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- 11) **Research Innovation and Development Lab Private Company - ReadLab P.C.**, ReadLab-P11, represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by **Ms Vassiliki CHATZIPETROU**, the legal representative.



The main outcome of the Erasmus + Project No. 598963-EPP-1-2018-1-AL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP entitled: **Sustainable Food Production Systems (STEPS)** is the delivery of the Study Program Master of Sciences entitled “**Sustainable Food Production Systems**”, with two profiles: 1. *Engineering and Food Safety* 2. *Management of Food Production Systems*, which are opened in three different Western Balkans Countries: Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia & Herzegovina. Specifications and needs of each country market demand, rural area and food sector priorities, policies and legal framework on national and regional level, sustainable resources, environmental impact etc., are taken in consideration and reflected in the Curricula of this study program.

In order to strengthen the capacity of training and education possibilities in line with STEPS Program, when the financial aid from Erasmus + European Commission is terminated, it is in everyone's best interest for scientific and sustainability reasons, to exchange academic staff and students.

All the STEPS project partners have committed to the following Agreement in light of their shared willing to maintain the master's sustainability as well as to continue their collaboration in the fields of education, science, and technology.

Since there is a common interest in the overcoming social barriers in education of instrumental analysis in food safety and quality control and also in management of food chain, exchange of scientific and practical knowledge and experience, strengthening the capacity of training and education possibilities, the Contracting Parties have established the agreement, as follows.

Article 1.

Nine (9) Higher Education Institution, a private company and a Governmental Cantonal body from Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Rumania and Greece have an interest and agreed in their long-term mutual cooperation through establishing the sustainability of the project "STEPS: “Master in Sustainability Food Production Systems” after its completion. The educational institutions signatory to this Agreement were active participants on mutual educational cooperation, scientific research and other forms of cooperation in the areas of registered activities.



Article 2.

The Agreement generally defines elements of educational, scientific and technical cooperation between the contracting parties. In the case that some of the forms of cooperation are not covered by this Agreement, a special written agreement on regulation of the subject of cooperation will be signed.

Article 3.

Within the possibilities provided in Article 2 of this Agreement, educational institutions, and signatories to the Agreement, will separately define mutual rights and obligations in each specific joint project using Contract annexes in written form signed by legal representatives of contracting parties.

Article 4.

The contracting Parties shall implement the agreed cooperation under this Agreement in the following manner:

- Joint educational and research activity will be accomplished through bilateral and multilateral projects that may also involve participation of other entities that are not signatories to this agreement, but which are not subject to the rights and obligations arising from this Agreement. Each contracting party shall be obliged to commit the other entities that are not signatories to this Agreement to any obligations under this Agreement in writing.

Article 5.

This Agreement does not imply any financial involvement of any party. All parties agree that the financial arrangements necessary for the implementation of this Agreement must be directly negotiated for each specific activity in written and will depend on the availability of funds. Each signatory to the Agreement will provide its own sources of funding for the completion of concrete forms of cooperation, or the source of funding will be provided as an outcome of joint scientific and research projects.

Article 6.



The contracting parties agree to resolve all mutual misunderstandings with mutual respect, mutual contact and agreement.

Article 7.

This Agreement shall enter into force when signed by representatives of the contracting parties, in accordance with the rules that oblige them.

Article 8.

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period.

Article 9.

Amendments to this Agreement may be made by special annexes, in the manner and procedure as the Agreement has been concluded.

Article 10.

Any contracting party may withdraw from this Agreement if such circumstances arise which lead the contracting party to an unequal position or which substantially violate the interests of the contracting party without her fault, subject to giving at least six months notice in writing to each of the signatories of the Agreement.

Article 11.

All notices and correspondence of the contracting parties will be sent to official addresses, e-mail, telephone and fax.

Article 12.

This agreement is made in identical copies and each contracting party holds copies.



For the Agricultural University of Tirana

The legal representative

Prof. Dr. Fatbardh Sallaku

Signature and stamp

Done in Tirana, Albania





For the European University of Tirana

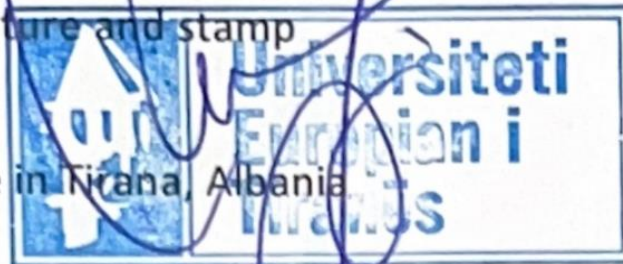
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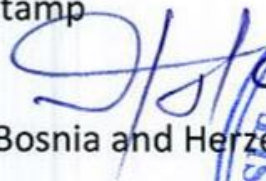
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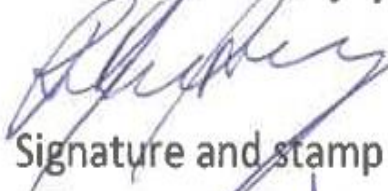
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Done in Athens, Greece

Date 27/12/2022





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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Chatzipetrou'.

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