

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

CONCERNING THE ERASMUS + STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci, registration No. 61989592, Křížkovského 8, 771 47 Olomouc, Czech Republic, hereinafter referred to as "the Beneficiary", represented by its rector, prof. Mgr. Jaroslav Miller, M.A., Ph.D.,

on the one part,

and

Academic Cooperation Association, registration No 4022 94 / VAT No BE0451 407 415, Rue d'Egmont 15, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium, hereinafter referred to as "the Partner", represented by Irina Ferencz, Director,

on the other part,

both together referred to as "the Parties",

HAVE AGREED

to implement the project "Internationalisation in Higher Education for Society" under the Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 2: Strategic Partnerships, hereinafter referred to as "the Project", as follows:

Article 1 – Subject matter

1.1. Having regard to the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing "Erasmus+" in the field of education, training, youth and sport, the Beneficiary and the Partner commit themselves to carrying out implementation of the Project coming under the Agreement No 2020-1-CZ01-KA203-078288 concluded between the Beneficiary and the Czech National Agency, hereinafter referred to as "the Grant Agreement" in accordance with the Special Conditions, the General Conditions, the Financial and Contractual Rules and the annexes hereto which form an integral part of this agreement and that each party declares to have read and approved.

- 1.2. This agreement shall regulate relations between the parties, and their respective rights and obligations with regard to their participation in the Project under the Grant Agreement.
- 1.3. The total grant of the Project for the contractual period referred to by the Grant Agreement is estimated at 385 750,00 EUR.
- 1.4. The final financial contribution shall depend on the evaluation of the quality of the results of the Project pursuant to the *Financial and Contractual Rules* which is Annex III of the Grant Agreement, but shall, under no circumstances, give rise to a profit during the project implementation.
- 1.5. With the signature of this agreement, the Beneficiary and the Partner accept the grant and agree to implement the Project, acting on their own responsibility.

Article 2 - Duration

- 2.1. The duration of the Project is 36 months. It starts on 01.09.2020 and ends on 31.08.2023.
- 2.2. This agreement enters into force on the date of signature by the last of both Parties to the agreement and terminates five years after the date of the payment of the balance by the Beneficiary to the Partner.
- 2.3. The period of eligibility of the costs starts on 01.09.2020 and finishes on 31.08.2023.

Article 3 - Obligations of the Beneficiary

The Beneficiary shall undertake:

- 3.1. to take all the steps necessary to prepare for, perform and correctly manage the Project in accordance with the objectives of the Project as set out in the Grant Agreement;
- 3.2. to send to the Partner a copy of relevant reports and of any other official document concerning the Project;
- 3.3. to notify and provide the Partner with any amendment made to the Grant Agreement;
- 3.4. to define in conjunction with the Partner the role and rights and obligations of the two Parties, including those concerning the attribution of the intellectual property rights;
- 3.5. to comply with all the provisions of Grant Agreement.

Article 4 - Obligations of the Partner

The Partner shall undertake:

- 4.1. to take all the steps necessary to prepare for, perform and correctly manage the Project in accordance with the objectives of the Project as set out in the Grant Agreement.
- 4.2. to comply with all the provisions of the Grant Agreement;
- 4.3. to communicate to the Beneficiary any information or document required by the latter that

- 4.4. to accept responsibility for all information communicated to the Beneficiary, including details of costs claimed and, where appropriate, ineligible expenses;
- 4.5. to define in conjunction with the Beneficiary the role and rights and obligations of the two Parties, including those concerning the attribution of the intellectual property rights.
- 4.6. to have in place effective procedures and arrangements to provide for the safety and protection of the participants in the Project
- 4.7. to ensure that insurance coverage is provided to participants involved in mobility activities abroad

Article 5 – Financing

- 5.1. The total costs to be committed by the Partner for the period covered by the Project is estimated at 43 245,00 EUR.
- 5.2. The grant shall take the form of unit contributions and reimbursement of eligible costs actually incurred in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (a) eligible costs as specified in Article II.19 of the General Conditions of the Grant Agreement;
 - (b) financial rules as specified in Annex III of the Grant Agreement;
 - (c) estimated partner budget as specified in Annex I of this agreement.

Article 6 - Budget transfers

- 6.1. Without prejudice to Article II.13 of the *General Conditions* of the Grant Agreement and provided that the Project is implemented as described in Annex II, the Parties are allowed to adjust the estimated budget set out in the Project, by transfers between the different budget categories, without this adjustment being considered as an amendment of the Grant Agreement within the meaning of Article II.13 of the *General Conditions* provided that the following rules are respected:
- 6.1.1. The Parties are allowed to transfer up to 20% of the funds allocated for Project Management and Implementation, Transnational Project Meetings, Intellectual Outputs, Multiplier Events, Learning/teaching/training activities and Exceptional costs to any other budget category with the exception of the budget categories Project management and implementation costs and Exceptional costs.
- 6.1.2. Any budget transfer shall result in an increase of maximum 20% of the amount awarded to that budget category as specified in Annex I.

