



Republic of Moldova



Romania



Ukraine

AGREEMENT

for establishing the Consortium of Universities of the Republic of Moldova - Romania - Ukraine

I. General data

- The consortium of the Universities of Moldova – Romania - Ukraine, hereinafter called the „Consortium”, is an organisation which includes the following higher education institutions:
 - o “Alec Russo” State University of Bălți (Republic of Moldova);
 - o Moldova State University, Kishinev, Republic of Moldova;
 - o Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași (Romania);
 - o “George Enescu” University of Arts, Iași (Romania);
 - o “Ștefan cel Mare” University of Suceava (Romania).
 - o Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University (Ukraine);
- The Consortium develops its activities on the bases of these regulations. The Members of the Consortium develop their activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of their respective countries.
- The following names are considered for the Consortium:
 - a) in Romanian «*Consortiul Universităților din Republica Moldova - Romania - Ukraine* »;
 - b) in Ukrainian «*Консорціум університетів Республіки Молдова – Румунії - України*»;
 - c) in English: «*Consortium of the Universities of the Republic of Moldova - Romania -Ukraine*»;
- The acronym to be used is CUMRU.

II. Main objectives of the Consortium

- The main objective of the Consortium is to establish and support collaboration between its members. Collaboration will be oriented towards developing common projects in the fields of education, research, culture and arts. The Members of the Consortium will keep direct contact and support collaboration between teachers, students, institutions and research centres.
- In order to achieve this objective, the members of the Consortium will coordinate their research and educational programs of mutual interest.

Main directions for accomplishing the objectives:

- a) Mobilities of teachers and scientific researchers;
- b) Mobilities of Bachelor, Master and Doctoral students;
- c) Elaboration and defence of Master's dissertations and jointly supervised (*cotutelle*) Doctoral theses (including bilingual papers);
- d) Research and documentation activities in partner institution's libraries, laboratories, research centres and institutes;
- e) Mobilities of administrative and technical staff;
- f) Joint educational and scientific activities (student activities included);
- g) Joint research projects, artistic creation, professional training and other *lifelong learning* activities, in view of obtaining grants, scholarships, etc. ;
- h) Joint papers containing the results scientific research;
- i) Exchange of methodical, didactic and scientific literature, as well as electronic information;
- j) Joint cultural, artistic and sports projects.

Other joint collaborations may be defined and developed within the collaboration process.

III. Structure of the Consortium

The structure of the Consortium is as follows:

- A. The Council of the Consortium;
- B. The Secretariat of the Consortium;
- C. The working groups, organised by fields of activity.

A. The Council of the Consortium

- The Council is the main governing body of the Consortium and it consists of all the rectors of the member institutions.
- The council has the following responsibilities:
 - a) electing the President of the Consortium;
 - b) adopting and modifying the present agreement;
 - c) receiving or excluding members;
 - d) defining the assignments of the Consortium members;
 - e) designating the Secretariat of the Consortium and its members.
 - f) establishing the working groups;
 - g) reorganizing or dissolving the Consortium.
- The council makes its decisions by taking into account the vote of the majority of the members present.

4. The Presidency of the Consortium will be ensured by rotation, for the period of one year, by all member universities.
5. The Council will be summoned at the initiative of the Consortium President or at the request of at least three members at least once a year. The Council can meet with a higher frequency, depending on the needs of the Consortium.

B. The Secretariat of the Consortium

1. The Secretariat of the Consortium is the executive body.
2. The secretariat will function in the university which ensures the presidency of the Consortium.
3. The secretariat develops its activity under the coordination of a responsible designated by the president of the Consortium.
4. The Secretariat of the Consortium has the following responsibilities:
 - a) informing the members of the Consortium;
 - b) creating and maintaining a relevant database for the members of the Consortium;
 - c) supporting the promotion of the Consortium members.
4. Each member university will ensure the necessary framework for the activity of the Secretariat.

C. The Working Groups, established by fields of activities

1. Can be set up by decisions of the Consortium President;
2. Each working group establishes its own organizational structure;
3. The activity of the working groups is coordinated by the Consortium President.

IV. Rights and obligations of the members of the Consortium

1. Any higher education or academic institution can become a member of the Consortium by means of a written request, explicitly expressing its adherence to the constitutive document:
2. The members of the Consortium keep their independence in what patrimony and resources are concerned.
3. The Members of the Consortium have the following rights:
 - a) to take part in the activities of the Council by means of a representative;
 - b) to suggest modifications to the constitutive act;
 - c) to suggest other members.
4. The Members of the Consortium have the following obligations:
 - a) to make display of initiative and perseverance in accomplishing the objectives of the Consortium;
 - b) to collaborate with the members of the Consortium within the jointly established framework and bilateral agreements.
5. The membership can be discontinued under the following circumstances:
 - a) voluntary withdrawal, after having accomplished all obligations, by means of a request addressed to the Council;
 - b) exclusion of Consortium members, in case of breach of obligations.

V. Financial resources and expenditure

1. The joint activities of the Consortium will be financed from the following sources:
 - a) Consortium member's own financial sources;
 - b) other financial sources.
2. The Consortium will not develop financial activities, but will formulate recommendations in view of obtaining:
 - a) scientific scholarships;
 - b) facilities for projects and research grants;
 - c) agreements for contract-based research etc.

VI. Final considerations

1. The present Agreement is written in Romanian, Ukrainian and English, the texts being equally authentic.
2. The present Agreement comes into effect on the day of its signing by the Rectors of the founding universities.
3. The present Agreement does not affect the rights and obligations of the Consortium members which derive from other international agreements that they are part of.
4. The present Agreement and subsequent documents can be altered by the vote of 2/3 of the members.

Name and position of legal representative	University	Signature
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