



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON COOPERATION  
IN THE FIELD OF DIPLOMATIC  
TRAINING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AND  
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
OF RWANDA**

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The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Rwanda, hereinafter referred to each as the Party and together as the "Parties",

Wishing to establish and further develop mutually beneficial cooperation for training of their diplomats in the field of diplomacy and the exchange of information on academic disciplines that are relevant for the practice of diplomacy and international relations,

Have reached the following understanding:

#### **PARAGRAPH 1**

The Parties will maintain an active exchange of information about their respective study programmes and other relevant academic activities.

#### **PARAGRAPH 2**

Malta's Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and DiploFoundation offer to provide professional and technical assistance during the establishment of the diplomatic academy of Rwanda, especially in outlining the professional activities and trainings of the academy and in transferring the best practices of Malta's Mediterranean Academy and DiploFoundation.

#### **PARAGRAPH 3**

The Parties will facilitate the exchange of academics, conference speakers and experts in areas of common interest. The Parties will encourage lectures and presentations particularly by their officials in the framework of their training programmes.

#### **PARAGRAPH 4**

The Parties will encourage participation of their diplomats in the trainings offered by each other and will consult on the possibilities of organizing courses and seminars that could be held alternately in Kigali and Valletta / Geneva.



Particularly, DiploFoundation will facilitate participation of Rwandan Diplomatic Officers and allocate them annual few slots in its short and long term regular courses and training programmes in the area of Diplomacy and Digital Diplomacy, reference to Diplo Academy's course Catalogue.

#### **PARAGRAPH 5**

The Parties will facilitate the exchange of their respective publications, as well as pertinent texts from other public or private institutions in their respective countries.

#### **PARAGRAPH 6**

The Parties will exchange information related to activities of common interest, taking into special consideration the participation in meetings of regional and international character that involve academies and other academic institutions offering training for diplomats.

#### **PARAGRAPH 7**

Each Party shall bear their own costs of the aforementioned cooperation, in case Parties do not indicate otherwise in their mutual agreement formulated in writing.

#### **PARAGRAPH 8**

Each Party will fulfill its commitments undertaken by this Memorandum of Understanding in conformity with the legislation of their respective States. This Memorandum of Understanding will not constitute or be interpreted as an international agreement between the States of the Parties. No provision of this Memorandum of Understanding will be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Parties.

#### **PARAGRAPH 9**

This Memorandum of understanding may be amended by mutual consent of Parties through diplomatic channels.



## PARAGRAPH 10

The present Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the day of signing and will be valid for 5 (years) years. Unless one of the Parties notifies the other of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding in a written form at least 90 (ninety) days before the date of expiry, its validity will be extended for further periods of 5 (five) years.

Signed in Kigali on the 11 of May  
2023, in two original copies, in the English language.

**ON BEHALF OF  
THE MINISTRY FOR  
FOREIGN AND  
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND  
TRADE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MALTA**



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**Ian BORG**  
Minister

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