



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

ROMANIAN-GERMAN UNIVERSITY SIBIU (UNIVERSITATEA ROMÂNO-GERMANĂ DIN SIBIU)

Romania

and

WILHELM LÖHE UNIVERSITY FOR APPLIED SCIENCE (WILHELM LÖHE HOCHSCHULE FÜR ANGEWANDTE WISSENSCHAFTEN FÜRTH)

Germany

It is the desire of the parties named herein that a Cooperation Agreement be formalised based on the headings set out below:

1. Parties to the Understanding

- 1.1 Romanian-German University, 2400 Sibiu/Hermannstadt, Romania, represented by the Rector, hereinafter referred to as "Ro-Ger"
- 1.2. Wilhelm Löhe University for Applied Science, Merkurstraße 41, 90763 Fürth, Germany, represented by the President, hereinafter referred to as "WLH".

2. Statement of Purpose

- 2.1 Ro-Ger and WLH recognise common interests in common, especially in the fields of management in health and social care, and that there will be mutual benefits from collaboration and co-operation. Especially, the both parties are aware that the European Idea is based upon ethical and cultural values rooted in Christian tradition.
- 2.2 The partners wish to formalise and standardise the ongoing relationship between both parties in order to provide consistency. Moreover, it is aimed to establish an organised form of cooperation and administration of different programmes for academic cooperation and collaboration.

3. Objectives

3.1 The Subject Areas

The subject areas for potential collaboration and co-operation have been identified as, but not limited to, the following activities:

- Exchange of students between Ro-Ger and WLH. Study abroad students will obtain credits for courses in accordance with the regulations of Ro-Ger and WLH. The detailed elements of the exchange programme will be described in a study-abroad-agreement.
- Exchange of existing academic staff between Ro-Ger and WLH. The academic staff shall offer teaching programmes in English or in German.
- Ro-Ger and WLH want to create a common strategy for establishing mutual recognition of moduls in master programmes that enable students from Ro-Ger as well as WLH to choose academic courses in management, health care management or public health at both universities.
- The Ro-Ger and the WLH want to strengthen the annual summer school, which shall be held at Ro-Ger and WLH in alternating series.
- 3.2 Each mutually identified and agreed activity, shall be covered by a milestone plan depicted in 4.1. The terms and conditions under which a specific programme and activity shall be undertaken under the terms of this Agreement, and any necessary financial arrangements to facilitate these, will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular programme or activity.

4. Implementation strategy of this Cooperation Agreement

- 4.1 The parties of this Agreement aim at a sustainable and workable road-map for the cooperation. Hence, a milestone plan is necessary to outline the sequent steps of the cooperation.
 - May 2014: Cooperation Agreement
 - September 2014: The partner will define and clarify the elements and the forwarding strategy for the next summer schools
 - May 2015: The Partners will define and clarify the elements for the mutual recognition of master moduls
 - Winter Term 2015: Implementation of at least one common strategy.
- 4.2 The parties agree to provide each other with all the information needed for the realisation of the implementation strategy. Each side nominates an academic contact person who is responsible for mutual information and coordination.

5. Disclaimer

- 5.1 Nothing will diminish the full autonomy of either party, nor will any constraints or financial obligations be imposed by either party upon the other in carrying out this Agreement.
- 5.2 The parties agree that this Cooperation Agreement will only act as a basic cooperation strategy. Every point of common interest requires a detailed cooperation between both parties, especially regarding to responsibilities and financial resources.
- **6. NOTWITHSTANDING** the signatories herein, the final acceptance of this Memorandum is subject to ratification by the Governing Bodies of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Memorandum of Understanding was executed on the date written below.

Signed for and on behalf of **Ro-Ger**

Rektor Prof. Univ. Dr. h. c. Gheorghe BICHICEAN

Date: 09. Mai 2014

Signed for and on behalf of **WLH**

President Prof. Dr. h. c. Peter OBERENDER

Date: 09. Mai 2014

Signed for and on behalf of **DIAKONIE NEUENDETTELSAU**

CEO, Rektor Prof. Dr. h. c. Hermann SCHOENAUER

Date: 09. Mai 2014