Article 7 – Payments

7.1. The Beneficiary commits itself to carrying out payments relating to the subject matter of this agreement to the Partner according to the fulfilment of the tasks and according to the following schedule:

1st payment	Representing 40 % of	The Beneficiary will transfer this amount after
pujiioii	the budget allocated for	receiving the first pre-financing payment from
	the Partner	the National Agency (within 30 calendar days

		after the signature of the Partnership Agreement)
2 nd payment	Representing 40 % of the budget allocated for the Partner	This amount will be transferred within 30 calendar days after the Beneficiary has received the second pre-financing payment from the National Agency. The Agency will transfer this second pre-financing payment, at least 60 days after receiving the interim report if this one shows that the 70% of the first pre-financing payment have been spent. If it is not the case, the Beneficiary will have to present a second interim report when the 70% of the first pre-financing payment have been spent and the Agency will transfer the second pre-financing payment up to 60 days after receiving it.
Final payment	Representing the 20% left of the budget allocated to the Partner	The Beneficiary will transfer this amount after receiving the balance from the National Agency, after the approval of the final report to be sent up to 60 days after the end of the project (this amount is to be transferred within 30 calendar days after receiving the final payment from the National Agency on the condition that the Agency has approved full amount of the final payment).

- 7.2. All payments shall be regarded as advances pending explicit approval by the Czech National Agency of the final report, the corresponding cost statement and the quality of the results of the project.
- 7.3. The final payment as mentioned in point 7.1 of this Article shall constitute the payment of the amount necessary to balance revenue and expenditure.
- 7.4. The costs of bank charges for the transfers shall be borne by the parties to the agreement as follows:
 - a) The Beneficiary shall bear the transfer costs charged by its bank
 - b) The Partner shall bear the transfer costs charged by his bank
 - c) The party causing the recurrence of a particular transfer shall bear all costs associated with the recurring transfers

Article 8 - Bank account

Name of the Bank:	
Address of the Bank:	
Account holder:	
Account number:	
IBAN code:	

Article 9 - Reports

- 9.1. The Partner shall provide the Beneficiary with any information and document required for the preparation of the interim report and, where appropriate, with copies of all the necessary supporting documents completed and signed by the legal representative by 07.02.2022 at the latest.
- 9.2. If a second interim report is needed, the Partner shall provide the Beneficiary with any information and document required within 10 days from the Beneficiary request.
- 9.3. The Partner shall provide the Beneficiary with any information and document required for the preparation of the progress report and, where appropriate, with copies of all the necessary supporting documents completed and signed by the legal representative by 07.11.2022 at the latest.
- 9.4. The Partner shall provide the Beneficiary with any information and document required for the preparation of the final report and, where appropriate, with copies of all the necessary supporting documents completed and signed by the legal representative by **15.09.2023** at the latest.
- 9.5. The required information and documentation within the Project shall be provided in English.

Article 10 - Monitoring and supervision

- 10.1. The Partner shall provide without delay the Beneficiary with any information that the latter may request concerning the carrying out of the Project covered by this agreement.
- 10.2. The Partner shall make available to the Beneficiary any document making it possible to check that the Project is being or has been carried out.

Article 11 - Liability

- 11.1. Each contracting party shall release the other from any civil liability in respect to damages resulting from the performance of this agreement, suffered by itself or by its personnel, to the extent that these damages are not due to the serious or intentional negligence of the other party or its personnel.
- 11.2. The Partner shall protect the Czech National Agency, the Beneficiary and their personnel against any action for damages suffered by third parties, including project personnel, as a result of the performance of this agreement, to the extent that these damages are not due to the serious or intentional negligence of the Czech National Agency, the Beneficiary or their personnel.
- 11.3. The financial responsibility of each Partner shall be limited to the amount received by the Partner from the Beneficiary.

Article 12 - Termination of the agreement

12.1. The Beneficiary may terminate this agreement if the Partner has inadequately discharged or failed to discharge any of the contractual obligations, insofar as this is not due to force majeure, after notification of the Partner by registered letter has remained without effect for one month.

12.2. The Partner shall immediately notify the Beneficiary, supplying all relevant information, of any event likely to prejudice the performance of this agreement.

Article 13 – Jurisdiction clause

- 13.1. The law applicable to this contract shall be the law of the Czech Republic.
- 13.2. Failing amicable settlement, the Courts of the Czech Republic shall have sole competence to rule on any dispute between the contracting parties in respect of this contract.

Article 14 - Intellectual Property Rights

Without prejudice to paragraph Article II.9.3 of the General Conditions, the Beneficiary grants the Partner the right to make free use of the results of the Project as it deems fit, provided it does not thereby breach its confidentiality obligations or existing industrial and intellectual property rights.

Article 15 - Amendments or additions to the agreement

Amendments to this agreement shall be made only by a supplementary agreement signed on behalf of each of the Parties by the signatories of this agreement.

Annexes:

Annex I Estimated partner budget

Annex II Partner's project tasks and responsibilities – Intellectual Outputs

Annex III Description of the Project – part of the project application

Annex IV General Conditions

