

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

AND

THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND RESEARCH
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

CONCERNING

COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

The Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus and the Federal Minister for Science and Research of the Republic of Austria, hereinafter referred to as "Sides"

- recognizing the need to expand and intensify cooperation
- desiring to further enhance the close and friendly relations between their two countries
- considering their common interest to promote and encourage their cooperation in the fields of higher education and research
- convinced that these measures will also enhance the economic and social development of both countries

hereby announce their intention to engage in future cooperation as follows:

Article 1

Both Sides encourage direct cooperation in the areas of higher education and research between their universities, universities of applied sciences and other research institutions in both countries, making optimal use of existing multilateral, bilateral and unilateral funding schemes.

This cooperation may, inter alia, include:

- I. Joint research activities
- II. Exchange of information, academic materials and academic publications and information
- III. Exchange of faculty members of research, lectures and discussions
- IV. Exchange of graduate and undergraduate students for study and research
- V. Co-organisation of, and participation in lectures, seminars and conferences

Article 2

Both Sides encourage Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences to organize joint programmes, especially on the Master- and PhD-level, within the frame of direct institutional agreements.

Article 3

Both Sides welcome applications of students, scholars and researchers of the partner country for scholarships and research grants.

Article 4

Both Sides encourage their Universities, Universities of Applied Sciences and research organisations to cooperate within the EU-programmes in the field of higher education and research, especially the EU Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration, the Lifelong Learning Programme and Erasmus Mundus.

Article 5

Both Sides encourage cooperation and linkages between their funding, as well as their higher education and research promotion agencies in order to provide concrete frameworks for cooperation for their higher education and research institutions.

Article 6

In order to strengthen the development of bilateral cooperation in higher education and research in areas of mutual interest and to ensure close coordination of joint activities, a Joint Committee consisting of three representatives nominated by each Side (including senior officials and experts from the higher education sector and funding and promotion agencies) will meet for a constituent meeting in 2010, and then every two years, alternately in the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Austria, to assess the progress achieved in bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation between the two countries and to agree upon priority areas for cooperation and upon additional measures and activities, where needed.

The task of the Joint Committee will also include the discussion of EU policy in higher education and research and potential joint action.

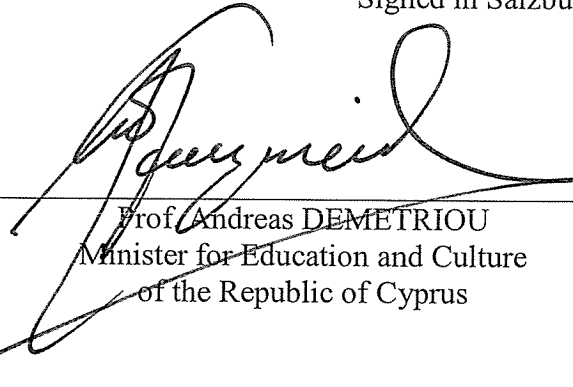
Article 7

This Memorandum may be modified or extended by mutual consent of both Sides and may be terminated by either Side giving six months' written notice to the other Side.

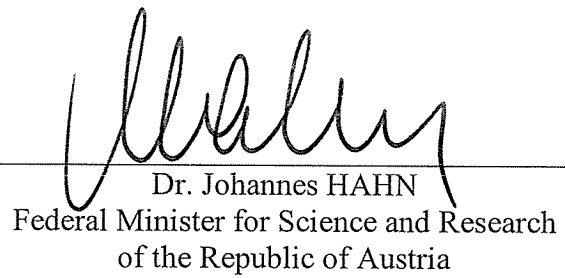
Article 8

The implementation of this agreement will commence upon its signing by both Sides, and it will be valid for five years, subject to revision or modification by mutual consent. The possibility and terms of renewal of the agreement will be discussed by the Joint Committee.

Signed in Salzburg, on August 30, 2009



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