### Memorandum of Understanding

## on the role of Associated Parties and their integration as future Degree Awarding Parties

### into the

# JOINT MASTER STUDY PROGRAMME

# Digital society, social innovation and global citizenship

## (EURIDICE)

The present Memorandum of Understanding is concluded between the following universities, hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as "Party(ies)":

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**Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck**, PIC 999869114, whose registered office is at Innrain 52 / Christoph Probst Platz, A-6020 Innsbruck, Austria, lawfully represented by the Rector Univ.-Prof. Dr. Veronika Sexl,

**Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci**, PIC 999649506, whose registered office is at Křížkovského 8, 779 00, Olomouc, Czechia, lawfully represented by the Rector prof. MUDr. Martin Procházka, Ph.D.

Hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as "Degree Awarding Party(ies)" or "Party(ies)",

and

**Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika v Košiciach**, PIC 999885992, whose registered office is at Šrobárova 2, 04180, Kosice, Slovakia, represented by the Rector prof. MUDr. Daniel Pella, PhD.

**COFAC - Cooperativa de Formacao e Animacao Cultural CRL**, PIC 997605425, whose registered office is at Av do Campo Grande, 1749-024, Lisboa, Portugal, represented by the President Prof. Manuel de Almeida Damàsio,

**Université Paris-Est Créteil**, whose registered office is at 61 Av. du Général de Gaulle 61, 94000 Créteil, France, represented by the President Jean-Luc Dubois-Randé,

Hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as "Associated Party(ies)".

All Awarding Parties and Associated Parties to be hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as "contracting parties"

#### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS since January 2024 the Parties and Associated Parties have been fruitfully collaborating in the context of the EU project EURIDICE - European Inclusive education for Digital society, social Innovation and global Citizenship, project number 101123121,

WHEREAS the Parties and Associated Parties agree to cooperate for the design and realization of an EURIDICE Joint Master Study Programme in Digital Society, Social Innovation and Global Citizenship,

WHEREAS the ultimate objective of EURIDICE is to transform and enhance the overall quality of the Parties' and Associated Parties' educational and research offer for the benefit of society,

WHEREAS the EURIDICE Joint Master Study Programme constitutes an international, multidisciplinary and multilingual Joint Master Study Programme which will not only constitute a major contribution to the academic landscape in Europe but will also have an added value for the European labour market,

WHEREAS this added value is also evident in the academic and transversal learning outcomes of the EURIDICE Joint Master Study Programme, as students not only immerse themselves in European contexts, history, institutions, integration, law, policy and thinking, but will also be able to use their international experience as an asset on the national, European and international labour markets,

WHEREAS the degree awarding Parties have initiated the necessary processes for the accreditation and recognition of the EURIDICE Joint Master Study Programme in Digital Society, Social Innovation and Global Citizenship, the outcome of which conditions, the effective starting date and operation are detailed in a Cooperation Agreement - European Joint Master Study Programme Digital Society, Social Innovation and Global Citizenship concluded between the Degree Awarding Parties on 03. 10. 2024 (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperation Agreement"), which is attached as Annex 1 to this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum"),

WITH A VIEW TO the foregoing, the Parties and the Associated Parties agree to the terms of the Memorandum, whose objective is to organize the Associated Parties' active involvement in the Joint Master Study Programme.

#### Article 1: Nature of the Joint Master Study Programme (JMP)

The EURIDICE Joint Master Study Programme (hereinafter referred to as "JMP") is implemented by the Degree Awarding Parties. It is a joint two-years master's with a highly interdisciplinary and researchoriented programme consisting of 120 ECTS credits. The structure, organization, finance and study plan of the JMP are described in detail in the Cooperation Agreement. The Associated Parties contribute as laid out in Articles 2, 3 and 4.

#### Article 2: Associated Parties and their role in the Joint Master Study Programme (JMP)

In the context of the JMP, Associated Parties are Universities which do not award a degree, but contribute to the programme in three different ways:

- allowing their own academic staff to teach as guest lecturers in the teaching modules of the JMP Study Plan;
- offering <u>hybrid self-standing modules</u> as part of the JMP students' Individual Learning paths according to the study plan.
- offering internships/ and or International Service Learning activities according to the JMP study plan for the JMP students in one of their institutions.

#### **Article 3: Associated Parties commitments**

The Associated Parties fully recognize the JMP's aims, structure and regulations. The Associated Parties:

- agree to collaborate with the setting up and the full and effective operation of the JMP;
- are committed to making the JMP a success and to continue its operation on a long-term basis; as part of this mutual commitment, the Associated Parties shall provide the Coordinating Committee and Administrative Secretariat of the JMP with all necessary required data in due time if such is needed to comply with applicable regulations or accreditation procedures;
- commit to actively contribute to the continuous improvement of the JMP, by sharing and collectively discussing selected output from all quality assurance activities that take place within the JMP.

#### Article 4: Associated Parties contribution to the Joint Study Programme (JMP)

The contracting parties agree on the following procedures to regulate the contribution of the Associated Parties to the JMP educational offer:

- Each Associated Party shall notify the Coordinating Committee of its intention to deliver specific learning units for students Individual Learning paths, and/or a number of lectures in one of the compulsory and/or elective modules of the JMP study plan (hereinafter referred to as the "application" or "proposal"), by sending a registered mail to the Coordinating Committee at least 21 months before the academic year starts. The notification shall imply the acceptance of all rules, decisions and provisions that are applicable to the JMP at that moment.
- The Associated Party will name a contact person and the academic staff responsible for the learning

unit and lectures to be delivered.

