



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION, SPORT, YOUTH, RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA AND
THE MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND
INNOVATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO
IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

The Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation of The Government of the Republic of Malta and The Ministry for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo hereinafter referred to as the "Participants" and separately as 'the Participant';

Considering the mutual benefit of cooperation between the two countries in the field of Education.

Acknowledging the importance of education in national development, and the value of international cooperation and policy dialogue in this area,

Desiring to strengthen the links already existing between the Maltese and Kosovan communities in both countries,

Believing that the expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation and exchanges will facilitate the achievement of these aims,

Therefore, the Participants have reached the following understanding:

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Paragraph 1

Scope

The objective of the present Memorandum of Understanding is to enhance cooperation between the relevant institutions of both Participants in the field of Education on the basis of equality and mutual benefit and in accordance with the national legislations of the Participants and international agreements to which they are both party to.

Paragraph 2

Areas of Cooperation

The Participants will promote and strengthen the existing cooperation in the following areas:

1. Exchanges of academics and experts/teaching staff with the plan to offer the opportunity of learning from each other's experiences (especially in the VET sector).
2. Exchanges in the field of tourism and hospitality education, as areas of mutual interest.
3. Exchange of experiences for the implementation of the dual system, specifically in the tourism sector.
4. Collaboration between institutions focused on the tuition of the English Language, specifically for students in tourism sector.
5. Collaboration in the field of higher education, in tourism and hospitality management education.
6. Collaboration in the promotion of School Sports and Education in general.

Paragraph 3

Promotion of Shared Values

In order to further deepen cooperation, the Participants will ensure mutual respect for each other's history, geography, language, culture and traditions, with a view to further strengthening the already existing friendly relations between the two countries in order to enhance the common values shared by the two countries.



Paragraph 4

Joint Working Group

1. The Participants may establish a "Joint Working Group" in order to facilitate the implementation, supervision and assessment of this Memorandum of Understanding, through regular submission of reports to the relevant institutions.
2. The Joint Working Group would be co-chaired by the respective Ministries authorized senior officials. The Working Group will meet biennially or upon request by one of the Parties, in Malta or in Kosovo.
3. If the Participants are unable to convene a physical meeting, information and documents will be exchanged via diplomatic channels or through the convening of a virtual meeting.

Paragraph 5

Competent Authorities

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding will be:

1. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Malta: The Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation of the Republic of Malta.
2. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo: The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Republic of Kosovo.

Paragraph 6

Technical and Financial Matters

The implementation of the activities decided upon in this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of financial means and staff of the Participants.

Within the scope of the activities emanating from this Memorandum of Understanding, the Sending Participants will bear the round-trip travel expenses of their own delegates as well as the food and accommodation costs and domestic travel expenses of the participants emanating from the activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Paragraph 7

Protection of Individual Intellectual Property Rights

1. The title to, and intellectual property rights in, or in relation to, any document or material supplied by one Participant to the other Participant under this Memorandum will remain with the Participant supplying the document or material. Such title and rights will be respected and



protected by the Participant receiving the document or material in accordance with their national legislations and international treaties to which they are signatory.

2. Without prejudice to any separate arrangement under Paragraph 1 or unless otherwise decided in writing by the Participants, each Participant will retain full ownership of all intellectual property rights owned or developed by the Participant itself.

3. For the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, intellectual property is understood to have the meaning given in Article 2 of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, signed in Stockholm on 14 July 1967.

4. The Participants decide that the provisions of this Paragraph will remain in effect, notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Memorandum.

Paragraph 8

Confidentiality

1. Each Participant will maintain the confidentiality of documents, information and other data received for the implementation of this Memorandum and will use such documents, information and other data only for the purpose and objectives of this Memorandum.

2. The Participants accept that the provisions of this Paragraph will remain in effect, notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Memorandum.

Paragraph 9

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute that might arise from the interpretation and/or execution of this-Memorandum of Understanding, will be settled amicably through diplomatic channels by means of consultations or negotiations between the Participants.

Paragraph 10

Legal Status

The Participants intend to use their best efforts in good faith to work together to achieve the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Participants acknowledge that this Memorandum of Understanding is non-binding. Each Participant accepts that this Memorandum of Understanding does not create rights or commitments for the Participants under international law.



Paragraph 11

Final Provisions

1. This Memorandum of Understanding, will come into effect on the date of its signature.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.
3. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the initiated or ongoing activities and projects carried out in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding.
4. Each Participant may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time by giving to the other Participant a written notification to that effect through diplomatic channels. In this case, this Memorandum of Understanding will be terminated six (6) months after the date of the receipt of the notification.

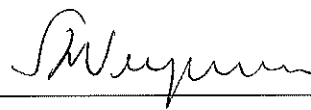


Signed in Floriana, Malta on 21st June 2024 in two original identical copies in English both being equally valid.



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