

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between



THE UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS
Patras, GREECE

and



"Eqrem Çabej" University of Gjirokastrë
Gjirokastrë, ALBANIA

1. Organisations signing the Memorandum of Understanding

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

Explanatory note: No third party is involved.

3. 'File code' of the Memorandum of Understanding

The University of Patras (Department of Philology) and "Eqrem Çabej" University of Gjirokastrë (Department of Greek Language, Literature & Civilisation), wishing to enter into educational, scientific, research cooperation, agree on the following:

- Cooperation in design and development new academic programmes.
- Design or creation of joint postgraduate programmes (joint degrees), co-supervision of theses and doctoral dissertations.
- Collaboration between research groups and laboratories of the institutions. Development of joint research activities, transfer of know-how.
- Exchanges/mutual visits of members of the university community (faculty members, members of the teaching and research staff, members of the scientific community, administrative staff), and students (undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral candidates), as well as postdoctoral researchers, with the aim of promoting scientific research, teaching and the corresponding administrative organisation.
- Joint organisation of scientific or research activities (e.g. conferences, workshops, events), joint presentations at conferences.
- Joint publications and submission of research proposals.
- Any other research and/or academic activity of mutual benefit as decided by the partners.

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? Please tick as appropriate

☒ No ☐ Yes

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 Professor Efimia Karakantza, Head of the Department of Philology at the University of Patras and Dr. Kostando Ksera, Head of the Department of Greek Language, Literature and Civilisation at the "Eqrem Çabej" University of Gjirokastrë.

The work of the partnership will be evaluated and reviewed at the end of first year by the responsible persons by both parties.

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 "Eqrem Çabej University of Gjirokastrë" 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 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	"Eqrem Çabej" University of Gjirokastrë
Name, role	Name, role
 Rector Prof. Christos I. Bouras	Rector Prof. Jaho Cana
Place, date	Place, date
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