



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (Ukraine) and

The Polish Accreditation Committee (Republic of Poland)

signed on 24th of September 2020 in Kyiv – Warsaw

The National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (НАЦІОНАЛЬНЕ АГЕНТСТВО ІЗ ЗАБЕЗПЕЧЕННЯ ЯКОСТІ ВИЩОЇ ОСВІТИ) of Ukraine and the Polish Accreditation Committee (POLSKA KOMISJA AKREDYTACYJNA) of Republic of Poland, hereinafter referred as "Parties".

DESIRING to establish close relations in the field of quality assurance in higher education

RECOGNIZING the contribution of the European standards and guidelines for quality assurance in higher education and the benefits to be derived by both Parties from joint activities in this field

BASING ON principles of mutual understanding and mutual respect

have reached an understanding on the following:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties wish to establish close relations for the purpose of creating cooperative mechanisms in the field of quality assurance in higher education in Poland and Ukraine.

ARTICLE 2

In order to coordinate their joint efforts based on this Memorandum, the Parties shall work together in the following areas:

- organization and promotion of joint events, roundtables, conferences focused on quality assurance in higher education;
- ensuring the transparency of information on quality in the European Higher Education Area through exchange of information on quality assurance and higher education systems in Poland and Ukraine;
- exchange of expertise and experience, opinions and publications that may lead to the development of quality assurance procedures carried out by both Parties;
- other areas agreed by Parties.

ARTICLE 3

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

ARTICLE 4

By mutual agreement, the Parties shall publish results of their cooperation under this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 5

This Memorandum does not entail financial obligations.

Any financial obligations that may arise as a result of implementing the provisions of this Memorandum will be specified in separate agreements between the Parties.

In addition, the Parties recognize that any actions within this Memorandum shall not violate any obligations and rights either Party.

By mutual agreement, the right to use the results of activities arising from the provisions of this Memorandum is vested in the Parties.

ARTICLE 6

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

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

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

ARTICLE 7

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by both parties and it shall be valid for three (3) years unless it is terminated by providing written notification of intention by either Party.

In such a case, this Memorandum shall cease to have effect one month after the receipt of the relevant notification.

The Memorandum of understanding may be extended based on the mutual agreement of both Parties.

Done in Kyiv – Warsaw on 24 September 2020 in two original copies in English, which are authentic and have the same legal force.

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