STARS EU

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

among

the Member Universities of the
STARS EU Alliance

and

Petro Mohyla Black Sea
National University

Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by and among the member universities of the STARS EU Alliance, listed in Annex 1 to this Memorandum and hereinafter jointly referred to as the "STARS EU Member Universities", and Petro Mohyla Black Sea National University, Mykolayiv, Ukraine ("PMBSNU"). The STARS EU Member Universities and PMBSNU are hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties".

The Parties,

- recognising the value of strengthening cooperation between higher education institutions within the European higher education landscape;
- acknowledging the cooperation already established between PMBSNU and the STARS EU Alliance;
- noting the compatibility of PMBSNU's academic profile and institutional orientation with the mission, priorities, and activities of the STARS EU Alliance;
- wishing to further develop their cooperation in education, research, innovation, knowledge exchange, and institutional development;

have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a general framework for cooperation between the Parties and to support the participation of PMBSNU in the activities of the STARS EU Alliance as a Strategic Associated Partner.
2. This Memorandum expresses the shared intention of the Parties to deepen academic, institutional, and strategic cooperation in areas of mutual interest and to provide a basis for the development of future joint activities.

Article 2

Strategic Associated Partner Status

1. PMBSNU shall cooperate with the STARS EU Alliance in the capacity of a Strategic Associated Partner.
2. For the purposes of this Memorandum, a Strategic Associated Partner means an associated partner institution recognised by the STARS EU Member Universities, within the framework of the STARS EU Alliance, as having particular strategic relevance for the long-term development of the Alliance's academic, institutional, and international cooperation.

3. The status of Strategic Associated Partner reflects a closer and more structured form of cooperation within the framework of the STARS EU Alliance and may include regular participation in relevant alliance activities, consultations, and joint initiatives, as agreed by the Parties.
4. This designation is an internal status used within the framework of the STARS EU Alliance and does not alter any formal status defined by applicable Erasmus+ or European Universities Initiative rules.

Article 3

Areas of Cooperation

The Parties intend to cooperate, subject to their priorities, capacities, and applicable rules, through activities such as:

- academic and institutional networking within the STARS EU Alliance;
- participation in relevant alliance activities, including thematic interest groups, working groups, meetings, workshops, conferences, and other collaborative formats;
- development of joint educational activities, including joint courses, intensive programmes, blended and virtual learning formats, guest lectures, and other collaborative teaching and learning initiatives;
- preparation and implementation of joint research, innovation, and knowledge-sharing activities;
- development of joint projects and project proposals under European and other international funding programmes;
- promotion of student, academic staff, and professional staff exchange and mobility, where applicable;
- exchange of knowledge, experience, and good practice in areas of mutual interest;
- other forms of cooperation that may be jointly agreed by the Parties.

Article 4

Forms of Cooperation

1. Cooperation under this Memorandum may be implemented through jointly agreed activities, exchanges, meetings, project initiatives, and other appropriate forms of collaboration.
2. Specific activities may be further described in separate arrangements, action plans, or implementation documents agreed by the Parties.
3. The Parties shall pursue cooperation in a spirit of partnership, mutual respect, reciprocity, and institutional autonomy.

4. In addition to cooperation under this Memorandum, PMBSNU and any of the STARS EU Member Universities may conclude separate bilateral cooperation arrangements or agreements in areas of mutual interest, in accordance with their respective internal rules and procedures.

Article 5

Implementation

1. Each Party shall designate an appropriate contact person or coordination point for the implementation of this Memorandum.
2. The Parties may review the development of cooperation on a regular basis and identify priorities for future joint activities.
3. Participation in specific activities under this Memorandum shall be subject to mutual agreement and to the applicable internal rules and procedures of each Party.

Article 6

Financial Provisions

1. This Memorandum does not create any financial obligations for any Party.
2. Any specific activity involving financial commitments shall be subject to separate written arrangements and to the availability of funding.

Article 7

Legal Nature

1. This Memorandum expresses the intentions of the Parties to cooperate and does not constitute a legally binding international agreement.
2. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be interpreted as creating legal or financial obligations beyond those expressly agreed in separate written arrangements.

Article 8

Duration and Termination

1. This Memorandum shall take effect on the date of the last signature by the Parties.

2. It shall remain in effect for a period of five years and may be renewed by mutual written consent of the Parties.
3. Any Party may terminate its participation in this Memorandum by giving three months' written notice to the other Parties.
4. Termination by one Party shall not automatically terminate this Memorandum with respect to the remaining Parties, unless otherwise jointly decided.
5. Termination of this Memorandum or of the participation of any Party shall not affect ongoing activities already agreed by the relevant Parties, unless otherwise jointly decided.

Article 9

Final Provisions

1. This Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.
2. This Memorandum is drawn up in English and may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Memorandum.
3. Each Party may sign a separate signature page. All such signature pages shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Memorandum.

Annex 1

STARS EU Member Universities

1. Hanze University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)
2. Hochschule Bremen - City University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
3. Bragança Polytechnic University (Portugal)
4. University of La Laguna (Spain)
5. University West (Sweden)
6. Silesian University in Opava (Czechia)
7. PK Krakow University of Technology (Poland)
8. Marie and Louis Pasteur University (France)
9. Aleksandër Moisiu University of Durrës (Albania)

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For Hanze University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)

Drs Dick J. Pouwels

Chairman of the Executive Board

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20/10/2026

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For Hochschule Bremen -
City University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Konrad Josef Wolf

Rector

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27.10.2026

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For Bragança Polytechnic University (Portugal)

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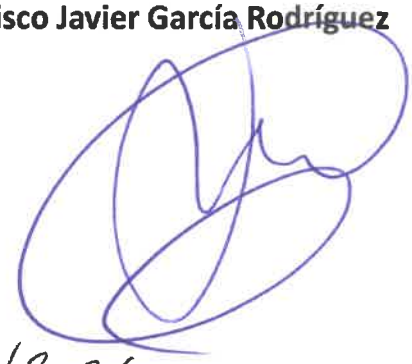
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For Marie and Louis Pasteur University (France)

Prof. Hugues Daussy

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For Petro Mohyla Black Sea National University (Ukraine)

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