

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Keele University Greece

and

Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University

1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes a framework for academic cooperation between **Keele University Greece** and **Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University** with the aim of promoting mutual understanding, educational collaboration, and internationalisation.

The Parties express their intention to cooperate in areas of common academic interest and to explore opportunities for collaboration in teaching, learning, research, and institutional development, in accordance with their respective regulations and applicable national and European legal frameworks.

2. Areas of Cooperation

The Parties may develop cooperation in the following areas, subject to mutual agreement and available resources:

- exchange of academic and administrative staff;
- exchange of students, including study and training opportunities where applicable;
- development of joint academic initiatives and curriculum enhancement;
- sharing of good practices in higher education management, quality assurance, inclusion, digitalisation, and sustainability;
- cooperation in seminars, conferences, workshops, and other academic activities;
- exploration of participation in European and international education programmes, including Erasmus+ where applicable.

3. Implementation

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended as a statement of mutual interest and cooperation. Any specific activity, exchange, or project arising from this Memorandum shall be subject to separate written arrangements, in which the Parties will define the scope, responsibilities, financial conditions, duration, and implementation details.

4. Principles



The Parties agree that cooperation under this Memorandum shall be guided by the principles of academic quality, transparency, non-discrimination, equal opportunities, and mutual benefit. Where relevant, cooperation activities will also reflect the principles of the European Higher Education Area and the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

5. Financial Provisions

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create financial obligations for either Party. Any financial commitments related to future joint activities shall be agreed separately in writing.

6. Duration and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of the last signature and shall remain valid for a period of **five years**, unless terminated earlier by either Party through written notice.

Termination of this Memorandum shall not affect ongoing activities already agreed in writing, unless otherwise mutually decided by the Parties.

7. Non-Binding Nature

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects the good-faith intentions of the Parties to cooperate and does not create legally binding obligations under national or international law.

8. Signatories

For **Keele University Greece**

Name: Theodor Grassos

Title: Director of the International Department

Signature:

Date:

For **Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University**

Name: **Teona Khupenia**

Title: **Rector**

Signature:

Date: **24.03.2026**

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