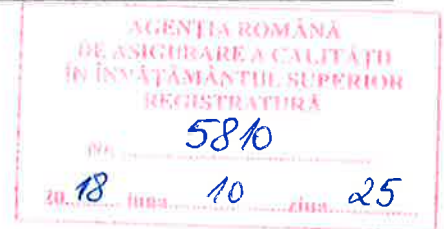




PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



Between the parties:

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and

National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research (ANACEC), administrative authority subordinated to the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research of the Republic of Moldova, legal entity governed by public law, with the offices in Șos. Hâncești, nr. 38A, MD-2028, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova, telephone: (+373-22) 545411, e-mail: anacip@anacip.md, website: www.anacec.md, legally represented by Associate Professor dr.ing. Andrei Chiciuc, as President,

with the scope to promote quality higher education of Romania and the Republic of Moldova at international level and contribute to development oriented towards best international standards in education and research in both states.

The parties have reached an understanding on the following:

Article 1

The Agencies shall actively promote the application of the provisions of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area - ESG 2015 in the field of higher education in Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

Article 2

Cooperation activities will be undertaken in the following fields and subject areas related to:

- a) Assuring access to information of public interest on quality higher education in both states and internationally.
- b) Dissemination of experience and good practices in external evaluation of educational quality in higher education from the two states.
- c) Appointment of expert evaluators from the partner agency in the panels for external quality evaluation of study programs and at institutional level, according to the case, in assignments for evaluation in the other state.
- d) Participation in national or international joint projects in the field of education quality assurance, financed at national level or by other European or international institutions/organizations.
- e) Joint organization of events in the field of quality assurance, such as conferences, fora, workshops, informal meetings etc.

- f) Provision of mutual support in joining international organizations or networks of quality assurance agencies in higher education.
- g) Elaboration and publication of results of external evaluation of quality in common studies and synthesizes.
- h) Realization of common projects in quality assurance in higher education.

Article 3

Financing of cooperation activities under the present Agreement will be identified and agreed on separately for each individual activity, also taking into account the conditions from each of the two countries.

Article 4

Cooperation activities under the present Agreement shall commence as of the date of signature by both parties and can be modified only by written notice of both parties.

Article 5

The period of validity of the present Agreement is of five years from the date of signature and shall automatically continue for the next five years, if none of the Agencies notifies in writing the willingness to end it, with at least three months before the date on which the respective Agency wants the agreement to cease.

Article 6

This agreement was written and signed in Romanian and English.

Concluded in two copies in each abovementioned languages, one copy for each party.

PARTIES' SIGNATURES

**Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance
in Higher Education (ARACIS)**

**National Agency for Quality Assurance
in Education and Research (ANACEC)**

President,

President,

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