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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

AAB College, Prishtina, Kosovo

And

Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, Bolu, Türkiye

Preamble

AAB College, Prishtina, Kosovo, and Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, Bolu, Türkiye hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), recognizing the mutual benefits to be gained through the establishment of a cooperative program, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to promote academic collaboration, student exchange, and faculty exchange between the two institutions.

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for cooperation between the Parties in areas of mutual interest, including but not limited to:

1. **Exchange of Students:** To facilitate the exchange of students between the two institutions, allowing students to undertake studies or research at the partner institution.
2. **Exchange of Faculty and Staff:** To promote the exchange of faculty and staff for purposes of teaching, research, and professional development.
3. **Joint Research and Academic Activities:** To encourage and support joint research projects, academic conferences, workshops, and other academic activities of mutual interest.
4. **Curriculum Development:** To collaborate on the development and enhancement of curricula that will benefit both institutions.
5. **Cultural Exchange:** To foster greater understanding and appreciation of the respective cultures and educational systems.
6. **Online/Virtual Collaboration:** To organize and implement online/virtual classes for students and virtual round tables for academic staff, enhancing access and academic dialogue regardless of location.

Article 2: Areas of Cooperation

Cooperation under this MOU may include, but is not limited to:

1. **Student Mobility:** Development of exchange programs where students can enroll in courses at the host institution for a semester or academic year, with credits being recognized by their home institution.
2. **Faculty and Staff Exchange:** Short- and long-term exchanges of faculty and administrative staff to share knowledge, expertise, and experience.
3. **Collaborative Research:** Joint research initiatives and publications in areas of common interest.
4. **Seminars and Workshops:** Co-hosting seminars, workshops, and conferences that address topics of mutual interest.
5. **Curriculum Development:** Collaborative development of new courses or programs that reflect the strengths of both institutions.
6. **Online/Virtual Engagements:** Organization of online/virtual classes and joint online lectures for students; and conducting virtual round tables, meetings, and collaborative sessions for academic and administrative staff.
7. **The Parties** shall cooperate in the identification, preparation, and joint submission of **project proposals** under Erasmus+ Capacity Building, Horizon Europe, and other relevant international funding programmes.

Article 3: Implementation

1. Each institution will designate a coordinator responsible for overseeing the implementation of this MOU and facilitating communication between the Parties.
2. The designated contacts for official correspondence under this Memorandum of Understanding will be: (add names)
3. We agree that any communications or notifications sent to these email addresses shall be considered formal and legally binding for the purposes of this agreement, unless and until otherwise notified in writing.
4. Specific activities under this MOU will be detailed in separate agreements, which will outline the terms, conditions, and financial arrangements for each collaborative initiative.
5. The Parties agree to meet regularly, at least once a year, to review progress and discuss future cooperation.

Article 4: Official Websites, Logos, and Mutual Visibility

Institutional Visibility and Promotion

AAB College (www.aab-edu.net) and **Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University** (www.ibu.edu.tr) have established a mutual cooperation agreement to promote academic exchange, joint research initiatives, and intercultural collaboration in higher education, in support of internationalization and institutional development.

In alignment with the principles of transparency, international engagement, and recognition, both parties agree to include on their respective official websites the name, logo, and website link of the partner institution for the full duration of this Memorandum of Understanding. This action aims to enhance institutional visibility, reflect the active status of the partnership, and support positioning within international academic networks, standards, and rankings.

The logos and links shall not be used beyond this scope without prior written consent from the other party.

Upon expiration or termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, each party agrees to immediately remove the other party's logo, name, and website link from its official platforms and to cease all use in promotional or public materials related to this agreement.

Article 5: Duration and Termination

1. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by both Parties and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.
2. Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing six (6) months' written notice to the other Party. Such termination will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities agreed upon prior to the notice of termination.
3. This MOU may be renewed or amended by mutual written consent of both Parties.

Article 6: Confidentiality and Data Protection

1. Confidentiality

- Each Party agrees to maintain the confidentiality of any non-public, sensitive, or proprietary information exchanged in the course of this cooperation, whether in written, oral, electronic, or any other form. Such information shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party, except as required by applicable law or regulation. This obligation shall remain in effect for a period of **five (5) years** following the termination or expiration of this Memorandum.
2. Each Party shall ensure that appropriate technical and organizational measures are implemented to protect personal data against unauthorized access, loss, or misuse, and that data subjects' rights are upheld in accordance with the relevant legal frameworks.
 3. If personal data is transferred between the Parties, such transfers shall be made on a lawful basis and, where necessary, accompanied by a separate data processing or data sharing agreement outlining the terms, scope, and responsibilities of each Party.

Article 6: Miscellaneous

1. This MOU creates no legal obligations or liabilities between the Parties. It is intended to facilitate cooperation and mutual understanding.
2. Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation between the Parties.

Article 7: Governing Law

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed by and construed following the applicable laws of each respective country: the laws of Türkiye for the **Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University**, and the laws of Kosovo for **AAB College**.
2. The Parties agree that any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Memorandum shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultation. Should such a resolution not be possible, disputes shall fall under the jurisdiction of the competent courts in the country where the issue has arisen, unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing by both Parties.

Signatures

For AAB College

For Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University

Rector

Date:

Rector

Date: 12.10.2025