

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Between Academic Information Centre (AIC) and
the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (NAQA)

Academic Information Centre (hereinafter referred to as AIC), represented by its Chairperson of the Board **Baiba Ramaņa** acting on the basis of Statutes

AND

The National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (hereinafter referred to as NAQA), represented by its Head **Serhiy Kvit**, acting on the basis of NAQA Charter

hereinafter referred to as “the Parties” but each individually referred to as “Party”

basing on the principles of mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutually beneficial cooperation, have concluded this agreement (hereinafter referred to as Agreement) on the following

SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

The Parties have concluded this Agreement in order to establish cooperation in the field of quality assurance, experts` training, implementation of joint activities, exchange in the field of education and quality assurance.

All the obligations of AIC stated by this Agreement are performed by the AIC Accreditation Department “Quality Agency for Higher Education (AIKA)”

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT

In order to coordinate their joint efforts based on this Agreement, the Parties cooperate in the following areas:

- organisation and implementation of joint events, roundtables, conferences, trainings on higher education quality assurance and quality assurance procedures in Ukraine and Latvia;
- consultations on methodological and organisational issues in quality assurance;
- exchange of experts for quality assurance procedures;
- sharing experience in quality assurance in higher education;
- other areas agreed by the Parties.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Parties undertake to act on the basis of the principles of mutual respect, integrity and competence.

The Parties shall publish information in their respective periodicals and web pages on joint events, programmes, projects and inform the society at large of the results of their cooperation under this Agreement.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

This Agreement does not entail financial obligations. Any financial obligations that may arise as a result of implementing the provisions of this Agreement will be specified in separate agreements between the Parties.

This Agreement does not preclude other forms of cooperation previously agreed upon by the Parties which do not conflict with the provisions of the Parties' charters and the purposes of this Agreement.

Parties agree upon confidentiality and mutual respect of intellectual property created by the other Party.

Parties agree not to use or disclose to another person or entity any confidential information (however recorded, preserved or disclosed). Parties agree not to use or exploit the confidential information in any way except for the purpose of this Agreement.

Disputes related to the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Agreement after its entry into force will be resolved through negotiation and consultations.

The text of this Agreement may be subject to amendments as agreed by the Parties.

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both parties and it shall be valid for three (3) years. The Agreement shall be extended automatically for a further three-year period, unless either party provides written notice of termination prior to its expiration.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement providing written notification of its intention to the other Party. In such a case, this Agreement shall cease to have effect one month after the receipt of the relevant notification.

Should this Agreement be terminated, its provisions will apply until the full implementation of the joint programs and projects launched within it.

Done in Riga and Kyiv, 15th October 2020 in two original copies, each two (2) pages, in English, one (1) copy for each Party.


(signature)

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