legal entities, have the right to sign bilateral agreements of this type.
5. The aforementioned institutions have interest in promoting inter-institutional cooperation based on equality and mutual assistance.
6. Cooperation and coordination are beneficial to both institutions, and the integration of resources leads to higher quality, coverage, efficiency and reduces costs in the fulfillment of common goals.

Subject to the recitals above, the Parties agreed to sign the present Cooperation Framework Agreement under the following clauses:

1. The purpose of the present Agreement is to regulate the cooperation between the University of Forestry and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in scientific, research, cultural and educational fields as well as in pedagogical, administrative and technical fields to enable the development of research, educational and extension programmes, and organization of academic events in areas of common interest.



2. The aim of the present Agreement is to carry out jointly activities and projects in all sorts of topics of common interest. The specific activities may include the following:
 - 2.1. Academic mobility of researchers, teaching staff and students according to the internal procedures of each institution. They shall endeavor to overcome administrative and academic procedural differences and promote cooperation in fulfillment of their aims.
 - 2.2. Development of joint research projects according to available budgets in any field of common interest.
 - 2.3. Organization of national and international academic events (conferences, seminars, meetings, etc.).
 - 2.4. Exchange of publications, researches and any instructional materials that are of interest, as well as co-publications with domestic or foreign publishing houses of institutional and commercial fields.
 - 2.5. Development and management of specific projects of mutual interest through international cooperation agencies and involving external funding, if possible.
 - 2.6. Other types of collaboration of mutual interest.
3. Each institution shall draw up an annual programme of activities, which shall be communicated to the other Party. Both proposals shall conform to a common programme of activities for the academic year. This annual programme together with specific agreements, deriving from it, shall be considered as annexes to the present Agreement.
4. The activities to be carried out and organizational details such as place and time, people in charge of organization, participants, working budget and financial procedures, shall be included in the annual programme.
5. The coordinated annual programme shall be signed by the legal representatives of both institutions. Each university shall appoint a person or a department within the institution to develop and coordinate the implementation of the specific activities.
6. If necessary, specific proposals and programmes shall be submitted to the corresponding national and/or international organizations for funding.
7. The implementation of this Agreement is dependent on the availability of funds for joint activities. All obligations and expenditures related to specific activities within the terms of this Agreement shall be administered in accordance with the normal administrative and financial rules of each institution and the specific terms and conditions of the funding agencies.
8. All possible amendments and additions to this Agreement shall be made in writing and annexed to this Agreement.
9. The present Agreement shall come into force once signed by both parties and shall have duration of five (5) years. The Parties may extend the Agreement for additional five (5) year period by mutual consent expressed in writing. The Agreement can be terminated by either Party by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Party.
10. The Parties acknowledge that the present Agreement is based on good faith and shall strive for a due implementation. In case of disagreement the Parties agree to resolve differences that



may arise, directly and voluntarily. The Parties will seek flexible and direct solutions, preferably using direct solution mechanisms, such as extrajudicial conciliation, amicable settlement and transaction; prior authorizations may be required.

11. This Agreement was signed in two (2) originals in English, one for each Party.

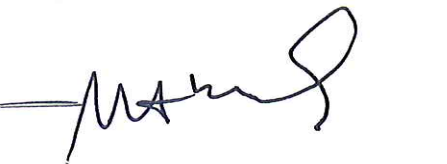
The Parties know, understand and accept each and every stipulation of the present Agreement and acknowledge it with their signatures:

On behalf of the
ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

On behalf of the
UNIVERSITY OF FORESTRY



Prof. Papaioannou Nikolaos
/Rector/


Prof. DSc. Ivan Alexandrov Iliev
/Rector/

Date: *November 22, 2019*

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