

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
SEINÄJOKI UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES (SeAMK), FINLAND
AND
THE ISPE COLLEGE, KOSOVO**

- WHEREAS the cultural and scientific exchange is indispensable to academic institutions to develop their educational and research activities, their promotion through cooperation agreements between institutions for higher education is of exceptional importance;
- WHEREAS, a mutual interest exist between the Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences in Seinäjoki, Finland and the ISPE College in Pristina, Kosovo in establishing collaboration relations for realization of joint interests;
- WHEREAS Europe is undergoing a process of continuing enlargement, and the Western Balkans region aspires to become a part of it in future, the need for educational programs which provide proper knowledge and competencies is of particular importance in this part of Europe;
- HAVING examined the proposals for collaboration submitted by the Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences in Seinäjoki and the ISPE College, and in conformity with the applicable provisions of the two respective parties, the parties hereto agree for entering into the agreement as the following:

Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences,

with address: P.O. Box 412 / Frami F, Kampusranta 11, FI-60101 Seinäjoki, Finland, represented by President, Dr. Tapio Varmola as a legal representative of Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences

and

ISPE College,

with address: Str. Adrian Krasniqi, No.9, 10000 Pristina, Kosovo, represented by Gen (ret) Volker Halbauer, Chairman of the Council of the ISPE College.

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences and the ISPE College have the intention to pursue the development of different cooperation programs. To achieve this, the undersigned parties agree for:

- a. mutual exchange of teaching and research staff with intention of pursuing seminars, conferences, lectures, joint research projects and exchange of other experiences in the field of common interests and so forth;
- b. dissemination and exchange of publications and information on specific field of study and research included in this agreement and on any other subject of relevant interest for the parties to the agreement;
- c. mutual support and cooperation in reviewing existing curricula and the development of new ones in the future with the intention to remain current with educational development policies in both local and international level and to stay in trend with the needs of internal and regional market of labour and knowledge;
- d. mutual support in literature sources, giving access to respective students of both parties in their libraries, the use of on-line libraries will be negotiated separately;
- e. student exchange for periods of study and research, attending courses, participating in professional training and specialization programs and other educational activities;
- f. development and joint implementation of professional projects and providing expertise in the areas of respective interests shown;
- g. exchange of experiences between the members of administrative and technical staff when considered that there are needed and profitable experiences from the parties to the agreement;
- h. enabling cooperation between the students organizations of the participant universities;
- i. In particular, the parties will organize a Joint Degree Program in Nursing BA (Bachelor), the above mention details of mutual cooperation and support (as included in points from (a) to (h) of this Article) will also be fully applicable to this program.
- when completing the BA Degree in Nursing, the students will be certified by both sides (joint programme);

- respective institutions when issuing joint degree diplomas will fully respect the principles and aims as stipulated in the Framework for Qualifications of the European Higher Education Area (EQF), the applicable legislation in both countries and regulations and statutes of both respective institutions;
- respective institutions will negotiate joint programme arrangements and financial arrangements separately through Annex agreements;
- for further clarification of the agreement, both parties will agree on finding solutions through Annex agreements.

Article 2

Administrative bodies subscribing this agreement will exchange all relevant information by supplying catalogues and other materials to promote greater and mutual knowledge on their institutional structure and organization.

Article 3

For purposes of implementing this agreement, the contact persons will be:

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Article 4

The Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences on the one side and the ISPE College on the other side will define particular programs, forms and ways of participation in any specific event through separate acts and annexes to the original agreement of cooperation, and in accordance with their expressed needs and interests. The parties SeAMK and ISPE, understand that if for any reason they would fail to reach these separate acts and annexes to the original agreement of cooperation, they will not be liable for the possible costs caused to the other party from trying to reach an annex agreement.

Article 5

Both SeAMK and ISPE agree that the present documents does not create any financial obligations to SeAMK or ISPE and both understand, that all financial agreements will be negotiated and written in details separately.

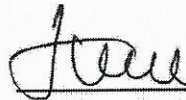
Article 6

The present agreement is concluded for a period of five (5) years. Each of the undersigned parties may terminate the agreement by giving the notice of termination at least six month ahead. The agreement's validity seizes with the expiry of the notified termination deadline.

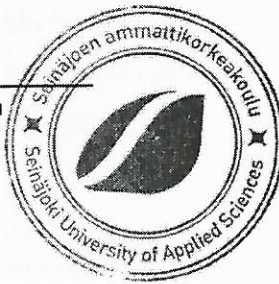
Article 7

This Agreement is compiled and signed in English language. All copies are authentic. The present agreement will become effective from the date it is signed by the representative of the Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences and the representative of the ISPE College.

In Seinäjoki on the date 18.6.2018
For the Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences



President, Dr. Tapio Varmola



In Pristina on the date 18.6.2018
For the ISPE College



Chairman, Gen (ret) Volker Halbauer