

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER
EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR**

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus,

And

The Government of the State of Qatar,

(hereinafter referred to individually as "the Participant" and collectively as "the Participants"),

Desiring to consolidate and expand friendship ties and to promote and enhance cooperation in the fields of higher education and scientific research between both States, and to achieve the goals and objectives of common interest, taking into account the laws and regulations applied in both States,

Have reached the following understanding:

**Paragraph 1
Basis of Cooperation**

The Participants will encourage cooperation between their States in all educational and scientific areas, within the framework of this Memorandum, based on the following:

1. Equality and respect for mutual interests.
2. Respect of the national legislation of both States.
3. Ensuring equal and effective protection of intellectual property rights and exchange of information and experiences.

Paragraph 2

Cooperation in the field of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology

The Participants will encourage exchange of information on distinctive academic programs in both States and the setting up of the rules of mutual academic recognition of degrees and certificates granted by their educational institutions. The Participants have also agreed to sign bilateral agreements, within the framework of this Memorandum, on the Mutual Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications, issued by Institutions of Higher Education of both Countries, for the enrolment and continuation of studies to Institutions of Higher Education of the two States.

Paragraph 3

The Participants will encourage the exchange of information, documents and resources about the culture, civilization, history and geography of the two States, in order to ensure the correct display of these aspects in the books, materials, university sources and other specialized educational and scientific publications.

Paragraph 4

The Participants, within the framework of their common interest to develop higher education, academic and applied research in each of the two States, will give priority to cooperation on topics in the following areas:

1. Quality and academic accreditation in higher education.
2. Advanced educational programs.
3. Use of modern technology in higher education.
4. Management of scientific research for postgraduate students.
5. Signing of bilateral framework cooperation agreements, within the framework of this Memorandum, on Joint proposals for research projects between institutions of higher education of the Participants.
6. All other related areas that may be agreed upon by mutual consent of the Participants.

Paragraph 5

Cooperation is to be carried out through the adoption of the most appropriate forms and means for each topic, particularly:

1. Exchange of visits of delegations of higher education officials, faculty members and researchers from higher education institutions in both States.
2. Exchange of information, expertise, research and studies in the areas of use of modern technology and development of educational aids in higher education.
3. Organization of seminars and lectures on higher education programs and advanced research topics.

4. Organization of conferences, training courses and workshops between the two States on topics of common concern.
5. Conduct joint research on topics of interest to both States.
6. Acceptance of post-graduate students in areas agreed upon by the Participants and that each Participant will provide all necessary facilities for the delegated students, taking into account the laws and regulations applied in both States.
7. The use of members of faculty staff from universities in both States in creating post-graduate programs, and joint supervision, according to the rules in force in both States.
8. Enable faculty members and researchers to spend sabbatical leave between the two States.

Paragraph 6

The Participants decide that funding of activities under this Memorandum will be subject to the availability of funds. Each Participant shall cover the costs of its participation unless other means of appropriate financing to fund certain activities were available, by written mutual agreement of the competent authorities in both States.

Paragraph 7

General Provisions

Mechanisms to be followed for each field of the proposed cooperation fields will be coordinated and decided upon according to the theme of cooperation and the needs of the cooperating bodies in both States through the approved communication channels.

Paragraph 8

Members of the delegations participating in seminars, courses, workshops, and all other matters related to the exchange of visits between the Participants, as well as the dates and duration of such events, will be determined by exchange of letters through approved communication channels, provided that the other Participant is notified at least four (4) months prior to the set date.

Paragraph 9

The sending Participant will bear the expenses of travel, back and forth to the host Participant, and the host Participant will bear the expenses of accommodation, local transportation of the delegation of the other Participant in accordance with the rules in force in both States.

Paragraph 10

Any dispute that may arise between the Participants concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably through mutual consultation between the Participants.

Paragraph 11



This Memorandum may be amended in writing by mutual consent of the Participants through diplomatic channels. The amendment will enter into force from the date of signature.

Paragraph 12

This Memorandum will come into effect from the date of signature by Participants and will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years and will automatically be renewed for successive 3-year period(s), unless either Participant notifies the other Participant, in writing, of its intention to terminate it, at least six (6) months prior to the date of termination or expiration, through diplomatic channels.

The termination or expiration of this Memorandum will not affect the existing or continuing programs and projects until completed, unless the Participants decide otherwise.

Signed in the city of Doha on .../.../143. Hijri, corresponding to 27/11/2023 AD, in two original copies in Greek, Arabic and English, with all texts having equal validity. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

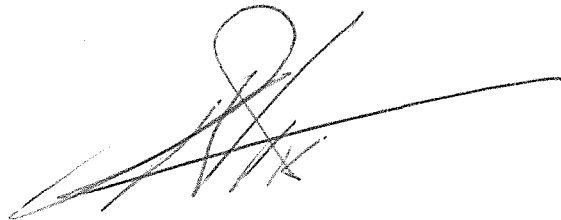
<p>For the Government of the Republic of Cyprus</p> <p>Deputy Minister to the President</p> <p>Ms Irene Piki</p> 	<p>For the Government of the State of Qatar</p> <p>Minister of Education and Higher Education</p> <p>Mrs Buthaina Bint Ali Al-Jabr Al-Nuaimi</p> 
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REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

FULL POWERS

I, Nikos CHRISTODOULIDES, President of the Republic of Cyprus, do hereby certify Her Excellency Ms. Irene Piki, Deputy Minister to the President, to sign for and on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the Field of Higher Education and Scientific Research between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the State of Qatar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed and sealed these presents at Nicosia, this 24th Day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty Three.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nikos Christodoulides', written over a horizontal line.

NIKOS CHRISTODOULIDES
President of the Republic of Cyprus