
**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
OF THE HELLENIC OPEN UNIVERSITY
AND**

UNIVERSIDAD ANTONIO DE NEBRIJA AND INSTITUTOS NEBRIJA

The Hellenic Open University, with its registered office in Patra at Aristotelous Street 18, 26335, legally represented by the President of the Board of Directors, Professor Ioannis Kalavrouziotis, and

On the other side, Universidad Antonio de Nebrija, hereafter referred to as "UNNE", registered in Campus de Ciencias de la Vida en la Berzosa, 28248, Hoyo de Manzanares (Madrid, Spain), represented by its Rector, Dr. José Muñiz Fernández, and on another side, Institutos Nebrija, hereafter referred to as "IN", registered in Santa Cruz de Marcenado 31, 28015 (Madrid, Spain), represented by its Director, Maria Pilar Alcover Santos; in line with the following clauses and statements.

Hereinafter referred to as "the contracting Parties", in the context of consolidating and deepening the cooperation between them, have agreed and mutually accepted the following:

ARTICLE 1

FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION

The cooperation of the contracting parties is part of the framework:

- promoting the educational, social and research work of the contracting Institutions promoting the contribution of the contracting Universities to the development of societies at local, regional, national and European level
- the development of broader scientific and research consortiums

- enhancing the high quality of university teaching and learning.

ARTICLE 2

OBJECTIVES AND GOALS OF THE COOPERATION

The contracting parties agree to take all necessary initiatives and action to achieve the following objectives, which are indicative and not exhaustive:

- (a) Design and implement new Study Programmes to be offered jointly (joint degrees) by methodology of distance education.
- (b) Co-supervision of theses, doctoral dissertations and post-doctoral research.
- (c) Co-organising scientific and educational activities: conferences, workshops, lectures, seminars, summer schools, etc.
- d) Exchanges/reciprocal visits of members of the university community (faculty members, academic staff, administrators) and students (undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral candidates), as well as post-doctoral researchers, in order to promote scientific research and the corresponding administrative organization to the extent possible in accordance with the legislation in force.
- e) Strengthening research cooperation through networking of laboratories and research teams, exploitation of existing infrastructures, transfer of know-how, exchange of publications, data and educational material, in compliance with the rules concerning the protection of intellectual property.
- f) Submission of joint research proposals and publications.
- (g) Collaboration on issues related to the exploitation of scientific work for the direct benefit of society and exchange of good practice in strategic partnerships with local communities, regional, national and international bodies.

ARTICLE 3

IMPLEMENTATION

The specific, individual objectives and actions falling within the scope of this Memorandum shall be decided, described and specified by the contracting parties in a Specific Cooperation Protocol.

ARTICLE 4

COORDINATORS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The parties shall appoint as coordinators, for the purposes of communication between them, the scientific cooperation and exchange of views hereunder, the implementation supervision of the terms of this agreement and the joint preparation of recommendations to the competent bodies of the parties for the approval of projects, programmes and actions, the following:

The Hellenic Open University, the President, Professor Ioannis Kalavrouziotis.

The University Nebrija, the Rector, Professor José Muñiz Fernández

The Institutos Nebrija, the Director, Professor Pilar Alcover Santos

The coordinators do not have the power of representation of the parties, nor the right to sign on their behalf, and any decision of the coordinators involving legal or financial commitment will not be valid and will not be binding on the parties, unless it has been duly taken by the competent bodies.

In the event that disputes arise during the course of this agreement, if they concern the interpretation and performance of this agreement, they will be resolved through discussions and consultations, initially through the Coordinators and then, if they do not reach an agreement on the resolution of the dispute, through contact between the competent bodies of each party and the legal advisors they may appoint. Finally, if there is no mutually agreed solution and the parties continue to disagree, either party may terminate this memorandum, without prejudice to either party, even if the party making the termination is at fault for inviting and/or failing to resolve the disagreement.

ARTICLE 5

ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION, AMENDMENTS

This Memorandum of Cooperation will be effective for five (5) years from the date of signing. When it expires, it will be automatically renewed for the same length of time, unless one or both of the universities express in writing a desire to discontinue the relationship, which should be received by the other university six (6) months before the expiration date. In any case, all pending activities at the time of ending the agreement will be completed, even if they extend beyond the end date of the agreement. In the event that it is supplemented or amended, the mutual written consent of both parties shall be required. Any recurrent programs shall not be automatically renewed in the event of termination of this Memorandum of Cooperation.

ARTICLE 6

DATA PROTECTION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties shall comply with all applicable data protection laws and regulations regarding the processing and sharing of personal data, as defined by the current regulatory framework of the European Union.

The Parties shall implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and security of personal data exchanged or accessed during the collaboration.

In the context of this Memorandum of Cooperation, each Party shall be regarded as Controller for the processing of the necessary personal data solely for the following purposes: (i) to manage the cooperation relationship under this Memorandum of Cooperation (ex: communication, etc.), and (ii) to manage the payment of the economic conditions, if applicable.

The data will be kept during the entire time the present Memorandum of Cooperation is in force and, even afterwards, for the entire time required by the applicable legislation and until the possible responsibilities derived from it expire.

Both institutions shall inform individuals about their rights regarding their personal data, including the right to access, rectify, delete, restrict processing, and portability, as well as the right to lodge complaints with the respective data protection authorities.

This Memorandum of Cooperation is signed on Madrid and Patras in four (4) identical originals.

The Contracting Parties

For the Hellenic Open University

(signature and seal)

Professor, Ioannis Kalavrouziotis

For the Universidad Antonio de Nebrija

(signature and seal)

Rector, José Muñiz Fernández

For Institutos Nebrija

(signature and seal)

Director, María Pilar Alcover