

COOPERATION AGREEMENT No. 1

Republic of Armenia, Lori Region, Vanadzor

Communal Higher Education Institution "Academy of Culture and Arts" of the Transcarpathian Regional Council (CHEIACA)

Uzhgorod / Ukraine

represented by Acting Rector **Nataliia Shetelia**

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Communal Higher Education Institution "Academy of Culture and Arts" of the Transcarpathian Regional Council (CHEIACA)

(Uzhgorod / Ukraine),

hereinafter referred to as the **Academy**,

represented by Acting Rector **Nataliia Shetelia**, on the one hand, and the **“Vanadzor State University named after H. Tumanyan” Foundation**,

hereinafter referred to as the **University**,

represented by Rector **Armen Misha Tsaturyan**, acting on the basis of the Charter, on the other hand, hereinafter both referred to as the **“Parties”**, have concluded this Cooperation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the **Agreement**).

1. SUBJECT MATTER OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The subject matter of this Agreement is the establishment of international cooperation between the Parties in the field of educational and scientific development. In particular, cooperation shall be carried out in the areas of education, research, student exchange, and the implementation of joint project-based activities.

Other universities and institutions may be invited to participate in this cooperation.

The Parties shall cooperate on the basis of the principles of voluntariness, transparency, and equality, guided by the legislation of Ukraine and the Republic of Armenia.

2. MAIN AREAS OF COOPERATION

2.1. The main areas of cooperation between the Parties include:

2.1.1.

Establishing and promoting the development of direct institutional relations between the Parties, as well as expanding international cooperation between them.

2.1.2.

Improving the quality of the educational process.

2.1.3.

Strategic partnership in the field of educational and scientific development.

2.1.4.

Organizing regular meetings of students with representatives of middle and senior management, as well as conducting training courses by university lecturers.

2.1.5. Holding joint seminars, conferences, symposia, forums, summer schools, and other events with the participation of students, postgraduate students, and lecturers, aimed at achieving the objectives of this Agreement.

2.1.6.

All areas of activity shall be agreed upon in writing prior to their commencement and shall include:

- a) Exchange of information on all activities contributing to the advancement of educational, academic, and research programs, social projects and research initiatives, as well as to the promotion of democratic and cultural values;
- b) Intensification of contacts between lecturers, students, and specialists through mutual activities, including internships and access to short-term language courses, in order to encourage intercultural experience.
- c) Student and staff exchanges.
- d) No tuition fees shall be charged; the partners shall cooperate in seeking funding and shall support students by providing affordable accommodation.
- e) Development of bilateral and, where necessary, multilateral projects.
- f) Dissemination of partner universities' publications.
- g) Organization of international seminars, conferences, and other meetings involving lecturers, specialists, and students for the exchange of experience and research knowledge, as well as for the development and implementation of joint projects.

In addition, the partners shall recognize and respond flexibly to each other's requirements.

Each institution shall appoint a person responsible for coordinating cooperation. This person shall coordinate the details of cooperation in consultation with the relevant partners and authorities.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

The primary responsibility for this cooperation shall lie, in case of Vanadzor State University, with Armeneli Hayryunyan, and in the case of the Municipal Institution of Higher Education "Academy of Culture and Arts" of the Transcarpathian Regional Council, with **Vice-Rector for Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs, Innovative and Methodological Support of Educational and Scientific Processes, Yaroslav Ahii**, who may appoint a representative. They shall ensure the day-to-day management of the activities provided for under this Agreement.

3.1. The Parties declare their readiness to:

3.1.1.

Facilitate the implementation of joint projects and programs under separate contracts and agreements concluded on the basis of this Agreement, in accordance with the conditions, procedures, and forms stipulated therein.

3.1.2.

Exchange information resources at their disposal in compliance with the legislation and requirements of the Ukraine and the Republic of Armenia.

3.1.3.

Regularly discuss issues related to the implementation of areas of cooperation.

3.1.4.

Organize and conduct round-table discussions, seminars, conferences, courses, lectures, workshops, and other public events.

3.1.5.

Develop and implement joint international projects with the participation of university staff and students.

3.1.6.

Review issues arising in the process of implementing this Agreement and adopt mutually agreed decisions regarding them.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY

4.1.

The terms of this Agreement, the annexes to this Agreement, additional agreements to this Agreement (protocols, etc.) are confidential and not subject to disclosure.

4.2.

The Parties undertake to keep as commercial secrets all technical and other data conveyed to them or otherwise became known in connection with the subject matter of this Agreement.

4.3.

Data and information obtained by the Parties during the establishment of this Agreement shall be considered confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties or used for purposes beyond the scope of this Agreement without the written consent of the other Party.

4.4.

The requirements of the preceding clause shall not apply in cases provided for by the legislation of Ukraine, upon request of authorized bodies for disclosure of confidential information.

4.5.

Any damage caused to a Party as a result of failure to comply with the provisions of this Article shall be subject to full compensation by the guilty Party.

4.6.

The Parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure that their employees and legal successors do not disclose details of this Agreement to third parties without the prior consent of the other Party.

5. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

5.1.

Any amendments to this Agreement shall be valid only if made in writing and signed by both Parties. Any amendment shall become legally effective from the date of its signing by the authorized representatives of both Parties.

5.2.

This Agreement does not impose any financial or property obligations on the Parties and does not constitute a basis for mutual settlements between them. Financial relations arising during the implementation of this Agreement shall be established through the conclusion of separate agreements.

5.3.

Activities carried out under this Agreement shall be conducted without the formation of joint ownership and without the generation of joint profit.

6. TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

6.1.

If further cooperation is deemed inappropriate, the Parties shall have the right to propose termination of this Agreement.

6.2.

A decision to terminate this Agreement shall be adopted by mutual consent of the Parties within 30 calendar days following the proposal for termination and shall be formalized by an appropriate termination document.

7. FINAL PROVISIONS

7.1.

Specific forms of cooperation between the Parties shall be defined by separate contracts or agreements, taking into account the Parties' preferences in all areas of activity.

7.2.

Any disputes arising between the Parties in connection with the implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved through negotiations or in accordance with the current legislation of Ukraine and the Republic of Armenia.

7.3.

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signing by the Parties and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years.

7.4.

This Cooperation Agreement is executed in two original copies, in English, both texts being equally valid.

9. ADDRESSES AND DETAILS OF THE PARTIES

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