

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

University “Ukshin Hoti” Prizren, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences – Agribusiness department represented by Prof. asoc. dr. Ismet Tema, as Rector of University, at str “Rruga e Shkronjave, nr. 120000 Prizren, Kosovo

AND

University of Foggia - Department of Economics - Laboratory of Rural Studies and Multifunctional Agriculture (Laboratory), represented by Prof. Michele Milone, as Director of Department of Economics, at Via R. Caggese n. 1, 71121, Foggia (Italy), e-mail: michele.milone@unifg.it

The main objectives of the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences – Agribusiness department are:

- To obtain sufficient knowledge in the field of agribusiness and their preferred field of research;
- To demonstrate theoretical and practical knowledge identifying and solving various problems in the sector of agribusiness;
- To gain necessary skills and knowledge for employment in the labour market or continue their studies to the next level of postgraduate;
- To gain comparable knowledge with international study models regarding theory and practice of agribusiness;
- To be able to adopt and interact in various social and cultural environments;
- To be capable of setting-up new enterprises in the rural areas;
- To be capable of managing farms and agricultural enterprises.

The missions of the Laboratory are:

- To promote the definition of an instrument (Observatory) aimed at monitoring economic policies in the agri-food sector of European countries in relation to strategies to harmonize the growth of economic sectors connected to rural development and local systems;
- To organize and promote tools for the analysis of territories and the transfer of innovation through the construction of databases, communities of practice, Operative Groups and European Innovation Partnerships;
- To contribute, in an organic and structured manner, from an economic policy perspective, to the debate on the degree of interaction of rural areas with urbanized territories, on the relevance and usefulness of the material and immaterial resources of the countryside;
- To facilitate the dialogue between scientific research and the territory oriented to the development of economic policy instruments, necessary to favor agro-food and rural development, with reference to regional, national and community regulations;
- To define effective methodologies to combine the regional dimension of agricultural and agri-food systems with the international and European Union ones, in line with the scenarios deriving from the framework of relations and economic and commercial policies, with particular reference to the analysis of balance trends of regional and national agri-food payments and international treaties (WTO, trade sanctions, etc.);

- To promote the spread of a "cultural model" centered on the "values" of the agrarian, rural and environmental economics and sociology, through the use of network analysis techniques and the definition of territorial and local development systems;
- To develop and promote the results and themes of laboratory research through training activities and through scientific publications;
- To develop new methodologies for the evaluation of policies for rural development and agri-food chains.

Both institutions wish to develop and maintain activities that will foster cooperation and enhance the skills of their researchers and students, promoting the exchange of experience and knowledge, according to the following provisions and areas of cooperation:

1. Consulting, research, seminars, conferences and joint research projects in the following areas:
 - Economics and agri-food policies;
 - Policies for rural and territorial development;
 - Environmental policies;
 - Policies for the management and use of public assets;
 - International trade policy in the agri-food sector.

The two parties will explore the mutual support for the design and promotion of conferences, exchange of teaching, research, technical personnel and knowhow for workshops, seminars, conferences and joint research projects. Specific arrangements would be negotiated directly between participating professors and the institution that arranges the special course.

2. Develop alternative educational and/or training tools and models to promote excellence and applied training (internships, executive master programs, doctoral programs, specializations schools).
3. Collaborate in the writing, presentation and management of competitive and international calls. Provide technical and scientific assistance activities in collaboration with regional, national and European institutions.
4. Exchange of information and scientific publications: the respective institutions will endeavor to explore mutually fruitful exchanges of information and scientific publications. Each co-operation activity will be regulated by a specific agreement signed by the heads of the Colleges/Faculties or Departments involved.
5. The parties agree that any conflicts arising from the present agreement will be resolved by a joint committee set up for that purpose.
6. Any financial provisions contained in this document are subject to agreement and appended separately.
7. The parties agree to designate, for each institution, the following coordinators, whose responsibility will be to oversee the execution of the agreement:
 For University "Ukshin Hoti" Prizren, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences – Agribusiness department : prof. Ekrem Gjokaj;
 For the Laboratory: prof. Piermichele La Sala.

8. The parties agree to designate prof. Ekrem Gjokaj as a member of the Laboratory's Scientific Committee to facilitate the development and maintenance of cooperation activities.
9. The present agreement will have duration of 5 years from the date of signing and can be renewed, any year, by the express agreement of both parties. If one party wishes to cancel the agreement, this decision must be communicated to the other party no less than six months in advance.
10. Both institutions will conduct an annual evaluation of the activities agreed to on the basis of this document. Results of the evaluation will be shared by the two institutions and will be used to propose improvements to the terms of the agreement or extensions to those terms. Each institution in writing must ratify any changes to the terms.

Signed and stamped,

ON BEHALF OF

University "UkshinHoti" Prizren

Prof. asoc. dr. Ismet Tema, Rector

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