

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between



UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS

PATRAS GREECE

and



LINKÖPING UNIVERSITY

LINKÖPING SWEDEN

1. Organisations signing the Memorandum of Understanding

Organisation 1: UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS

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Institution 2: Linköping University

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2. Other organisations covered by this Memorandum of Understanding (if appropriate)

Explanatory note: For MoUs established within a broader context (such as agreements set up by sector-based organisations, chambers, regional or national authorities) a list of organisations who are able to operate in the framework of the MoU can be added. The list can be included as an annex.

3. 'File code' of the Memorandum of Understanding

The **University of Patras** (Department of Physiotherapy) and **Linköping University** (Unit of Physiotherapy), wishing to promote co-operation between the two institutions in education and in academic research, agree to explore:

- a. co-operation on academic programmes;
- b. the development of joint research activities;
- c. and facilitate, university staff exchanges or mutual visits to both institutions;
- d. doctoral student training and development;
- e. student exchange and/or visiting programmes;
- f. the exchange of information, including the results of teaching and research collaboration;
- g. any other activities viewed to be mutually beneficial.

The terms of co-operation for each specific activity implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity and will be the subject of separate agreements. In addition, in this Memorandum of Understanding partner organisations mutually accept their respective criteria and procedures for quality assurance, assessment, validation and recognition of knowledge, skills and competence for the purpose of transferring credit.

Are other objectives agreed on?

☐ No, there are no other objectives agreed on.

4. Assessment, documentation, validation and recognition

By signing this Memorandum of Understanding we confirm that we have discussed the procedures for assessment, documentation, validation and recognition and agree on how it is done.

5. Financial Terms

5.1 The cooperation decided by this Memorandum of Understanding is primarily based on the principle of non-exchange of funds, apart from a separate agreement to define financial commitments in the areas of activity of the Memorandum.

5.2 All activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum shall be subject to the availability of resources of the Parties.

6. Validity of this Memorandum of Understanding

This MoU becomes effective from the day the representatives of both institutions/parties affix their signatures below, and will continue for an initial period of 5 years, whereupon it shall be reviewed and may be extended by the mutual written agreement of both institutions/parties. This MoU may be revised through the mutual agreement of both institutions/parties and may be terminated by either party upon giving six months' written notice signed by the MoU supervisor.

The administration of this MoU will be the responsibility of Prof. **Sofia A. Xergia and Prof. Joanna Kvist** of the corresponding Departments of the two Institutions.

The partnership's work will be evaluated and reviewed by: **31/01/2028, by Sofia A. Xergia and Joanna Kvist of the Physiotherapy Department of the University of Patras and Unit of Physiotherapy of the Linkoping University.**

Any termination of this MOU will not affect programs and activities undertaken prior to its termination, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

7. Logos

Any use of the names '**University of Patras**' or '**Linkoping University**' including any of its constituent schools, departments, programmes or logos, relating in any way to the activities described in this MoU, shall be subject to prior written approval.

8. Intellectual Property

8.1 All intellectual property rights embodied in documents or related to information exchanged between the two Parties belongs to their original owner (Party) and extend to all kinds of intellectual property in which the above information may be incorporated, upon legislation (national) or (European) framework and/or modifications of the Parties.

8.2 The management of intellectual property rights developed by partnerships within the framework of this memorandum of cooperation, determined between the Parties through mutual consultation and separate written agreements as the case may be.

9. Confidentiality



The Parties agree that there is no intention to disclose confidential or proprietary information in any collaboration under this MOU. If either Party wishes to disclose to the other Party any information it considers confidential or proprietary, then the Parties shall enter into a written non-disclosure agreement.

10. Personal Data

The Parties recognize the importance of protecting personnel data character of natural persons, their lawful and correct processing. In that meaning, the parties comply with the basic principles of personal data processing, respect the rights of natural persons, agree,

ratify and implement the Personal Data Protection Act, [Regulation 679/2016 (EU)] for the protection of natural persons against of the processing of personal data. The obligation to comply with the Regulation will remain in force even after the expiry of this Memorandum.

11. Signatures

Organisation / country	Organisation / country
University of Patras	Linköping University / Sweden
Name, role	Name, role
 Rector Prof. Christos J. Bouras	 Head of Department Sussanne Börjesson
Place, date 12/5/2025	Linköping Place, date April 7, 2025

