

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION Instituto Politecnico de Beja
and
Vilenum University of Applied Sciences Dronten/Almere**

In recognition of common interests shared and as an expression of the desire to expand and strengthen the relationships between the two parties, *Instituto Politecnico de Beja* and *Vilenum* UAS hereby enter into the following agreement.

Article 1

The objectives of the Agreement are to promote and to coordinate the cooperation of both Partners in the field of Land-based Production and Sustainable use of Natural Resources, esp. Water Management and its impact on rural and urban environments in higher education and research. A further focus in the co-operation will be municipality and region-oriented services from the institutions to entrepreneurs both national and international.

Article 2

Both Institutions express a shared interest in the following activities:

- exchange of publication and research materials,
- carrying out of joint research projects,
- short and long-term visits of research and teaching staff for consultations and lecturing including sabbatical leaves,
- exchange of students for study programs,
- exchange of students for vocational training,
- curricular development,
- a dual degree programme, to be developed jointly, in a subject area yet to be convened by the institutions
- exchange of professors for teaching activities,
- organisation of joint seminars, workshops and specialised courses,
- cultural exchange programmes.

Article 3

Priority areas of collaboration between the Partners are:

- Joint execution of parts of the international course on *Aquatic Ecosystem Analysis* offered by Vilentum
- Workshops and seminars for international entrepreneurs operating in the Alentejo region
- Erasmus exchange
- Study pathways combining a one-year Bachelor followed by a master programme in relevant subject areas
- International development projects in Portuguese speaking countries

Article 4

The implementation of this Agreement is a base for the cooperation of the contracting parties and depends on the availability of funds for joint activities. Particular common activities will be agreed by numbered amendments in written form. The contracting Parties will do their utmost to find the financial support necessary to make the present Agreement coming into effect. All commitments, obligations and expenditures related to any project approved under this Agreement shall be administrated in accordance with each Partner's practices and policies and the specific terms and conditions of funding agencies.

Article 5

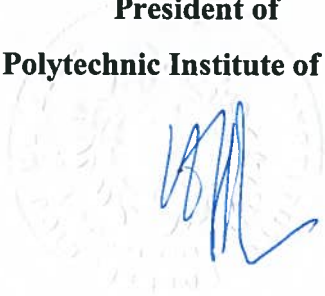
This agreement shall remain into effect for a period of five years from the date of signing by both Partners and be subject to extension. Each Partner may terminate the Agreement by giving six month's notice. Any joint project activity undertaken between both Partners may be terminated by mutual agreement between the both Partners with three months' notice by either Institution.

Article 6

This Agreement is written in English in two copies, one copy for each side. It will enter into force after approval by responsible authorities of each Partner.

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