

# **COOPERATION PROTOCOL**

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**ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY**

*and*



**UNIVERSITY OF MONASTIR**

**Istanbul Aydın University** (hereafter referred to as **IAU**, address: Besyol Mah. Inonu Cad. No: 38 Küçükçekmece / Istanbul/ Türkiye) legally represented by its Rector Prof. Dr. Yadigar İZMİRLİ and **University of Monastir** (hereafter referred to as **UM**, address: Avenue Taher Hadded P.B 56 Monastir 5000 - Tunisia, legally represented by its President, Prof. Hédi Bel Hadj Salah, aim to establish and develop a strategic collaborative relationship to promote academic and cultural exchange between the two institutions based on the following provisions:

## **I. Areas of Cooperation**

The Cooperation Protocol will serve as a general framework for institutional cooperation through a broad range of activities such as:

- a. Exchange of students for study and research;
- b. Short-term programs;
- c. Exchange of academic staff for teaching and research;
- d. Collaboration on research projects and publications;
- e. Organizing joint seminars, conferences and other scientific events;
- f. Cooperation in online learning and organization of webinars;
- g. Development of joint and dual degree programs or articulation and progression agreements;
- h. Organizing joint cultural activities designed to promote international understanding

## **II. Principles of Cooperation**

1. The Cooperation Protocol as outlined in this document is meant to describe the cooperative intentions of the institutions involved and suggest guidelines for cooperation. Any specific program will be subject to the availability of funds and the mutual agreement of the two institutions.
2. The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Cooperation Protocol will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties in a separate agreement before the initiation of that activity. Any such implementation agreements will form appendices to this Cooperation Protocol.
3. Financial and/or funding considerations shall become the subject of specific discussion and agreement within the framework of a separate implementation agreement. No financial commitment, on the part of either signatory, is intended in or to be implied from this general document.

## **III. Management of Cooperation**

1. Each institution will designate an administrative office who will be the principal contact point for regular communications and the planning of activities for the implementation of this Cooperation Protocol.
2. Each institution will do its best to identify areas of mutual interest and key academic staff in relevant departments in order to formulate concrete proposals for research and teaching activities.



#### IV. Conflicts

Any difference in the understanding of this agreement or its execution will be resolved between the two parties by amicable settlement or diplomatic ways.

In case of disagreement, the dispute will be resolved through the constitution of a committee made up of the two parties to decide on the dispute.

In virtue of this agreement, both parties shall adhere to the proposals of the committee.

#### V. Duration and Termination

The Cooperation Protocol will remain in force for 5 (five) years from the date of its signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by the appropriate authorities of either party in writing unless an earlier termination date is mutually agreed upon.

The end of the application of this agreement does not affect projects and activities already initiated before its cancellation.

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