

GJAKOVË



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNIVERSITY "FEHMI AGANI" IN GJAKOVA AND

BURSA ULUDAĞ UNIVERSITY, TÜRKİYE

Article 1

Legal Basis

a) This protocol is based on the principles and provisions of the national and institutional legislation of the parties. In Turkiye, the relevant legislations, including subparagraph (c) of article 4 of the Higher Education Law No. 2547 shall apply. In Republic of Kosovo this is according to the Law on Higher Education No.04/L-037.

Article 2

Objective

- Promote academic, scientific, and entrepreneurship cooperation, through the exchange of knowledge, experinece joint participation in academic projects, and the organization of international conferences, workshops, seminars;
- c) Encourage professional continuous development;
- d) Arrange and enhance the mobility of fifteen vocational schools' students in Bursa Uludağ University;
- e) Enhance student, academic, and administrative staff mobility, by facilitating internships, study visits, training programs, and staff exchanges that contribute to capacity building and the development of global business competencies;
- f) Intiating Professional Studies that aligns with industry demands and emerging labor market trends, offering practical, career-oriented education and hands-on experience to students and young professionals;
- g) Create sustainable links between higher education and the business ecosystem in the Balkan region and beyond, by fostering collaboration on research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and workforce development initiatives;

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- Encourage the involvement of private sector actors in education and training, enabling real-world insight and mentorship for students while promoting innovation-driven economic development in the region;
- Contribute to building interdisciplinary collaboration, and cross-border cooperation in alignment with European and international frameworks.

Article 3

Areas of Cooperation

The cooperation between the University "Fehmi Agani" of Gjakova (UFAGJ) and Bursa Uludağ University may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- Joint development of vocational curricula tailored to labor market needs, including the design and delivery of modular training programs, industry-specific learning pathways, and dual education models that combine classroom instruction with hands-on industry experience;
- Internship placements for UFAGJ and BUU students, enabling students to gain practical experience, develop soft and technical skills, and establish professional connections within the regional and international labor markets;
- Short-term training and certification programs in technical, industrial, digital, and professional fields, targeting students, recent graduates, and professionals seeking upskilling or reskilling opportunities;
- Collaborative projects on entrepreneurship and innovation, including the joint organization of startup bootcamps, business idea competitions, mentorship schemes, and incubation support for student-led initiatives with commercial and social impact potential;
- Language and cultural exchange initiatives, aimed at fostering mutual understanding and respect between cultures through exchange visits, joint events, summer schools, and academic symposia focused on regional history, business culture, and societal values;
- Capacity building for academic and administrative staff, through participation in professional development programs, study visits to enterprises, and peer-learning formats focused on university-business collaboration, vocational education governance, and digital transformation in education;
- Promotion of applied research collaborations, especially in areas such as smart technologies, sustainable development, business innovation, and industrial modernization, through joint research proposals, co-authored publications, and participation in international consortia;
- Engagement in European and regional funding programs, such as Erasmus+, IPA Cross-Border Cooperation, Horizon Europe, or regional development funds, to support and scale joint initiatives;

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Article 4

Implementation

- Both parties agree to adhere to the principles of mutual respect, transparency, academic freedom, and confidentiality, and to ensure that all activities are conducted in compliance with the relevant laws, regulations, and institutional policies of their respective countries.
- Capacity for adaptation and responsiveness shall be maintained by both parties.

Article 5

Duration and Termination

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing by the Rector of Bursa Uludağ University Prof. Dr. Ferudun YILMAZ and the Rector of the University "Fehmi Agani" in Gjakova Prof. Ass. Dr. Drilon Bunjaku, and shall last for 5 years. It may be automatically renewed except in cases where one of the parties informs about its invalidity, no later than six months before the expiry date. This agreement is printed in two copies in the English language. Both copies have equal legal force.

Article 6

Non-binding Agreement

This MoU is a statement of intent and does not create any legally binding obligations under international or national law. All collaborative activities will be carried out subject to the availability of resources and by applicable regulations and institutional policies.

Signed in Bursa Uludağ University, Bursa, Türkiye on: 20.06.2025

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