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# Cooperation Agreement

## Between ENGINE Project Consortium Partners

September, 2023



This **Cooperation Agreement** is entered by and between the ENGINE Project Consortium Partners as listed herein below:

1. Polytechnic University of Tirana (UPT)
2. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven)
3. Technical University of Sofie (TUS)
4. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)
5. Kadir Has University (KHAS)
6. European University of Tirana (UET)
7. "Aleksander Moisiu" University of Durrës (UAMD)
8. Professional College of Tirana (KPT)
9. Albenecon
10. Quality Assurance Agency in Higher Education (ASCAL)
11. Creative Thinking Development (CRE.THI.DEV)

(the **Partners**)

**WHEREAS:**

- I. ENGINE – "Engineering curricula modernization in renewable energy in Albanian Universities", Ref. No. 619338-EPP-1-2020-1-AL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP is a project co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union and led by Polytechnic University bringing together 11 partners (as above listed).
- II. The project aim is the modernization and internationalization of VET and Bachelor curricula in Engineering for Renewable Energies in the targeted universities in Albania through innovation of curricula in line with the new development in the area and the labor market demand and the opportunities for virtual mobility through e-learning provided by ICT.
- III. In frame of the project, it is prepared and adopted accordingly the **Financial and Institutional Sustainability Strategic Plan**.

In accordance with the sustainability strategic plan devised by project consortium partners, and a mutual good will and desire to further promote cooperation between one another, the Partners enter this Cooperation Agreement to ensure educational and scientific cooperation beyond the lifespan of the project.

During the project lifetime partners have had the opportunity to develop their capacities in relevant competence areas, acting as a guarantee that the project activities will have a multi-dimensional and sustainable impact in each partner's country.



At the core of the sustainability plans, stands the shared openness and commitment by all partners to further enhance the collaboration, to maximize the impact of project results over time by optimizing their value, strengthening their impact, and transferring them to context of HEIs, to continue co-working also on the online platform, to share best practices, virtually success stories, teaching material, e-learning courses and any material deemed relevant in the frame of the cooperation.

Vis-a-vis one another, they will encourage direct contact and cooperation between their organisations, (i.e faculty staff and members, departments, institutes and /or any other research centers /units relevant to the capacities of the project), and will act as potential coordinators of contacts with other institutions as appropriate.

In line with the strategy of future cooperation, institutions express their cooperation goals, incorporating learnings and capacities built throughout the project into institutional structures.

Combinations of collaborations between various partners maintain a clear commitment to maximize the impact of project results, while also encouraging similar future collaborations.

Within the fields specified, Partners agree to the following general forms of cooperation:

- Exchange of invitations to scholars for lectures, talks, and sharing of experience.
- Exchange of invitations to scholars to participate in conferences, colloquia, symposia.
- Exchange of research and innovation practices
- Exchange of faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students for purposes of study and research.
- Joint research and innovation initiatives and projects.
- Networking with a special focus of networking of partner HEIs with business representatives from industry and energy sector for a better collaboration and exchange of experiences and knowledge in the triangle academia – industry – policy makers.
- Commitment to a strong collaboration with the business and other external stakeholders

Themes of joint activities and the conditions for utilizing the results achieved and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges and other forms of cooperation will be negotiated for each specific case.



### **Decision-Making and Coordination**

Decisions related to specific collaborations and projects shall be made jointly by the Parties. Coordination and communication among the Parties will be facilitated by designated contact persons from each organization.

### **Confidentiality**

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### **Amendments**

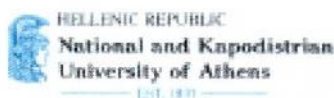
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### **Entire Agreement**

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### **Signatures**

Name and Signatures of Each Partner to follow



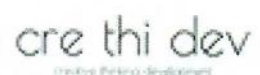
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**Polytechnic University of Tirana (UPT)**

**PROF.DR. ANDREA MALIQARI**

**RECTOR**

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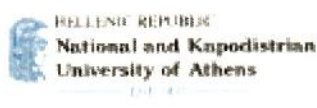
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**NAME SURNAME** Prof. Ivan Kravalov

