



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

for project

International Collaborative Learning in OSH (COLOSH)

This Partnership Agreement (hereinafter the “Agreement”) is made by and between:

Official name: VSB – Technical University of Ostrava (VSB-TUO)

Official status: Public body

Address: 17. listopadu 2172/15, 708 00 Ostrava – Poruba, Czech Republic

VAT: CZ61989100

hereafter named "the Coordinator", represented by Rector, prof. RNDr. Václav Snášel, CSc,

on the one part and

Official name: University of Malta

Official status: Body governed by public law

Address: Msida, MSD2080, Malta

VAT: MT 1289 4031

hereafter named "the Partner", represented by Rector, Prof. Alfred J Vella

on the other part,

Hereinafter also referred to individually as “the Party” and together referred to as “the Parties”

The Parties have agreed to implement the project entitled “**International Collaborative Learning in OSH**” under the Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 2: Strategic Partnerships, hereinafter referred to as “the Project” as follows:



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Article 1 - Subject matter

1. 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 2024-1-CZ01-KA220-HED-000257634 concluded between the Czech Republic National Agency Dům zahraniční spolupráce (DZS - hereinafter the “**National Agency**”) and the Coordinator (hereinafter the “**Grant Agreement**”).
2. The total grant of the Project for the contractual period referred to it in the Grant Agreement, is estimated at 400 000 EUR and shall take the form of lump sum grant contributions and reimbursement of eligible costs.
3. The subject matter of the Agreement and the related work packages and activities are detailed in the appendices, which form an integral part of this Agreement and that each Party declares to have read and approved.
4. With the signature of this Agreement, the Coordinator and the Partner agree to implement the Project, acting on their own responsibility.

Article 2 - Duration

1. The duration of the Project is 30 months. It starts on 01/11/2024 and ends on 30/04/2027.
2. This Agreement enters into force on the date of signature by the last of both Parties to the Agreement and terminates three months after the date of payment of the balance by the Coordinator to the Partner.
3. The period of eligibility of the costs for the Project starts on 01/11/2024 and finishes on 30/04/2027.

Article 3 - Obligations of the Coordinator

The Coordinator shall undertake:

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;
2. to share with the Partner a copy of the Grant Agreement, and various reports to be submitted to it to the National Agency and any other official documents concerning the Project;



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3. to notify and provide the Partner with any amendment made to the Grant Agreement;
4. to define in conjunction with the Partner the role and rights and obligations of the Parties, including those concerning the attribution of the intellectual property rights;
5. to comply with all the provisions of Grant Agreement.

Article 4 - Obligations of the Partner

The Partner shall undertake:

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 and in accordance with the tasks outlined in the appendix II to this Agreement;
2. to communicate to the Coordinator any information or documents required by the latter that is necessary for the management of the Project;
3. to accept responsibility for all information communicated to the Coordinator, including details of costs claimed and, where appropriate, ineligible expenses;
4. to define in conjunction with the Coordinator the role and rights and obligations of the Parties, including those concerning the attribution of the intellectual property rights.

Article 5 - Financing

1. The maximum grant contribution for the Partner for the period covered by the Agreement is estimated at 35,000 EUR (hereinafter the “**Budget**”). The Partner’s detailed budget is described in the Appendix I of this Agreement.

Article 6 – Budget transfers

1. The Coordinator commits itself to carrying out payments relating to the subject matter of this Agreement to the Partner according to the achievement of the tasks and according to the following schedule:



