

MEMORANDUM

by PROGRES 3 Consortium members

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Preamble

The core mission of the PROGRES 3 Consortium (hereinafter “the Consortium”) is to create links among the universities of the Moravian-Silesian Region, the Žilina Region and the Silesian and Opole Voivodeships with regard to scientific research and innovation. The goal of these links is to generate a concentration of research and innovation capacities; this concentration will facilitate more effective planning, management and practical implementation of research projects and their technical applications. The Consortium will create the necessary conditions for intensive sharing of research outcomes and experiences of innovation-based activities, and will complement the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) TRITIA established by regional governments.

The Consortium will create conditions enabling the regions involved in the Consortium to achieve higher competitiveness in comparison to other European Union regions with regard to science, research, the development of scientific disciplines offering potential future benefits to the Consortium regions, and more effective practical application of research results. This will reinforce and ultimately raise the prestige of all three regions. The Consortium will provide a platform for coordinated cooperation between educational institutions and regional government bodies in both research and teaching activities, and will work closely via EGTC TRITIA with the Moravian-Silesian Region, the Žilina Region and the Silesian and Opole Voivodeships, as well as with the Czech Ministry for Regional Development, the Polish Ministry of Regional Development and the Slovak Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development.

This cooperation will help create optimum conditions for the planning and implementation of research, education and culture projects funded by EU instruments.

These key bases for cooperation, combined with the geographical and linguistic proximity of the Consortium members, will facilitate more effective utilization of the laboratory facilities and research potential of the universities involved, coordinate the potential of their doctoral students, and help to improve mutual awareness within the research and scientific communities of the participating regions.

In view of these reasons, the parties to this Agreement have undertaken to cooperate to the maximum possible extent with the aim of generating added value. In accordance with this goal, the parties declare, via this document, a basic framework for mutual cooperation with the aim of supporting links among the neighbour regions involved in the Consortium.

Each of the parties undertakes to carry out activities targeted at achieving the agreed goals of the Consortium in the manner specified in this Agreement, and to refrain from carrying out activities that could potentially be detrimental to the achievement of these goals or could prevent the achievement of these goals.

I. **Focus of cooperation**

- Mutual cooperation on the implementation of joint EU projects.
- Provision of data, information, knowledge and experience of essential importance for the implementation of joint science/research and educational projects and for the development of science/research activities.
- Planning of innovation-driven programmes for the industrial application of research results.
- Participation in projects (staff, materials, technical facilities).
- Proposals for specific joint measures for cooperation.
- Organization of workshops, conferences and seminars.
- Cooperation in workshops, conferences and seminars and sharing of information on these events.
- Organization of joint language courses and summer schools for doctoral students.
- Joint cultural events for doctoral students to support intercultural awareness and understanding.
- Joint provision of interdisciplinary doctoral studies at Consortium member universities.
- Exchange of academic and research staff and administrative staff as part of the management of joint research projects.
- Exchange of students in accredited Bachelor, Masters and doctoral degree programmes.
- Distribution of promotional materials at other member universities; creation of outlets for this joint promotional activity.

II. **Individual contractual Memorandum**

The parties to the Memorandum acknowledge its status as a Memorandum and acknowledge that in order to implement specific projects or to further define cooperation within the individual areas of focus set out in this Memorandum, it is necessary for the parties to this Memorandum to conclude individual contractual agreements stipulating the specific rights and responsibilities of the individual parties, defining cooperation in narrower terms, specifying means of information provision, the rights and duties of the parties, deadlines for activities, related staff and financial commitments, and specific applications of the results achieved through cooperation.

The content of such individual contractual agreements shall be determined on the basis of prior discussion between the parties involved; this content shall be determined with a view to achieving the goals set out in this Memorandum and shall take account of the respective capacities of each of the individual parties to such an agreement.

III.

Management Board and management of the Consortium

- The Consortium is headed by a Management Board consisting of nominated representatives of the individual member universities.
- The representative of a member university is nominated by the Rector of that university.
- The Management Board of the Consortium shall utilize the development potential of cooperation among the Consortium members via the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation.
- The Management Board shall plan joint science/research projects, workshops and conferences, and shall organize joint provision of education and training related to science/research activities and cultural activities.
- The Management Board shall coordinate cooperation among all parties involved in the planning of joint science/research projects.
- The Consortium shall create conditions enabling access to funding for the development of joint activities.
- The Management Board of the Consortium shall meet at least once a year.
- Meetings of the Management Board are convened by the Chair of the Consortium.
- The Management Board of the Consortium is headed by the Chair of the Consortium.
- At the end of each electoral period, prior to 20 December of each calendar year, a new Chair is elected from among the members of the Consortium Management Board.
- The Chair of the Consortium is elected by the Management Board for a period of two years.
- The Chair organizes meetings of the Management Board in cooperation with the members of the Board.

IV.

Validity of this Memorandum

- The parties to this Memorandum concluded this Memorandum for an indefinite period and the Memorandum becomes effective on the day on which it is signed by all members of the Consortium.
- This Memorandum exists as thirteen identical original documents in the English language. Each member of the Consortium receives one such original document.
- All parties to this Memorandum reserve the right to withdraw from this Memorandum subsequent to issuing written notice of withdrawal.
- Withdrawal from this Memorandum shall become effective two months after the first day of the month following the month during which written notice of withdrawal is delivered to the Chair of the Consortium.
- A party to this Memorandum having withdrawn from the Consortium is not thereby exempted from its responsibilities related to the activities of the Consortium which arose prior to the date of withdrawal.

V.

Concluding provisions

Any amendments or additions to this Memorandum are to be carried out exclusively in the form of written addenda to this Memorandum approved by all members of the Consortium. Relationships not explicitly governed by this Memorandum are subject to generally applicable legal regulations.

This Memorandum replaces the Memorandum signed by 11 universities on 27. 10. 2011 in its entirety.

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