



ERMA
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MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION (MoC)

BETWEEN

ERMA ALUMNI NETWORK - EAN

**of the EUROPEAN REGIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN DEMOCRACY AND
HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE (ERMA)**

University of Sarajevo & University of Bologna
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(Hereinafter referred as EAN)

Represented by Mr. Marjan Icoski, EAN's Alumni Relations Manager

AND

MIREES ALUMNI INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION - MAiA
**of the MASTER IN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND STUDIES
ON EASTERN EUROPE (MIREES)**

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(Hereinafter referred as MAiA)

Represented by Mr. Adriano Remiddi, MAiA's President

PREAMBLE

Bearing in mind the long-lasting dedication and work of the two master programs ERMA and MIREES in advancing the higher education sector in the crucial fields of human rights, democratization, regional studies, eastern European studies, international relations, and EU integration eastwards;

Emphasizing the interdisciplinary study approach of the political, legal, cultural, historical and other processes in Central, Eastern and the South European regions;

Recognizing and Respecting the tradition of establishment and coordination of manifold successful pioneer academic activities by the Institute for Central-Eastern and Balkan Europe (IECOB), the School of Political Sciences of the University of Bologna, Forli Campus and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (CIS) at the University of Sarajevo;

Nurturing the practice of already established exchange of academic and administrative staff and students, as well as knowledge, experience and networks between the masters, especially in the framework of the Europe and the Balkans International Network (EBIN) and the Global Campus of Human Rights (GC) network;

Relying on the knowledge, experience and skills of their alumni to enhance the quality and development of the MA programs and nurture of democratic values;

Acknowledging the remarkable potential of properly organized networks of area professionals spread all over the world and employed in a wide range of diverse sectors;

Believing in the capacity for a more structured and organized cooperation between EAN and MAiA and in the common interest to increase the outreach of their human capital, interconnecting this remarkable pool of regional professionals and experts globally;

Ensuring better efficiency and effectiveness of the work of the alumni associations for a better implementation of their vision and mission towards the creation of educated, aware and proactive citizens;

Strengthening the visibility of the graduates and the MA programs, and contributing to the advancement of the professional experience, employability and self-employability by offering quality information, opportunities and cooperation,

EAN and MAiA

(hereinafter the *Parties*) on 24/02/2019, agreed on the following:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) is to provide a framework of cooperation and determine specific working arrangements between the Parties as well as to establish a communication channel, with a view to effectively cooperate in matters of common interest, in particular the field of activities identified in this MoC and their respective working portfolios, based on the principles of mutual understanding, respect, reciprocity, complementarily and solidarity.

II. SCOPE

Cooperation between the Parties encompasses in particular, but is not limited to, the following areas, in accordance with their priorities and internal rules of the associations and their universities:

1. Networking – creating stronger connections between the alumni of both associations, and with external organizations, academic institutions and donors
2. Promotion, dissemination and visibility – of the work, activities and successes, as well as the educational offer of the MA programs
3. Professional and career opportunities - to boost the employability, self-employability and expertise of the graduates by offering quality and up to date information on jobs, internships, fellowships, trainings and other posts
4. Promote and support the exchange of students, alumni and academic staff – in the framework of the MA programs and other relevant projects
5. Exchange of information, know-how, good practices and experience – to maximize the effectiveness of the associations` work and improve the quality of the MA programs
6. Organization and participation in joint activities and events, such as conferences, seminars, round tables, graduation ceremonies etc.
7. Joint research projects – in fields of common interests and expertise

8. Joint cultural projects – to mark the international and intercultural aspect of the associations such as visits, exchanges, online projects etc.
9. Joint awards projects – to mark and promote the success of the alumni
10. Exchange of publications, literature, databases and other academic material – to improve the quality of the educational offer, visibility and quality of information
11. Other forms of cooperation of mutual interest upon agreement

III. LEGAL NATURE

This MoC is a statement of intent and does not create any enforceable rights or obligations. The Parties will fulfil their tasks under this MoC willingly on best-effort basis respecting the rights and responsibilities of the Parties.

This MoC does not modify or supersede any national or EU laws nor does it affect any provisions from the respective universities or other multilateral or bilateral agreements in force and applicable to the Parties

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

This MoC will be implemented by mutual agreement, regular consultation, communication and coordination between the Parties.

Further aspects of the cooperation between the Parties as the detailed working methods and procedures may be developed and agreed in the framework of the present MoC, including specification of the respective roles and responsibilities of involved members of staff and alumni.

V. CONFIDENTIALITY

Exchange of information between the Parties for the purpose of this MoC shall only take place in accordance with the provisions of this MoC and in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations governing the processing and release of information.

Each Party will ensure that information received on the basis of this MoC will be treated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing the processing and release of information.

Sharing of information shall safeguard the legitimate rights of third parties, including their intellectual property rights.

When exchange of data that is not publicly available takes place, confidentiality requirements shall apply as foreseen in the Parties' founding legal acts or other relevant legislation and the Parties respect each other's confidentiality policy.

Unauthorised use and processing of data provided by a third party for the benefit of another party shall not be allowed.

VI. APPLICABILITY, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

This MoC will be applicable as of the date of last signature by either Party.

This MoC may be amended at any time with mutual consent of both Parties.

This MoC may be terminated by either Party by providing a two-months written notice to the other Party.

The parties shall sign two (2) originals of this MoC. Each party shall retain one original.

On behalf of EAN



Mr. Marjan Icoski
Alumni Relations Manager

Place: Skopje
Date: 24/02/2019

On behalf of MAiA



Mr. Adriano Remiddi
President

Place: Sarajevo
Date: 24/02/2019