

T4EU Vertical Mobility Agreement

Between

University 1 (hereinafter **acronym**), with registered office in (full address, country), represented by its Rector/President **XXX** acting in the name and on behalf of the faculty **XX** (hereinafter “**faculty acronym**”)

and

University 2 (hereinafter **acronym**), with registered office in (full address, country), represented by its Rector/President **XXX** acting in the name and on behalf of the faculty **XX** (hereinafter “**faculty acronym**”)

(hereinafter referred to as: the signatories)

partners of the T4EU alliance, following the 2018 EU Council Recommendation and the 2020 EHEA Rome Ministerial Communiqué on automatic mutual recognition, taking into account that all T4EU partners belong to the EHEA, and after a detailed analysis of the curricula,

CONCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

Article 1 – Purposes of the Agreement

- 1.1 The signatories agree that the purpose of this Agreement is to establish mutual cooperation for Vertical Mobility which fosters internationalisation with clearly defined objectives and outcomes that count towards or supplement academic qualifications.
- 1.2 They agree that graduates of the first-level degree programme achieving (number of ECTS) in name of the programme of partner university 1 are granted **access** to the second-level degree programme named name of the programme of partner university 2 for the duration of (duration). The term “**access**” covers the qualification prospective students shall hold to ask for admission to the Master’s degree programme, whereas “**admission**” covers the requirements to be met by qualification holders in order to be admitted to the Master’s degree programme.
- 1.3 The signatories will recognize the study achievements at the partner organization as well as international experience gained by students during the Vertical Mobility, if the learning outcomes defined by the curriculum are achieved. The gained ECTS credit points will be recognized on the terms which were set during designing the Vertical Mobility and information given to students

before their mobility.

Article 2 – Admission requirements

2.1 Bachelor's degree holders are eligible for admission to the aforementioned Master's degree programme if they obtained their qualification no earlier than the academic year preceding the entry into force of this agreement and throughout the entire duration of the agreement. The partner universities agree to assist each other in verifying the authenticity of their qualifications according to their internal regulations. In University 1, the body responsible for assessing the authenticity of qualifications will be [.....]. In University 2, the body responsible for assessing the authenticity of qualifications will be [.....].

2.2 Graduates of the aforementioned first-degree level programme are granted admission to the aforementioned second-degree level programme upon meeting one or more of the following requirements :

- Competence assessment tests;
- Minimum final grade;
- Minimum average grade of exams;
- Language certificate minimum level;
- Other

[the parties to the agreement shall detail the requirements, if any, including entry competence assessment tests. To streamline the procedure, indicators may be introduced to replace entry assessment test; examples of indicators are: minimum final grade, minimum average grade of exams, language certificate, etc.]

Article 3 – Programme structure

3.1 The curricula of both programmes are attached annexed and form an integral part of this agreement.

3.2 All teaching and assessment related to the Vertical Mobility is delivered in [LANGUAGE].

Article 4 – Compliance with current regulations

In order to realize the set objectives and tasks, the signatories agree that the cooperation will be carried out in accordance with regulations valid in the countries of the signatories and in accordance with regulations and criteria adopted by the signatories of this Agreement.

Article 5 – Partner universities' duties

The signatories will also agree :

- Upon the selection criteria for the participation of students in the Vertical Mobility
- That the host University will inform selected students about deadlines, application and recognition procedures, and practical issues (accommodation, financing, culture awareness etc.);
- That the host university will prepare and offer an introductory time for incoming students to get acquainted with the host university, faculty, study programme and surroundings;
- That the home university will collect feedback from exchange students about their Vertical Mobility experience, study quality, organisation of the Vertical Mobility, etc. for the Vertical Mobility quality assurance and advertising/motivating students.

Article 6 – Financial organization

The financial conditions for enrolment in the Master's program will be determined by the higher education institution offering the Master's program, in accordance with its organizational policies and national regulations. Any differentiated conditions should be explicitly agreed upon by the parties to this agreement and detailed in an annex to this agreement.

Article 7 – Coordinators of the Programme

The process of the Vertical Mobility design and implementation will be coordinated by:

- at University 1 : name and function, e-mail, telephone ;

- at University 2 : name and function, e-mail, telephone.

Article 8 - Students Database and Data Protection

- 8.1 All data about Programme Students are handled by Home Universities.
- 8.2 Both Partner Universities are required to share all data related to their Programme and Programme Students.
- 8.3 The partner universities agree that any personal data collected or generated pursuant to this Agreement will be processed fairly and lawfully by the Parties in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679. Each University will ensure that it has in place and observes appropriate technical and contractual measures to ensure the security of the personal data and to guard against unauthorized or unlawful access to or processing of the personal data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, the personal data.

Article 9 – Renewal, Termination and Amendment of the Agreement

- 9.1 This Agreement is concluded for an unspecified period of time / years, and becomes binding on the date when signed by the authorized persons of both signatories.
- 9.2 Each signatory is entitled to a unilateral breach of the Agreement at any time if the Agreement does not facilitate the realization of the objectives for which it has been concluded and on condition that the withdrawing signatory has bound itself to conclude the ongoing projects and has covered its financial obligations as ensuing from this Agreement.

9.3 The partner universities will review the current agreement in the event of changes to the curricula, and in any case, after four years from the entry into force of the agreement.

The parties will jointly assess whether the changes are compatible with the continuation of this agreement. If the changes substantively affect the Bachelor's qualification that grants access to the Master's programme, the parties will be required to sign a new vertical mobility agreement reflecting these changes. If the parties fail to reflect the changes in a new agreement, this agreement will be terminated.

9.4 The partner universities will promptly inform each other in the event that one of the programmes is discontinued. In such a scenario, the current agreement will be terminated. The termination of this agreement does not affect the continuation and the completion of studies for the students who are already enrolled.

9.5 The partner universities may terminate this Agreement at any moment by mutual consent.

Article 10 – Copies of the Agreement

This Agreement is signed in two (2) identical copies in English language, of which each signatory receives one (1) copy.

Date: _____

Signature (University 1)

Signature (University 2)