- The Associated Party shall propose to conduct learning units and lectures that are relevant and consistent with the JMP Study Plan and its educational aims.
- The Associated Party will commit to delivering these learning units or lectures in onsite, online or hybrid modalities according to the methods and timing indicated by the Coordinating Committee.
- The Associated Party's academic staff responsible for the learning unit and lecture will commit to:
  - delivering the teaching activities every year, in the first or second semester, as indicated by the Coordinating Committee,
  - evaluating the students according to the evaluation criteria established in the JMP Cooperation Agreement and further specified by the Coordinating Committee,
  - communicating any relevant information concerning their learning units and lectures to the other Parties,
  - reporting to the Parties the progress of the students and the feedback obtained by the students.

Once, the Coordinating Committee has received the complete application, it shall discuss the proposal and approve it, if all the quality requirements for the JMP have been met, and the proposal proves to be relevant and consistent with the JMP's educational objectives and the academic staff quality standards.

#### Article 5 - Processing of personal data

The Parties undertake to process personal data in execution of this Memorandum in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR).

The Parties, in the context of the processing of personal data relating to the activities of their respective relevance, the subject of this Memorandum, assume the role of autonomous Data Controllers.

In particular, the processing activities carried out by each Party, in relation to the personal data of the interested parties of the other Party, will be aimed at the organization and development of the activities of their respective competence.

The Parties guarantee that personal data will be processed in compliance with the principles set out in art. 5 of the GDPR and that all the obligations required by the aforementioned legislation will be implemented and they undertake to implement adequate technical and organizational measures aimed at ensuring that the processing complies with the GDPR.

#### Article 6 - Accession of Associated Parties to the Cooperation Agreement

For the Associated Parties who express their wish to become Degree Awarding Universities under the terms of Art. 6 of the Cooperation Agreement the procedure is as follows:

- The Associated Parties shall notify the Coordinating Committee by registered mail of their intention to become a Degree Awarding Party. The notification shall imply the acceptance of all rules, decisions and provisions that are applicable to the Joint Master Study Programme (JMP) at that moment.
- The Administrative Secretariat shall verify if all the requirements to partake in the Cooperation Agreement as a Degree Awarding University have been met and shall formulate some advice to the Coordinating Committee.
- These Associated Parties must commit to complying with all the provisions set forth in the Cooperation Agreement.
- Their request must be submitted at least **21 months** before the academic year in which their status is intended to change in order to comply with relevant regulations.
- The Coordinating Committee shall verify if all the requirements to partake in the Cooperation Agreement as a Degree Awarding University have been met and shall formulate a decision.
- As the above will affect both the Cooperation Agreement and the accreditation of the Joint Study Programme, as well as the study plan, the timelines and approval procedures pursuant to the applicable regulations shall be complied with before the amendment to the role of the pertinent contracting party is implemented.
- The Cooperation Agreement on which the JMP is based must be amended accordingly.
- Each Degree Awarding University shall carry out the corresponding administrative procedures to ensure the validity of the qualification in its national jurisdiction, according to the applicable regulations. The Coordinating Committee shall be responsible for overseeing that the JMP and the awarding of the degree complies with applicable regulations for the degree qualification to have full effect.

#### Article 7: Duration of the Memorandum

The present Memorandum shall come into force on the day when it has been signed by each of the contracting parties. It shall be valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2028 and shall be applicable to 2 cohorts of students, the last one enrolling, in principle, in the academic year of 2026-2027. It shall be subject to renewal in writing, in form of an amendment signed by the entitled representatives of the contracting parties on one deed.

If a contracting party wishes to terminate its collaboration within the JMP, it shall notify thereof, by registered mail, the Coordinating Committee **at the latest 18 months** before the starting of the academic year in which it no longer wishes to take part in the JMP.

Upon reception of the notification by the Party concerned, the Coordinating Committee shall take a decision on the request.

In the event of termination of the collaboration, all the obligations towards enrolled students, e.g. in case of retakes, shall be respected by the contracting parties until all students have received all legal opportunities to finalize their studies.

#### Article 8: Good faith and use of each other's Trademark and logo

All contracting parties shall cooperate to attain the objectives of the JMP and ensure the smooth and sustainable operation thereof in good faith.

Each contracting party grants, for the duration of the Cooperation Agreement, a limited, non- exclusive, royalty-free license to use its logo and name (hereinafter referred to as "Trademarks") to the other contracting parties with a view to the implementation and promotion of the JMP and its mobility paths.

Each contracting party agrees that each time it reproduces and/or republishes the other contracting parties' trademarks it shall do so in a form identical to that provided by each Party, without alteration.

Each contracting party agrees to use the other's Trademarks in a careful and prudent manner.

The contracting parties acknowledge that they acquire no right, title or interest in the other's Trademarks whatsoever other than to use the Trademarks in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Cooperation Agreement.

The use of the contracting parties' Trademarks may not be assigned, transferred, shared or divided in any manner by a contracting party without prior written consent of the relevant contracting party in each instance.

#### Article 9: Amendments to the Memorandum

Amendments to the present Memorandum shall be made only by a supplementaryagreement signed on behalf of each of the contracting parties on one deed by authorized representatives, without prejudice to specific procedures outlined in the present Memorandum.

Annex 1 – Cooperation Agreement forms an integral part of the Memorandum.

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