

**ACADEMIC COOPERATION PROTOCOL
BETWEEN
ISTINYE UNIVERSITY (TURKIYE)
AND
UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA (CROATIA)**

ARTICLE 1: Purpose

1) Hereby this protocol was contracted between **Istinye University, Turkiye**, and the **University of Rijeka, Croatia** to promote and improve cooperation and common understanding within the framework of the below-mentioned provisions.

ARTICLE 2: Scope

(1) Istinye University and the University of Rijeka will be cooperating on the below-mentioned issues within the boundaries of country legislation and facilities:

- a) Common research studies consisting of the exchange of teaching assistants and instructors,
- b) Developing student exchange programs following legislation of each two countries and introducing dual degree programs,
- c) Exchanging academic research data and technical materials,
- d) Organizing academic and scientific activities such as conferences, seminars, symposiums, congresses,
- e) Publication and cooperation in cultural activities.

(2) Exchanges to be done within the scope of common research studies will be planned according to the facilities and conditions of each university, and the procedures and principles of the exchange program will be defined by a supplementary protocol to be signed between the parties.

ARTICLE 3: Program and Activity

- (1) Programs and activities may be actualized after the written approval of each two universities and/or their constituents.
- (2) Expenses borne from all activities subject to the supplementary protocol signed between the parties following the regulations of the institutions.

ARTICLE 4: Obligation of the Protocol

- (1) This protocol is not binding for any of the two parties financially.
- (2) Above-mentioned academic exchanges are limited by the legislation and budget sources of each two countries.
- (3) Signing this protocol does not impose an obligation to accept any specific agreement.
- (4) When an intellectual property right would be discussed because of the common activities carried out within the scope of this protocol, the parties regulate intellectual property rights before starting a common project study.
- (5) The Parties shall comply with all laws, regulations, and other legal requirements applicable in the countries of both Parties in connection with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5: Period of the Protocol

- (1) This protocol will be valid for the following three (3) years as of the signature date, this period may be extended with the written consensus of the parties.

(2) When needed, amendments may be done to this protocol and supplementary protocols with the common and written consensus of duly authorized representatives of the two universities. Supplementary protocols and amendments will not be valid unless they are written and signed.

(3) If one of the universities wants to terminate the protocol, it shall communicate this intent to the other party at least six months ago in writing. In this case, existing projects will be continued until they are completed, and students of these programs will complete their education within the scope of this protocol.

(4) This protocol, hereby, has been prepared as two original copies of equal validity, in Turkish and English languages. In case of discrepancy between the parties, the English text shall prevail.

ARTICLE 6: Termination of the Protocol

(1) In case of contradiction of one party to the protocol, the other party may immediately terminate the protocol.

(2) In case of termination, existing projects will be continued until they are completed, and students of these programs will complete their education within the scope of this protocol.

(3) In case of termination of the protocol, all kinds of loss with its accessories shall be reimbursed by the causative party.

ARTICLE 7: Applicable Law and Competent Court

(1) Any dispute that may arise shall be settled through amicable negotiations of the Joint Committee composed of members appointed by both Parties, in accordance with the laws of Turkey and Croatia.

ARTICLE 8: Contact Information

(1) The parties will designate one person or unit to be contacted in the application of this protocol.

(2) Contact information for Istinye University: International Relations Directorate, Tel: +90 850 283 61 57/58/59, E-mail: international@istinye.edu.tr

(3) Contact information for University of Rijeka: Rector's Office, Ms. Nina Kolaković, Head of International Relations, Tel: +385 51 406 598, E-mail: nina.kolakovic@uniri.hr

ARTICLE 9: Enforcement

(1) This Agreement, hereby, was drafted in two (2) copies and consisting of 9 (nine) articles, 2 (two) pages, and signed and executed by the parties.

On behalf of the Istinye University

Prof. Dr. Erkan İBİŞ
Rector


Date: 06.12.2022

On behalf of the University of Rijeka

Prof. Snježana Prijić-Samaržija, Ph.D.

Rector


Date: 9.12.2022