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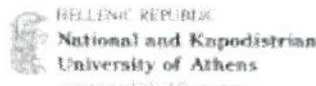
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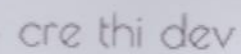
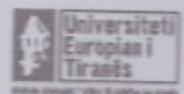
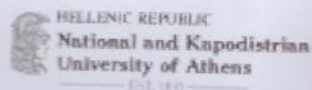
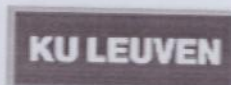
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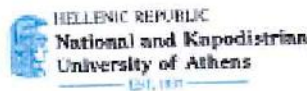
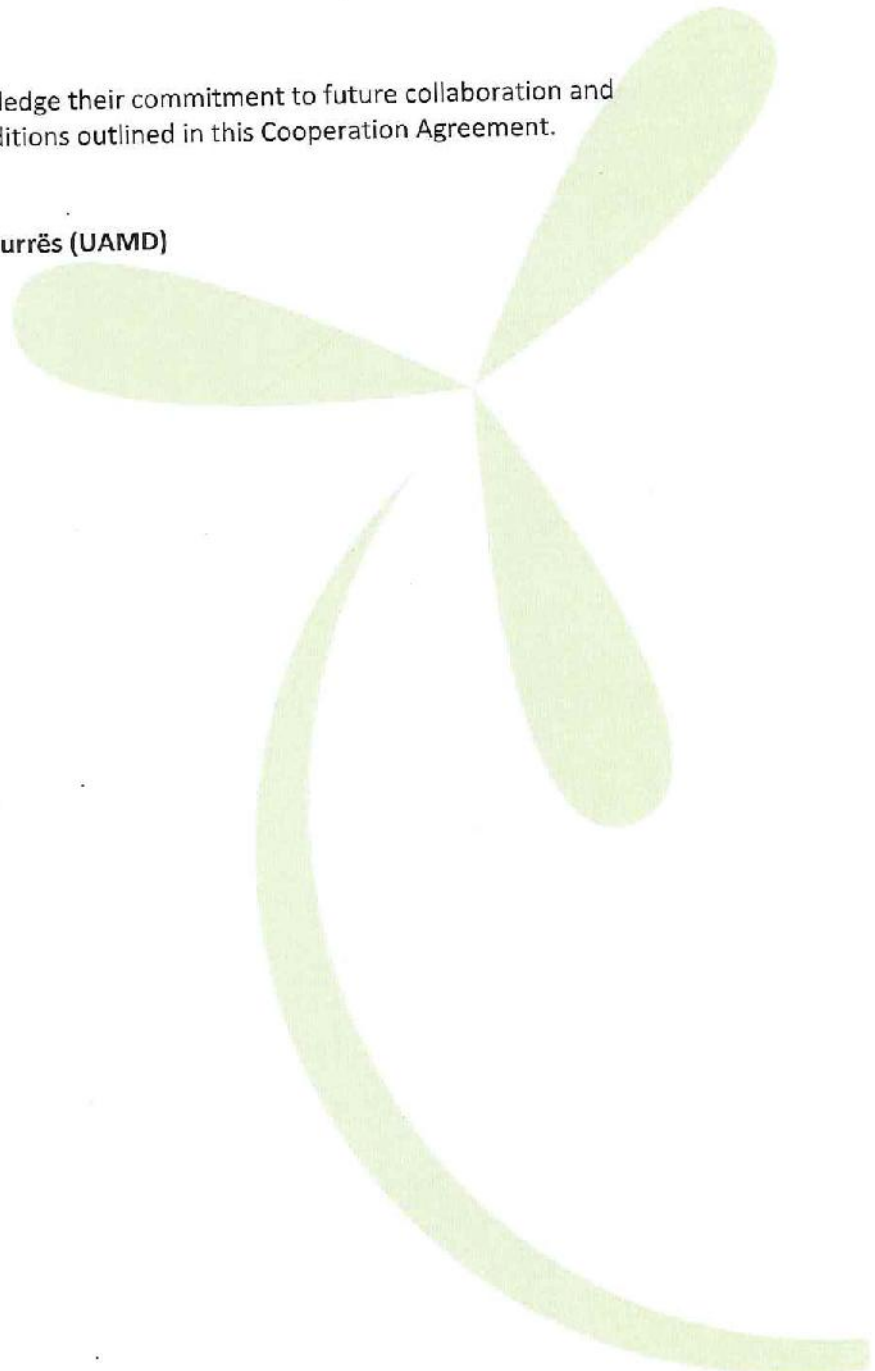
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**NAME SURNAME** PROF. DR. LUAM KARÇANAJ

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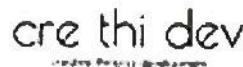
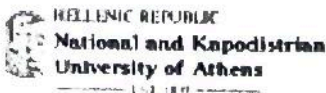
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