



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Kütahya Dumlupınar University

and

Baltic International Academy

PREAMBLE

Recognising the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative programme promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, Kütahya Dumlupınar University (KDPU), through the department of Translation and Interpreting, and Baltic International Academy (BIA), through the department of Translation and Interpreting will enter into this academic cooperation agreement.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to record formally this mutual interest of Kütahya Dumlupınar University and Baltic International Academy in exploring, for a period of 5 years following signature of this MoU, collaborative research, joint studies, dual degree programmes, publications, training and capacity building to address research opportunities in Turkey and Latvia, for the mutual benefits of both parties and in investigating funding sources to realise these opportunities.

OBJECTIVES

This MoU is not considered a contract creating legal and financial obligations between KDPU and BIA. It is designed to facilitate and develop genuine and mutually beneficial study programs, cooperation, research relationship and exchange

programs. In contemplation of the relationship to be established and for valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. Organising, promoting, staffing and coordinating long and short-term staff and student exchanges and other academic activities, provided that all participants are appropriately qualified and there are adequate financial resources,
2. Facilitating and coordinating joint research cooperation, joint publications and curriculum development,
3. Organising seminars, conferences, academic interactive sessions, and other professional development activities,
4. Exchanging books, scientific publications, study programs, academic projects, course information and any other data and information of common interest,
5. Coordinating special short-term academic programmes, including short-term seminars to introduce staff and students of the institutions to general cultural activities and other areas of specialised learning,
6. Enhancing the capacity of the two Universities to carry out relevant research and to secure the required external funding for it.

Under this agreement, the departments of Translation and Interpreting of KDPU and BIA will be able to collaborate in areas that will be of mutual benefit.

IMPLEMENTATION

The objectives of the MoU will be implemented and regulated in the following manner:

1. Each University shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programmes.
2. Both institutions are committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to academic ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by the respective KDPU and BIA policies.
3. Renewals shall be in writing and subject to the same terms and conditions set forth herein, and shall be contingent upon a satisfactory performance evaluation by the parties. The respective International Relationship Offices will initiate the evaluation.
4. Resources for implementation of this agreement may come from either party, depending upon budgetary availability. Neither party is obligated to expend

any resources in connection with this MoU. No implementation of any portion of this MoU or commencement of any specific projects may be initiated prior to the written assurance of adequate budgetary resources.

DURATION and TERMINATION

1. This MoU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for five (5) years. It may be renewed for a period by mutual consent of KDPU and BIA.
2. Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.
3. Either party shall have the absolute right to terminate this agreement with or without cause upon ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other party. Such termination shall not become effective as to students already enrolled and participating in a program at the Host Institution.
4. Nothing in the above MoU shall be construed as legally binding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representative(s) of Kütahya Dumlupınar University (KDPU) and Baltic International Academy (BIA) have executed two (2) copies of this MoU on the date as above written.

Baltic International Academy
Prof. Dr. Stanislavs Buka
Rector



Signed at: Riga, Latvia
Date: 10.05.2019.

Kütahya Dumlupınar University
Prof. Dr. *Remzi GÖREN*
Rector



Signed at: Kütahya, Turkey
Date: 12.06.2019