



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

ALECU RUSSO BALTI STATE UNIVERSITY (USARB) BALTI, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

and

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ZAPORIZHZHIA POLYTECHNIC (NUZP), ZAPORIZHZHIA, UKRAINE

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made BETWEEN:

ALECU RUSSO BALTI STATE UNIVERSITY (Institutional ID: E10158774; PIC Number: 967186419) Pushkin Street, no. 38, Balti, Republic of Moldova 3100, (hereinafter referred to as "USARB")

AND:

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ZAPORIZHZHIA POLYTECHNIC (Institutional ID: 02070849; PIC Number: 969364457) Zhukovskoho St. 64, Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine 69063, (hereinafter referred to as "NUZP")

DESCRIPTION:

- A. Alecu Russo Balti State University (USARB) is a classical state higher educational institution with 80-year history, which carries out educational and scientific activities which embraces all levels of training specialists (Bachelor, Master and Doctorate levels), as well as continuing education. USARB provide the training of specialists at four faculties with the academic offer consisting of 35 BSc, 34 MSc, and 1 PhD study programs. Fields of study Romance languages and literature (Romanian, French, Spanish), Germanic languages (English, German), Slavic languages and literature (Russian, Ukrainian), Journalism, Mathematics, IT, Physical and Engineering sciences Economics, Natural Sciences and Agricultural Ecology, Education sciences, Psychology, Music, Law, Public Administration, Social Work.
- B. The National University Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic is a modern multidisciplinary, innovation-oriented scientific and educational complex in the southeastern region of Ukraine. For more than 125 years, the university has been implementing its main mission, which is to educate the young generation of professionals, work for the development of the industry and growth of the economic potential of both Zaporizhzhia region and Ukraine. For many years, the university has been training specialists for various sectors, including mechanical engineering, electric power industry, metallurgy, transportation, aircraft engine construction, and computer technology.
- C. The parties wish to enter into this MoU to promote cooperation between them and to strengthen innovative collaboration in mutually acceptable fields of artificial intelligence, robotics, cyber security, green energy, biotechnology, industry 4.0, environmental protection engineering, production design and materials engineering, economics and management, health technology assessment and health economics, transport systems, intelligent transport systems, information technologies. In addition to endorsing the development of programs and activities through our cooperative relationship, we wish to collaborate in joint PhD programs and research activities as we strive to raise funds, especially EU research funds as well as tenders in order to improve our reputation as successful higher education institutions. Moreover, the parties wish to enter into this MoU to further develop our exchange programs of faculty, graduate students and postdoctoral students and to promote joint academic publications in recognition of the importance of educational, cultural and scientific exchanges between international research institutions.

THE PARTIES AGREE

1. The Purpose of this MOU

- 1.1. Alecu Russo Balti State University (USARB) and National University Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic (NUZP) recognize the value of educational, cultural, and scientific exchanges between international research institutions, and have determined that sufficient interest exists to establish this formal understanding.
- 1.2. Alecu Russo Balti State University (USARB) and National University Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic (NUZP) hereby endorse the development of programs and activities through our cooperative relationship. These may include:
- 1.2.1. Joint research activities and raising funds (EU research funds and tenders) on mutual topics as listed in point C.
- 1.2.2. Exchange of faculty, graduate students and postdoctoral students joint MSc and PhD programs
- 1.2.3. Digital and Web resources for joint educational programs (distance learning, e-conference)
- 1.2.4. Participation in seminars, workshops and academic meetings
- 1.2.5. Exchange of academic materials, publications and other information
- 1.2.6. Special short and long term programs and visits
- 1.2.7. Promotion of joint academic publications

2. Convention

There are no legally binding obligations for either institution under the terms of this MoU. This MoU is intended to encourage and facilitate international collaboration on topics of mutual academic interest. USARB and NUZP therefore encourage all members of their faculties and research communities to engage as active participants.

The host institution bears no responsibility for the financial support of visiting participants or programs named in this agreement and all exchange participants are subject to the host university's policies and regulations concerning academic personnel and intellectual property. To sustain special programs and activities, both institutions may seek funds from extramural sources, if available.

Except in promoting activities among participating faculty and students, neither party may use the name of the other party in any form of advertising or publicity without express written permission of the other party.

3. Term and Extended Term

This memorandum is expected to remain in effect for five (5) years from date of signature with the possibility of renewal; however, if either institution desires, the understanding memorialized herein may be revoked at any time after the first six months by either party giving six months' prior written notice to the other party.

3.1 Modification/Amendment: Either party wishing to modify or amend the MoU shall give the other party thirty (30) days written notice of such intentions and shall send the proposed modification within two (2) months.

4. Further Agreements

- 4.1. The Parties may enter into binding agreements, from time to time, with regard to any specific project.
- 4.2 Both Parties acknowledge and understand that all financial arrangements, if any, will be subject to negotiation and prior written agreement and that any binding agreement will be subject to the availability of funds. The host institution bears no responsibility for the financial support of visiting participants or programs named in this agreement or its addenda, and all exchange participants are subject to the host university's policies and regulations concerning academic personnel and intellectual property. To sustain special programs and activities, both institutions may seek funds from extramural sources, if available.

5. Communication and Notices

5.1 All communication and notices between the Parties regarding this MoU may be made through the nominated representatives set out below, or such other persons they may nominate from time to time.

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6. Execution and Counterparts

- 6.1 The Parties acknowledge that is not executed by both Parties on the same date, this MOU will commence on the Date of the last signature.
- 6.2. The Parties will execute 2 copies of this MOU; USARB and NUZP both retain 1 original copy each.

EXECUTION:

EXECUTED AS A MoU ON THE DATES APPEARING BELOW

SIGNED for and on behalf of ALECU RUSSO BALTI STATE UNIVERSITY

On. 12.06.2025

By: Associate Professor Natalia GAŞIŢOI

Rector

(Signature)

SIGNED for and on behalf of

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ZAPORIZHZHIA POLYTECHNIC

On 12.06.2025

By: Professor Viktor GRESHTA Rector (Signature)

(Signature)

(Signature)