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TYPE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED	EXPECTED DATE OF PAYMENT
Initial prefinancing	40 % of the Budget	Within 30 days after the signature of this Agreement
Additional prefinancing	40 % of the Budget	Within 30 calendar days of receiving the instalment from the National Agency provided that the Partner delivered proof the proper implementation of the action together with supporting documentation and financial statement showing the use of pre-financing payments when at least 70% of the initial prefinancing has been spent. The Coordinator reserves the right to withhold this Additional prefinancing if the Partner's interim and partial reports to Coordinator is submitted after the deadline mentioned in article 8 of this Agreement.
Balance payment	20% of the Budget	Within 60 calendar days of receiving the final payment from the National Agency by the Coordinator. The balance will be paid once the Partner's contractual obligations under this Agreement have been fully met, all the necessary supporting documentation has been received and the National Agency has approved the final report. The Coordinator reserves the right to withhold the balance payment and demand a refund of the amounts already paid if the report is presented after the deadline mentioned in article 8 of this Agreement.

2. All payments of the Budget shall be regarded as advances pending explicit approval of the final report, the corresponding cost statement and the quality of the results of the Project by the National Agency.

Article 7- Partner Bank account

Payments to be made by the Coordinator to the Partner will be transferred to the Partner's bank account with the following details:

Name of bank: Bank of Valletta Malta plc

Address of branch: 219-220, Triq ix-Xatt, Gzira GZR 1022, Malta



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Account holder: University of Malta - Mr. Mark Debono

Full account number: 4001832502-5

IBAN: MT88VALL22013000000040018325025

SWIFT: VALLMTMT

Article 8 - Reporting

1. The Partner shall provide the Coordinator with proof the proper implementation of the action and financial statement and documents required for the preparation of the Periodic report and, where appropriate, with copies of all the necessary supporting technical documents *completed and signed by the legal representative* by **28.2.2026** at the latest.
2. The Partner shall provide the Coordinator with proof the proper implementation of the action and financial statement and documents required for the preparation of the Progress report and, where appropriate, with copies of all the necessary supporting technical documents *completed and signed by the legal representative* by **31.10.2026** at the latest.
3. The Partner shall provide the Coordinator with proof the proper implementation of the action and financial statement and documents required for the preparation of the final report and, where appropriate, with copies of all the necessary supporting technical documents *completed and signed by the legal representative* by **31.05.2027** at the latest.
4. The required information and documentation within the Project shall be provided in English.

Article 9- Monitoring and supervision

1. The Partner shall provide without delay the Coordinator with any information that the latter may request from it concerning the carrying out of the Project covered by this Agreement.
2. The Partner shall make available to the Coordinator any documents making it possible to check that the Project is being or has been carried out.

Article 10 - Liability

1. The Parties and other Beneficiaries of the Project (for the avoidance of doubt, "Beneficiaries" under this Article 10 meaning all Partners in the Project) are jointly responsible for the *technical* implementation of the Project. If one of the Beneficiaries fails to implement their part of the Project, the other Beneficiaries must ensure that this part is implemented by someone else (without being entitled to an increase of the maximum grant amount and subject to an amendment; see Article 7 of the Grant Agreement). In such a case, the Coordinator shall convene an extraordinary meeting of all



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beneficiaries of the Project and shall jointly decide on the way forward. The *financial* responsibility of each beneficiary in case of recoveries shall be governed by Article 22 of the Grant Agreement.

2. Each Party shall release the other from any civil liability in respect of 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.
3. The Partner shall protect the National Agency, the Coordinator 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 National Agency, the Coordinator or their personnel.

Article 11 - Termination of the Agreement

1. The Coordinator may terminate the Agreement if the Partner has inadequately discharged or failed to discharge any of its contractual obligations, insofar as this is not due to *force majeure*, after notification by the Coordinator to the Partner to such effect, with notification to take place by registered letter has remained without effect for one month.
2. The Partner shall immediately notify the Coordinator, supplying all relevant information, of any event likely to prejudice the performance of this Agreement.

Article 12 - Jurisdiction clause

1. The law applicable to this Agreement shall be the law of the Czech Republic.
2. Failing amicable settlement, the Courts of the Czech Republic shall have sole competence to rule on any dispute between the Parties in respect of this Agreement.

Article 13 - 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.

