



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

National Sports Academy "Vasil Levski"- SOFIA, BULGARIA

And

KARABÜK UNIVERSITY (KBU), TÜRKİYE

The National Sports Academy of Sofia, Bulgaria, represented by its Rector, Prof. Krasimir PETKOV, and Karabük University, Türkiye, represented by its Rector Prof. Dr. Fatih KIRIŞIK, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties", agree to sign the present Memorandum of Understanding on the following articles:

1. PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish and develop mutually beneficial cooperation between the parties in the field of education, science, culture and sport on the basis of equality.

2. FORMS AND AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties agreed to implement the following issues:

- 2.1. Work to bring the educational process at both universities in line with international standards of academic cooperation.
- 2.2. Conduct joint research, implement projects and write articles on scientific topics in areas of sports education and others, if relevant.
- 2.3. Exchange scientific information and technical materials.
- 2.4. Carry out exchange programs for student/staff exchange.
- 2.5. Long-lasting visits (more than two weeks) should be negotiated separately and included in annual institutional plans.
- 2.6. Details for teaching and research cooperation (including remuneration, travel, and living expenses) will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.
- 2.7. Organize joint scientific meetings, such as congresses, conferences, symposiums, seminars, etc.
- 2.8. Joint development of priority innovative projects and creation of conditions for the introduction of created innovative technologies and products.
- 2.9. Carry out outreach activities involving both universities in all joint activities.

3. LEGAL ISSUES

- 3.1. Exchange activities related to joint research should be planned separately, taking into account the resources and conditions of each institution.
- 3.2. The rules and procedures of the exchange program are determined by a separate protocol between the Parties.



3.3. If the results of research in the course of joint projects under this Memorandum of Understanding affect the issues of intellectual property rights, the Parties will sign an additional protocol regulating the conditions for the approach to intellectual property rights before the start of the joint project.

3.4. The implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the legislation of the Parties. The Parties are obligated to obtain the necessary internal or other permits in accordance with the legislation.

4. FINANCING

4.1. This Memorandum of Understanding does not provide for financial obligations of the Parties to each other.

4.2. The financial relations of the Parties shall be agreed upon during the organization of specific events and shall be formalized by agreements in accordance with the legislation of both Parties.

5. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The Parties shall take measures to resolve conflicts arising during the implementation of the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding through negotiations.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1. The Parties undertake to maintain confidentiality of any information received from the other Party under this Memorandum of Understanding and other Memorandum of Understandings concluded on its basis.

6.2. The Parties undertake to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and all information communicated as confidential information or information that should be considered confidential by nature.

7. FORCE MAJEURE CASES

7.1. Neither Party shall be liable for failure to perform or improper performance of its obligations under this Memorandum of Understanding if it proves that its non-performance or improper performance occurred as a result of force majeure.

7.2. Upon receipt of information about the occurrence of force majeure events, the affected Party undertakes to immediately notify the other Party of the occurrence of such events, provide the other Party with detailed information about such events, as well as a reasonable estimate of the period during which such force majeure events will continue.

8. TERM OF VALIDITY OF THE MEMORANDUM AND RULES OF TERMINATION

8.1. This Memorandum of Understanding is valid for 5 (five) years from the date of signing, the period may be extended by mutual and written agreement of the Parties.



8.2. If either Party wishes to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding, it must notify the other Party in writing at least 6 (six) months in advance.

8.3. In case of violation of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding by one of the Parties, the other Party has the right to unilaterally terminate the Memorandum of Understanding by sending a written notice.

9. FINAL RESOLUTIONS

9.1. Any amendments and additions to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be made only with the written consent of both Parties and shall be considered an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

9.2. This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in two (2) copies in English.

9.3. The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding shall receive equal legal treatment in its implementation.

9.4. To ensure the coordination and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall select a coordinator, to be appointed by each Party, who will be responsible for the implementation of the agreed-upon activities.

10. SIGNATURES AND LEGAL ADDRESSES OF THE PARTIES

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