

**AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT
OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED
NATIONS AND THE BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY, MINSK, BELARUS**

In order to establish academic and scientific ties between the two institutions, Academician Prof. Dr. Sergey Ablameyko, Rector of the Belarusian State University, on behalf of the Belarusian State University and H.E. Prof. dr Albert Maes, President of the ECPD Executive Board, on behalf the European Centre for Peace and Development of the University for Peace established by the United Nations, hereby agree to conclude the following Academic Cooperation Agreement:

Context

- 1) Both institutions agree to promote joint academic, scientific and cultural endeavours and foster cooperation between its faculties, schools, departments, institutes and research centres.
- 2) The parties to this agreement on academic and scientific cooperation intend to recognise the goodwill that exists between them, and to facilitate the development of further specific agreements and forms of cooperation.

Aims of the cooperation

- 3) The parties commit themselves to explore mutually beneficial cooperative projects in teaching, research, consultancy and educational programmes, including exchange of professors and experts of ECPD University for Peace Established by the UN and professors and experts of the Belarusian State University, as well as to develop joint programmes and an international center for postgraduate studies and development research.
- 4) Both institutions agree to cooperate in all areas of mutual interest and education and research programs. Projects are expected to focus on activity to support and enhance the process of transition in the region, on education and research, projects and programmes regarding regional sustainable development and on programmes regarding regional trans-border cooperation and European integration processes.

Implementation

- 5) Within this framework both institutions shall cooperate in the following activities:
 - a) Joint education and research activities in areas of mutual interest to both institutions of priority importance to Belarus;
 - b) Exchange of information in areas of mutual interest to both institutions;
 - c) Exchange of professors, researchers and students to carry out joint projects in the fields of cooperation that are established.
- 6) Joint education and teaching activities can be organized in the following way:
 - a) Joint undergraduate, master and doctoral studies;
 - b) joint international postgraduate schools, seminars, instructive courses and innovation courses;

- c) joint study programmes abroad for professionals working in the corporate sector, scientific institutions and state administration, as well as for interested individuals;
 - d) joint study visits to certain foreign institutions for experts and individuals referred to in the previous item;
 - e) joint organisation and conducting of summer schools, workshops and study trips in Belarus, Republic of Serbia and within the Balkan region, particularly for foreign students and experts;
- 7) Activity is likely to involve cross-disciplinary cooperation in a number of areas, which may include:
- a) economic, scientific, technological and social developments in the economies in transition;
 - b) management development and education;
 - c) strategic management, financial management, small business management, urban and environmental management, cultural management, health management and project management;
 - d) management in public companies, public administration and local self-government administration;
 - e) technological innovation, knowledge management and quality management;
 - f) international relations, public diplomacy, economic diplomacy and journalism;
 - g) European Union Institutions procedures, EU Law and International Business Law, European and regional cooperation and integration.
 - h) Sport for peace
- 8) The Belarusian State University and ECPD commit to take into consideration and agree on the following:
- a) jointly try to provide financial resources for certain number of scholarships to be granted to the best students involved in their COOPERATION;
 - b) issue bilingual certificates (alternative: diplomas and certificates in the Belarusian and English languages);
 - c) provide working premises, teaching means and other necessary teaching equipment;
 - d) negotiate annually the exchange of students. In order to do this, both institutions will exchange information at least six months prior to the beginning of the exchange period. This information shall specify the activities to be carried out and the means of co-operation, as well as their duration, dates, number of participants and whatever details are needed, taking into account reciprocity;
 - e) approve plans of COOPERATION in each particular case, through liaison officers, and confirm it by exchange of correspondence.

Management of the cooperation

- 9) School of Business and Management of Technologies will coordinate all project activities within the BSU.
- 10) The Parties agree to create the Parity Committee, consisting of two members of each signatory party. The main task of the Parity Committee will be to develop common policies and programmes, determine joint tasks and objectives. Particular attention will be dedicated to international undergraduate and post-graduate education programmes at specialist, masters and doctoral levels.
- 11) The Parity Committee mentioned above, will have the task to propose and indicate programmes, courses and joint activities, by forming a plan of activities for each new academic year.
- 12) Every joint project concerning this Agreement will be developed and put into practice by means of an Appendix in which all the details about the particular activity will be specified.

Financial responsibilities

- 13) Unless otherwise explicitly agreed, each party to this memorandum will be responsible for funding the activities of its staff in support of this cooperation. Financial responsibility for activity to implement other subsequent specific agreements will be agreed and defined within each Annex.
- 14) When appropriate opportunities arise the parties shall use their reasonable endeavours to align their areas of expertise to secure funds and resources to assist in achieving the aims referred to in this Agreement or subsequent specific Annexes.
- 15) In any case, both parties agree to seek external financial resources, both from public and private institutions.
- 16) Both parties will encourage joint participation in calls and projects, internationally and locally financed programmes.

Individual projects and agreements

- 17) The subject, nature, extent and applicable provisions of each joint project will be negotiated on an individual basis depending on the constraints of available funds and resources, and be supported by a written agreement (Annex) made and entered into by and between ECPD and the Belarusian State University.

Duration of agreement

- 18) This agreement shall have effect from the date of signature for the period of 5 years

Review of agreement

- 19) Not less than six months prior to the date of termination of this agreement, the Parties will undertake a review of the Agreement and make a joint report to each party to it.

20) Modification of the Agreement can be requested at any moment, by either party, by way of written notice to the other party, with minimum of three months' notice before the proposed modification should enter into force.

Termination of agreement

21) Either party to this agreement may terminate it by providing not less than twelve month's notice of termination to the other party.

22) In the event of termination prior to the end of the period indicated in item 21, the parties agree to work together to protect the interests of any students currently deriving benefit from the cooperation.

23) Eventual termination of the Agreement should be conducted without detriment to previously coordinated activities and will be resolved by joint agreement.

Conclusive remarks

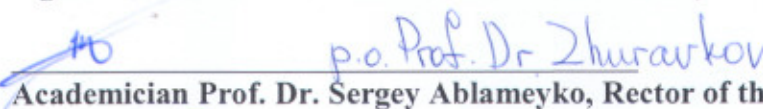
24) Present Agreement is written in English language.

25) The present agreement will come into effect on the day of signing, once it has been approved by the proper authorities.

26) This Agreement is signed in 4 (four) copies, two for each signatory party.

Agreed and signed in Minsk, Belarus on 27.02.2013

Signed on behalf of the Belarusian State University


p.o. Prof. Dr. Zhuravkov
Academician Prof. Dr. Sergey Ablameyko, Rector of the Belarusian State University

**Signed on behalf of the European Center for Peace and Development
of the University for Peace established by the United Nations**


Prof. Dr. Albert Maes, President of ECPD Executive Board