Article 14 - Intellectual Property Rights

Without prejudice to provisions of the Grant Agreement, the Parties hereby grant each other and the other Beneficiaries of the Project, the right to make free use of the results of the Project as they deem fit, provided they do not thereby breach their confidentiality obligations or third parties' industrial and intellectual property rights. The Coordinator hereby confirms, on behalf of all the other



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Beneficiaries, that the other Beneficiaries have also, in their respective partnership agreement or in any other instrument, granted the Partner the right to make free use of the results of the Project as aforesaid.

Article 15 – Communication

Any communication by the Coordinator to the Partner must be sent to the following address:

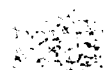
To: Dr Luke Anthony Fiorini

Address: Centre for Labour Studies, University of Malta, Msida, MSD 2080, Malta

e-mail: luke.fiorini@um.edu.mt

Article 16 – Confidentiality

1. The Parties shall preserve the confidentiality of any information and documents, in any form, which may be disclosed in writing or orally in relation to the implementation of the Agreement and which are explicitly indicated in writing as confidential. The Parties shall not use confidential information and documents for any reason other than fulfilling their obligations under this Agreement.
2. The provisions of article 16.1 shall be binding during the implementation of this Agreement and for a period of five (5) years starting from the day of the payment of the balance by the National Agency or sending the demand letter (by registered post) to the Parties to return to the National Agency the funds which were not used, unless the any of the following applies:
 - a. A Party can release the other party from the confidentiality obligations hereunder reducing the agreed period of mutual obligations;
 - b. The confidential information becomes public through other means than in breach of the confidentiality obligation through disclosure by the Party bound by the obligation; or
 - c. The disclosure of the confidential information is required by law.



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Appendices

- Appendix I Detailed budget of the Project
- Appendix II Partners' involvement in the Project
- Appendix III Copy of the Grant Agreement and its annexes

For the **Coordinator**,

In Ostrava, date: 28.02.2025

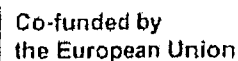
Prof. RNDr. Václav Snášel, CSc.
Rektor VSB-TUO

For the **Partner**,

In Msida, date: 17-02-2025

Prof. Alfred J. Vella
Rector

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APPENDIX II

Partners' involvement and responsibilities in the project:

WP / Task	Leader	Co-leader	Other partners involved	Number of participants / units
WP1: Project Management	VSB	-	all	VSB: 3-4 persons AUVA: 2 persons AP: 2-3 EUC: 2 persons PPorto: 2-3 persons UMalta: 1 person UMinho: 1 person (MIN 1, MAX 3)
Kick-off meeting (CZE, online, 11/2024)	VSB	-	all	
2nd partner meeting (PRT, in-person, 05/2025)	PPorto	-	all	
3rd partner meeting (AUS, in-person, 12/2025)	AUVA	-	all	
4th partner meeting (CZE, hybrid, 06/2026 + BIP)	VSB	-	all	
5th partner meeting (BEL, in-person, 11/2026)	AP	-	all	
Final meeting (CZE, online, 04/2027)	VSB	-	all	
WP2: C(O)IL Training	VSB (Eva Haug - AUAS)	PPorto	All	
Online COIL course for teachers	VSB	UMinho	All	Unlimited No. of participants
Online COIL training workshops for teachers	VSB	PPorto	All	VSB: 5-8 persons AUVA: 2 persons AP: 3-5 persons EUC: 3 persons PPorto: 3-5 persons UMalta: 3 persons UMinho: 3-5 persons (MIN 15 participants)
Module 1: Internationalisation and curriculum development	VSB	PPorto	All	
Module 2: Facilitating intercultural learning	VSB	PPorto	All	
Module 3: COIL design and implementation	VSB	PPorto	All	



