

Cooperation Agreement

Between the SGroup European Universities' Network and the Asociación de Universidades Grupo Montevideo

The SGroup European Universities' Network (hereinafter referred to as the SGroup), represented by its president Jacek Witkoś, and the Asociación de Universidades Grupo Montevideo (hereinafter referred to as AUGM), represented by its president Gerónimo Laviosa, intend to continue and further intensify their joint efforts through the signature of a new cooperation agreement, following the one implemented in previous years.

The main purpose of the agreement is to create new opportunities in joint initiatives and programmes such as ERASMUS+, Horizon 2020, as well as other global funding schemes for academic and non-academic staff mobility, research initiatives and lifelong learning. The cooperative projects' outcomes are expected to lead to a better mutual understanding and structured interaction between HEIs belonging to the SGroup and AUGM networks.

Section 1: Objectives of the cooperation

1. To enhance academic and non-academic mobility among members of both networks on the basis of mutual academic recognition and appreciation.
2. To encourage joint projects and activities in research, teaching and services.
3. To facilitate the transfer of knowledge, expertise and best practices.
4. To promote initiatives that lead to capacity building in HE on both continents.

Section 2: Achievement of these goals

Both parties agree with the following:

1. To discuss, agree and initiate specific collaborative projects in areas of common interest and with common goals.
2. To encourage their members to propose and participate in joint initiatives, events and activities.
3. To provide expertise, best practice and resources of both networks to its members.
4. To make best practice and expertise the driving force behind the various events and workshops organized by both networks.
5. To identify and evaluate relevant national as well as international programmes and funding schemes that could provide further opportunities for sustainable collaboration.
6. To create consulting services on the basis of the expertise of both networks as a free service for its members and fee-based for interested individuals and parties beyond.
7. To mutually support the dissemination and visibility of projects, events and initiatives among its members.



Section 3: Conditions of the agreement

1. The specific joint activities of the parties should reflect the regulations of the agreement and will be subject of corresponding addenda to this document.
2. Each network shall nominate a contact person to oversee the activities undertaken in the framework of the agreement. The two representatives of the networks are expected to be in regular contact as well as to participate, without the need to cover any fee, in the annual general assembly or conference of each other's network.
3. The representatives will issue a joint annual report of the activities and its results will be presented at the SGroup general assembly as well as at the annual AUGM conference after assessment and approval by the executive boards of both networks.

Section 4: Operation of the agreement

1. The present cooperation agreement has been drawn up in English and shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the presidents of SGroup and AUGM.
2. This agreement shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years and will be extended automatically unless cancelled by one of the partners in writing with six (6) months' notice.
3. The present cooperation agreement may be modified by mutual consent via a written addendum signed by the president of each network.

On behalf of the SGroup

On behalf of AUGM

Prof. Dr. Jacek Witkoś

Prof. Dr. Gerónimo Laviosa,

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