Memorandum of Cooperation

between the Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine and the Czech Rectors Conference

Pursuant to both parties' interest in broadening bilateral Ukrainian-Czech relations in higher education and scientific research, taking into account European dimension of the development of higher education system of Ukraine and assuming common academic values of HEIs

the Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine, address: Taras Schevchenko National University of Kyiv, Volodymyrska 64/13, 01601 Kyiv, represented by its President, the Chairman of the Academic Council of Kyiv National University of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Prof. Dr. Petro Kulikov, D.E.,

and

the Czech Rectors Conference, address: Masaryk University, Žerotínovo nám. 9, 601 77 Brno, represented by its President, the Rector of Charles University, Prof. MUDr. Milena Králíčková, Ph.D.,

(hereafter "Contracting Parties")

hereby agree to the following:

Article 1

The objective of the Memorandum of Cooperation is to define the scope of cooperation between the Contracting Parties on developing relations in the field of education and research.

Article 2

The cooperation between the Contracting Parties will cover various activities, including:

- Exchanges of professors, researchers and administrative staff, including, but not limited to, teaching and training activities;
- The development of research programs;
- Participation in conferences, workshops and seminars;
- Exchanges of students for studies, training or internships;
- Development of joint study or training programs;
- Exchanges of information, documentation and scientific publications:
- Co-supervision and co-direction of doctoral thesis;
- Drafting, implementation or participation of common international or European projects.

Article 3

Each activity will be separately negotiated and agreed between the Contracting Parties and will be described in a specific Agreement relating to this Memorandum of Cooperation, which must be signed by the legal representatives of the Contracting Parties. All specific Agreements are subject to the same rules as this Memorandum of Cooperation.

Article 4

The implementation of any of the activities listed in Article 2 is subject to the availability of resources and financial support. This Memorandum of Cooperation does not imply any financial obligations between the Contracting Parties.

The Contracting Parties may, by mutual consent, apply for grants or subsidies under intergovernmental agreements and through European and international agencies to support mutually beneficial cooperation.

Article 5

Amendments and supplements to this Memorandum of Cooperation and its Annexes may be made by agreement of both Contracting Parties in writing (in the form of an Annex to the Memorandum of Cooperation). The amendments made shall become part of this Memorandum of Cooperation.

Article 6

Non-discrimination

The Contracting Parties understand that, in accordance with the fundamental principles of their legal systems, they adhere to the principle of equal opportunities and undertake not to allow discrimination in any form.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties are obliged to create conditions for the protection of personal data in compliance with and within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), and to arrange for relevant technical measures to safeguard such data (for Non-EU states in the scope of the implementation of the Acquis).

Article 8

Effective date

The Memorandum of Cooperation shall be effective upon signing by both Contracting Parties and shall remain in effect for five years. The Memorandum of Cooperation can be terminated prior to its expiration by a written notice of termination given no later than six months before the end of the five-year effective period. Either Contracting Party may terminate this Memorandum of Cooperation without delay in case of a substantial breach of any of its provisions, and if that other Contracting Party fails to remedy the breach within 30 days after written notice requiring the remedy of the default is received. The Memorandum of Cooperation may also be terminated by written agreement between the Contracting Parties.

Article 9

Three language versions of this Memorandum of Cooperation are signed – two originals in Ukrainian, two originals in Czech and two originals in English. Each of the Contracting Parties receives one original in Ukrainian, one original in Czech and one original in English. The Contracting Parties agree that the English version of this Memorandum of Cooperation is decisive for the interpretation of this Memorandum.

Prague, 16 October 2025

On behalf of the Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine

On behalf of the Czech Rectors Conference

Prof. Milena Králíčková

Prof. Petro Kulikov

President