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Module 4: Group work and Project-based learning	PPorto	UMinho	All	Toolbox development team: 15 teachers/trainers 5 students 5 company representatives
Module 5: Digital technologies for COIL	UMinho	PPorto	All	
WP3: C(O)IL Toolbox	PPorto	AP	All	
<i>OSH-content teaching tools</i>	<i>PPorto</i>	<i>AP</i>	<i>All</i>	
Real workplace videos for risk assessment purposes	AP	VSB	All	
Workplace simulations for risk assessment purposes	PPorto	VSB	All	
Handbook on risk assessment methods with practical examples	PPorto	AP	All	
Case studies on real accidents and work-related diseases	PPorto	AP	All	
<i>Supportive teaching tools</i> Icebreakers for teachers	<i>AUVA</i>	<i>VSB</i>	<i>All</i>	
<i>Micro guides for students</i>	<i>AP</i>	<i>VSB</i>	<i>ALL</i>	
Literature review	AP	EUC	All	
Project management	AP	UMinho	All	
Social surveys	AUVA	VSB	All	
International learning	VSB	PPorto	All	
WP4: C(O)IL Projects	AP	VSB	All	VSB: 4 courses available (Occupational hygiene, Occupational risk management, Safety culture, OSH principles and practice) - ca 15-20 students + 4 teachers AP: 3 courses available (Risk management, Occupational safety, Ergonomics) - ca 20 students + 3-4 teachers EUC: under the general activities of the 2 courses (Human Factors and Risk Assessment and
COIL projects	AP	VSB	All	



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				management) - 10 - 15 students and 1 - teachers PPorto: 2 courses (Risk Management; Work Study and Ergonomics); ±30 students; 3 teachers UMalta: 3 courses (Ergonomics, Quantitative research methods, Qualitative research methods), aprox 20 students + 3 lecturers UMinho: 2 courses available (Occupational Safety, Occupational Hygiene) 12-15 students + 3 teachers (total)
COLOSH summer school	VSB	AP	All	VSB: 5 students + 4 teachers/trainers AUVA: 2 trainers AP: 5 students + 1/2 teachers EUC: 2 students and 1 teacher PPorto: 3 students + 1 teacher UMalta: 2 students + 1 teacher UMinho: 3 students + 1/2 teachers (MIN 1 students + 0 teachers, MAX 5 students + 2 teachers; AUVA trainers only - not necessary)
Reciprocal lectures	EUC	PPorto	All	VSB: 4 courses available (Occupational hygiene, Occupational risk management, Safety culture, OSH principles and practice) - ca 80 students + 4 teachers in total AP: 3 courses (Risk management, Occupational safety, Ergonomics) EUC: under the general activities of the 3 courses (Human Factors, Risk Assessment and Management and Fire Risk Management) - aprox.15 students and 2 - teachers PPorto: 2 courses (Risk Management; Work Study and Ergonomics) - ±30 students + 3 teachers UMalta: 2 courses available (Ergonomics/occupational psychology; quantitative methods; qualitative methods) UMinho: 2 courses available (Occupational Safety, Occupational



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				Hygiene) 12-15 students + 3 teachers (total)
WP5: C(O)IL Network/Community	EUC	UMinho	All	
Online community platform	UMinho	EUC		
Formal meetings - Professional talks	EUC	VSB		10 lectures in total
Informal meetings	UMinho	PPorto		
Updated version of the ENETOSH standard of competence for instructors and trainers in safety and health from 2010	VSB	AUVA	All	
Joint publications in conference proceedings/journals	EUC	VSB	all	2 publications in total
Multiplier event: Czechia	VSB	-	-	ca 15 participants
Multiplier event: Portugal	UMinho	-	-	ca 15 participants
Multiplier event: Cyprus	EUC	-	-	ca 15 participants
Multiplier event: Belgium	AP	-	-	ca 15 participants



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APPENDIX III

Copy of the Grant Agreement **2024-1-CZ01-KA220-HED-000257634**

Shared at joint google drive here:

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