



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION, SPORT, YOUTH, RESEARCH
AND
INNOVATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
AND
THE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
TÜRKIYE**

The Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation of the Republic of Malta and the Council of Higher Education of the Republic of Türkiye, henceforth referred to as the « Parties »,

For the purpose of consolidating their cooperation in the field of higher education and in the spirit of enhancing mutual understanding and respect for the people of both countries and strengthening their bilateral relations, have agreed on the following.

Article 1

Aim

The present Memorandum of Understanding aims to establish the institutional framework for the Parties in order to organize academic and scientific exchanges between the higher education institutions of both Parties.

Article 2

Areas of Cooperation

In order to achieve the goal stated in the Article 1, the Parties shall support educational and internship mobility of the students, academic staff and researchers at higher education institutions of two countries under specific programmes and their participation in short term research programmes, exchange of educational materials, organization of joint workshops, conferences, and seminars, mutual university visits and other modalities that the Parties may agree upon.

Article 3

Joint Diploma Programmes

The Parties shall encourage the establishment, implementation and development of joint diploma programmes at bachelor, master and doctorate levels between the higher education institutions of both countries in accordance with their legislations and regulations.

Article 4


Other forms of collaboration

Further to the programmes referenced in Article 3, the Parties shall encourage and support the development of other initiatives for collaboration, in areas of study and training that may be identified as strategic areas of collaboration, towards capacity building, knowledge transfer and best practices.

Article 5

Scholarship Students

Within the framework of their legislations and regulations, the Parties may send and accept undergraduate and graduate students to study at their higher education institutions under modalities to be agreed upon by the Parties.



Article 6

Recognition

The Parties shall consult and act towards recognizing degrees and diplomas within the framework of the 1997 Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region.

Article 7

Limitations

The collaboration envisaged in this Memorandum of Understanding is limited to the national legislations and regulations both Parties are operating under and their budgetary resources.

Article 8

Employment Relationship

The personnel commissioned by each Party in order to implement cooperation activities shall remain under the direction and dependence of the institution they belong to, thus not creating any employment relationships with the other institution which shall not be considered as a substitute or joint employer.

Article 9

Intellectual Property

Adequate and effective protection measures as well as a fair distribution of intellectual property rights which may result from the research activities developed within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be ensured.

The protection of the intellectual property rights shall be enforced in accordance with the national legislations of Malta and Türkiye, and complying with the international agreements in force between both countries and those to which each country is a party.



Article 10

Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years. Unless one of the Contracting Parties notifies the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding six (6) months prior to its date of expiration, this Memorandum of Understanding shall be extended automatically for a successive period of one (1) year.

Article 11

Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended any time by mutual consent of the Parties.

Article 12

Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated for any of the following causes:

- a. Due to non-compliance or serious irregularities regarding its implementation.
- b. Due to the Parties' wish under the terms provided in the Article 10.

In the case of this Memorandum of Understanding being terminated for any reason, the Parties commit themselves to finish the activities regarding students, researchers and academic staff who may be doing an academic stay on the termination date, until they have finished their respective study programmes.

Article 13

Settlement of Disputes

Any disputes arising from the interpretation, implementation, amendment, settlement and effects which may derive from this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation and dialogue between the Parties.



Done in Ankara, on 11 November 2025 in two (2) original copies in English and Turkish languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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Education, Sport, Youth,
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the Republic of Malta**

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