

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION GROUP OF BRAZILIAN UNIVERSITIES
- GCUB

AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA, CROATIA

The **International Cooperation Group of Brazilian Universities – GCUB** (hereinafter referred to as “GCUB”), a non-profit civil society association, located at the Edifício Assis Chateaubriand Bloco SRTVS 701, Lote 1, Conjunto L, Bloco 1, Sala 511, Asa Sul - Brasília - DF, Brazil - CEP: 70.340-906, duly represented for this purpose by its Executive Director, Professor Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva,

and

The **University of Rijeka – UNIRI** (hereinafter referred to as “UNIRI”), a public university, located at Trg braće Mažuranića 10, 51000 Rijeka, Republic of Croatia, duly represented for this purpose by its Interim Rector, Professor Davor Vašiček, Ph.D.,

referred to herein as the “Parties”.

Convinced of the need to promote and strengthen cooperation, the sharing of information, the improvement of research and education programs, as well as the exchange of teachers, researchers, and students.

Interested in establishing and promoting regular relations in the fields related to their skills, particularly scientific and cultural, in an institutionalized framework;

Agree as follows:

ARTICLE I Objective

The purpose of this MoU is to establish an institutional referential framework based on which the Parties shall promote and strengthen academic, scientific, and cultural cooperation through research, education, organization, and university management.

ARTICLE II **Cooperation Modalities**

The Parties agree that the cooperation activities referred to in this MoU shall be carried out through the following modalities:

- a) Development of joint research projects;
- b) Joint development of institutional cooperation international projects;
- c) Organization of courses in the fields related to the object of this MoU;
- d) Exchange of information, documentation, and scientific publications;
- e) Exchange of teachers, researchers, and technical staff in both short and long stays;
- f) Undergraduate and Graduate student mobility;
- g) Joint organization of conferences, seminars, symposia, and other events related to the Parties interest;
- h) Any other modality of cooperation that the Parties agree upon.

The operation of this MoU is not conditioned on the establishment of projects in all forms of cooperation referred to in this Article.

The Parties shall not be obliged to cooperate on those activities in which there is a ban under domestic law, institutional rules, or custom.

ARTICLE III **Competencies**

The Parties commit to monitor the cooperation modalities derived from this MoU, with absolute respect to their respective competences, regulations, institutional policies, and applicable national legislation.

ARTICLE IV **Specific Cooperation Programs**

I - The Parties shall formulate cooperation programs that describe specific activities or projects to be developed. These, once formalized and agreed upon by the Parties, will be an integral part of this MoU, and shall include the following information:

- a) Objectives;
- b) Chronogram;
- c) Allocation of human and material resources;
- d) Means of funding;
- e) Responsibilities of the Parties;
- f) Publication of results;
- g) Any information the parties consider relevant.

II - The personnel appointed by each of the Parties to carry out the cooperation activities referred to in this MoU will continue under the direction and dependence of his/her institution of origin, once the cooperation activities under this MoU do not create labor relationship with the other Party, which cannot be considered as employer or substitute employer.

III - The Parties shall provide the necessary guidance and available support relating to the measures of entry, stay, and departure from the territory for the personnel formally involved in the cooperation activities derived from this MoU. These participants will undergo migratory, tax, customs, health, and national security provisions in the host country and may not engage in activities other than their duties without prior authorization from the competent authority. The participants shall leave the host country in accordance with its laws and provisions.

IV - The Parties shall ensure that the persons involved in the cooperation activities referred to in this MoU have insurance in accordance with the applicable national legislation, including labour law provisions, collective agreements, and regulations relevant to the higher education sector.

ARTICLE V **Funding**

The Parties shall seek alternative means to finance cooperation activities referred to in this MoU in accordance with their financing availability and the provisions of their national legislation and mutually agreed upon in writing.

ARTICLE VI **Intellectual Property**

In case products of commercial value and/or intellectual property rights resulting from the cooperative activities undertaken under this MoU, these will be ruled by the Parties' institutional intellectual property policies, applicable laws on the matter in each country, as well as by international agreements binding to the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Croatia.

Exchanges and diffusion of publications, documents, teaching materials, audiovisual and computer materials shall occur in accordance with the law applicable in each of the Parties, particularly those related to copyright and intellectual property.

ARTICLE VII **Personal Data Protection**

The Parties undertake to comply with all applicable provisions of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data) and to ensure the lawful and transparent processing of personal data in the implementation of this agreement and any contracts arising from it.

ARTICLE VIII **Coordination and Follow-up Mechanisms**

In order to afford a more efficient instrumentation of this MoU, each Party shall establish a Coordinator who will monitor the cooperation activities within thirty (30) days after its signature.

The Coordinator is in charge of the following duties:

- a) To establish an annual program of activities, with meetings happening alternately at the headquarters of each party, unless agreed otherwise;
 - 1) To propose specific cooperation programs complementary to this MoU;
 - 2) To coordinate the exchange of academics with teaching, research, and advisory purposes;
 - 3) To specify for the administrative staff from both Parties the communication procedures and their commitment to this MoU;
 - 4) To evaluate the cooperation activities carried out under this MoU;
 - 5) To elaborate reports on the progress of the activities carried out under this MoU;
 - 6) any other duty the Parties agree upon.

ARTICLE IX **Final Dispositions**

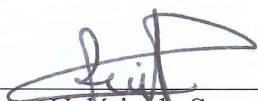
This MoU is valid from the date of its signature and shall be valid for five (5) years. It may be renewed for a further five (5) year period by mutual written agreement between the Parties.

This MoU may be modified by mutual consent, formalized through written communications in which they specify the dates they will come into force.

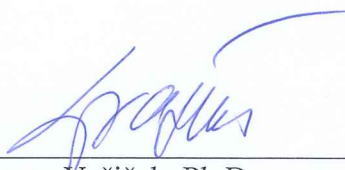
The early termination of this MoU will not affect the completion of projects or programs of cooperation that have been formalized during the effective duration of this MoU.

This MoU is signed in four (4) original copies, two (2) in Portuguese and two (2) in English, with each Party retaining one copy. Both language versions shall be considered equally authentic; however, in the event of any divergence in interpretation, the English version shall prevail.

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