AGREEMENT ABOUT COOPERATION

between Klaipeda University (Lithuania)

and

State Institution "Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University" (Ukraine) Agreement about cooperation between Klaipeda University, represented by the Rector, Professor Artūras Razbadauskas, that operates under the Constitution of the University and State Institution "Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University" represented by Rector, Professor Olena Karaman, that operates under the Statute of the University, have agreed as follows:

I. Object of the Agreement

1.1. The subject of this agreement is to establish and develop cooperation between the parties in the field of education, science and culture, to ensure a high level of scientific and teaching materials, the quality of training at state requirements through the effective use of educational, methodical and scientific potential of two leading universities.

Cooperation includes:

- exchange of teaching staff and researchers for the purpose of training, lecturing, conducting joint educational and research activities;
- arranging of joint conferences and seminars on agreed topics, exchange of scientific literature, providing university staff with an opportunity to publish research papers and results of joint research activities in magazines and journals of the universities;
- joint participation in international academic programs, implementation of joint research work in the frames of international grants;
- cooperation in organizing of the students and postgraduates exchange programs aimed at studying, internship, industrial practice, research work;
- exchange of experience on organization of the educational process on related specialties;
- development of joint projects for winning grants of international and national programs;
- conducting of public lectures, seminars, workshops, symposiums, study tours, consultations and other events that take place on mutual grounds;

- joint development of methodological and information support of educational process, preparation and publication of textbooks and other methodological issues, including the ones in the electronic format.
- 1.2. Fields of cooperation between the Parties are not limited. Any other initiative can be incorporated into the Agreement by signing additional agreements.

II. Duties and responsibilities

- 2.1. Implementation of this Agreement is performed according to the legislation of Ukraine and Lithuania, which regulates the activities of higher educational institutions.
- 2.2. Collaboration of the Parties in solving of specific issues is effected by agreements between Rector decorated by additional agreements or protocols.
- 2.3. The Parties are obliged to make every effort to implement the provisions of this Agreement, including providing the necessary information to organize creative teams of teachers to perform joint research methodologies, provide appropriate information sharing, financial and material resources as agreed between the rectors about the implementation of joint projects.
- 2.4. Each side finds independently financial and other means for the implementation of this Agreement. Financial arrangements between the Parties can be conducted under the additional agreements on specific projects.
- 2.5. This Agreement does not limit the rights of the parties to conclude other agreements.

III. General Terms

- 3.1. Disputes and disagreements relating to this Agreement shall be settled by negotiations. In case of failure to resolve disputes or differences through negotiations, they shall be settled in accordance with the legislation in the courts for the place of residence of the defendant.
- 3.2. Each Party has the right to change or terminate this Agreement in the terms of prior written notice to the other Party not later than 6 months before the date of expiry of the contract.

- 3.3. To implement specific cooperation programs sides conclude additional agreements that determine executive persons, time, funding and other conditions of their implementation.
- 3.4. Financing of specific cooperation programs under the chapter 3.3 of this Agreement will be governed by separate agreements that provide for the distribution of funding between the Parties and will be concluded by the Parties in accordance with the current legislation of Ukraine and Lithuania.

IV. Period of Validity of Agreement

4.1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties. The agreement is valid for 5 years, and then is automatically prolonged for the next 5-year period.

V. Final provisions

- 5.1. This Agreement is made in Ukrainian and in English in two copies having equal legal force, one copy for each party.
- 5.2. In cases not covered by this Agreement Parties shall be governed by applicable laws of Ukraine and Lithuania.

VI. Details and signatures of the parties

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