FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Article 1. Signatory parties

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and

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in accordance with the idea to develop and diversify their fields of education and research, the representatives of the “Politehnica” University of Timişoara and the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice hereby declare their availability for collaboration. Both parties, by signing this agreement, affirm and sustain the importance of regional and international cooperation in higher education and scientific activity.

The “Politehnica” University of Timişoara and the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, hereafter referred to as institutions, agree to collaborate and/or work together in order to mobilize their respective means and facilities, to develop the cooperation between them in various academic and scientific areas. The agreed general principles are presented below.

Article 2. Objectives of the agreement

The present agreement sets the cooperation framework between the signatory parties mentioned here above.

The partnership is based on the recognition of common interests in the respective fields of competence of the signatories, as well as on the openness and good faith of the parties, and aims at the development of the cooperation through common and complementary activities.

The institutions will enhance the cooperation in their common fields of interest especially in technical areas, but not only, in accordance with their own traditions and social responsibilities.

Article 3. Collaboration in educational field

Is aimed to be developed on the following directions:

- promoting bachelor/license programmes, master programmes, and doctoral programmes;
- striving to establish equivalence of both universities educational standards and qualifications, with the aim to introduce the mutual recognition of graduate diplomas; the European Credit Transfer System will be used in order to establish the equivalence of studies;
- lecturers and researchers will reciprocally visit the Institutions with the purpose of establishing or developing academic contacts, delivering lecturers or taking part in academic committees.
Article 4. Collaboration in research

The Institutions will try to develop and implement the research projects that are of mutual interest.

In the fields of common interest, the Institutions will encourage joint scientific workshops, seminars, short courses and encourage participation of their lecturers and researchers in scientific events organized together or by one of them. Exchanging literature, publications and other scientific information is also encouraged.

In relevant scientific fields and based on the common interests and mutual funding principle, the Institutions will initiate double-coordinated Ph.D. programmes, according to their specific regulations.

The Institutions will apply together and/or submit joint applications for funds available within EU R&D Framework Programmes, Intergovernmental S&T Agreement Projects etc. to finance their research collaboration.

Article 5. Students' exchange

The Institutions will encourage their students to pursue first level studies (licence), second level studies (master) and third level studies (doctoral) in the partner Institution, based on the mutual recognition and equivalence. The Institutions will host doctoral students for temporal studies and research, based on an initial and specific agreement signed by both parts. For all the above-mentioned mobilities, the Institutions will inform the students and the faculty members of the partner about the rules and regulations existing in the host university. This type of cooperation could involve:

- students' exchanges for a part of the academic year, for the duration of a specific project, practice, or diploma work;
- exchanges of graduates, and/or doctoral students for further-studies, partial or integral;
- placements for practice;
- technical visits.

Article 6. Validity

This agreement will produce effects after having been signed by the Rectors of both Institutions. This agreement is automatically valid for further 5 years, unless one of the parties gives formal notice of withdrawal during the last six months of the agreement validity. Punctual collaborations will be sustained by specific agreements, as annexes of this general one.

The agreement can be ended at any time, by mutual decision.

The agreement will lapse 3 months after either party announces its withdrawal from the agreement.

The present document was signed in 2 copies, one for each Institution.

Signed in, .........

Politehnica University of Timisoara, 
Rector,
Prof. dr. eng. Viorel-Aurel ŠERBAN

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