



## COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar" (VFU)

and

## Khmelnytskyi National University (KhNU)

Khmelnytskyi National University (hereinafter referred to as "KhNU"), represented by the Rector Serhii Matiukh, acting on the basis of the Charter, and Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar" (hereinafter "VFU"), represented by the Rector Petar Georgiev Hristov, collectively called "Parties", express a desire to cooperate in the field of education, research and other activities, for the internationalization of higher education and the development of academic mobility.

1. Cooperation will be implemented within these programs (projects) that will be offered to one of the Parties in the event that the data of the program comply with the tasks of developing and strengthening partnership relations between these countries. Each program (project) must be approved and endorsed by both sides, and also be viewed in terms of the availability of its funding.

Areas of cooperation of the Parties:

- a. organizing international academic exchanges (students, professors, faculty, staff, etc. by agreement of the parties);
- b. development and implementation of joint educational programs;
- c. joint research;
- d. realization of other joint projects in the fields of education, science and publishing.
- 2. The terms of mutual assistance and cooperation shall be discussed and approved in advance in writing by the responsible officials of both Parties before the start of the implementation of programs and projects.
- 3. To assess the progress and results of the implementation of this Agreement, the Parties, if necessary, may hold meetings of authorized representatives of the Parties.

- 4. The terms, conditions and form of participation of Parties in the preparation and implementation of specific projects for cooperation and interaction are determined by the parties separately in each case.
- 5. In resolving specific issues, the Parties have the right to develop joint documents (memorandums, agreements, protocols, etc.), defining the form of activities and deadlines to ensure the achievement of the defined objectives.
- 6. This Agreement is concluded for a period of 5 years and shall enter into force upon signature by authorized representatives of both Parties. Upon expiration of the Agreement, it is automatically extended for another calendar year, but may be canceled by one of the Parties after the end of each year of validity, by giving six months' written notice before the date of termination of the Agreement. Termination of this Agreement shall not release the Parties from the obligations assumed before the date of its termination, in accordance with additional signed contracts and agreements in the performance of this Agreement.
- 7. This Agreement is signed in two identical copies in English, which have equal legal force.

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