



Memorandum of Understanding

between

**Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University
(57 Shevchenko Str., Ivano-Frankivsk, 76018, Ukraine)**

**represented by the rector
Prof. Tsependa Igor Yevhenovych,**

appointed by order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine
on July 3, 2019 No. 312-k, that operates on the basis of the Statute

and

**the University of Potsdam
(Am Neuen Palais 10, 14469 Potsdam, Germany)**

**represented by the president
Prof. Oliver Günther, PhD,**

appointed by the Minister of Science, Research and Culture on 1 January 2018,
acting on the basis of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act, as of 28 April
2014, with registered office in Potsdam, Am Neuen Palais 10, 14469 Potsdam

on behalf of the European Digital UniverCity alliance (EDUC)

Preamble

As agreed by the EDUC Steering Committee on October 21, 2021, the University of Potsdam represents the EDUC alliance for the purpose of this MoU. As agreed by the EDUC Steering Committee on September 9, 2022, the University of Potsdam hereby invites the Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University to join the EDUC alliance as an associated partner.

The University of Potsdam, coordinator of the EDUC alliance with its members – University of Cagliari, Jaume I University, Masaryk University, University Paris Nanterre, University of Pécs, University of Potsdam, University of Rennes 1 and University of South-Eastern Norway –, and the Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University recognize the value of long-term academic and institutional collaboration. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) supports the intention of the partner institutions to establish a formal relationship and to develop a partnership within the framework of the EDUC alliance which has been established under the Erasmus+ Key Action 2 in 2019.

The collaborating partners, as educational institutions and as employers, value equality of opportunity, human dignity and racial/ethnic and cultural diversity. Accordingly, the partners prohibit and will not engage in discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, ancestry, colour, disability, familial status, marital status, national origin, race, religion or sex.

Objectives

On the basis of already ongoing consultations and communication between the Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University and Masaryk University as one of the EDUC founding members, the partners agree to embark on the following forms and measures of institutional and academic collaboration:

- Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University joins the EDUC alliance with the status of associated partner as described under the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027;
- Joint participation to the informal meetings between European university alliances, European Commission representatives and Ukrainian universities to explore the special needs of Ukrainian universities in the present situation of foreign aggression and occupation as well as possible funding lines to support an ever closer integration of Ukrainian universities into the European Education Area;
- Invitation to join EDUC meetings such as the Steering Committee Meeting to discuss collaboration projects (virtual or physical);

- If feasible, mutual delegations to the campuses of the partner universities;
- Participation to deliberation sessions to identify common points of collaboration in the activity areas of EDUC;
- If possible, joint application for funding lines as launched by the European Commission targeting the integration of Ukrainian universities and fitting into the alliance programme.

Confidentiality

From time to time during the partnership, the partners will exchange confidential information. Such information may be disclosed orally or in writing. Each of the partners undertakes to keep such information secret and confidential and not to disclose the same to any other person except to the extent that such information is in the public domain (other than as a result of the breach of any obligation of confidence) or required to be disclosed by law.

Administrative and financial regulations

All activities contemplated under this MoU are subject to and depend upon the availability of funds and other necessary resources. The parties' mutual aim is to lay the founding stone for a stable partnership within the EDUC alliance and its future. The partners agree to strengthen their attempts to provide funds for the establishment of this partnership. The collaboration of the partners will be characterized by mutual respect and continuing communication.

This MoU is a statement of intent of the parties hereto and is not legally binding and does not create legally enforceable duties and responsibilities. It forms the basis for the partnership between the Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University and the University of Potsdam as mandated to act on behalf of the EDUC alliance and its member universities starting with the date of signature by both parties until 31/12/2026 (end of next funding phase). It shall renew itself automatically according to the following funding periods if not agreed otherwise. New and wider areas of mutual interest may evolve and may be included in follow-up agreements which both partners wish to sign once further agreements have been found or new funding has been successfully applied for.

Responsibility for the ongoing negotiations at the University of Potsdam lies with the Vice President for International Affairs and Fundraising

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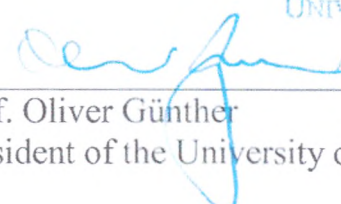
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This Memorandum will be drawn up in four copies - 2 in Ukrainian and 2 in English, 2 copies for each of the parties.




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Prof. Oliver Günther
President of the University of Potsdam

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