



AGREEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN

Hochschule Geisenheim University, represented by the President Prof. Dr. Hans Reiner Schultz residing in Von-Lade-Str. 1, 65366 Geisenheim (Germany)

AND

the Agricultural University of Tirana (AUT), represented by the Rector, Prof. Dr. Fatbardh Sallaku, residing in Kodër-Kamëz, Tirana (Albania), referred to as parties:

- Given that cultural and scientific exchange is indispensable for academic institutions to develop their educational and research activities;
- given that, for the above-stated purpose, it is necessary to promote and encourage direct cultural agreements between institutions of higher education in different countries;
- having verified the mutual interest that the Geisenheim University (Germany) and the Agricultural University of Tirana (Albania) share in establishing an appropriate form of exchange program in the field of education and research;
- in agreement with the laws of the two countries.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF AGREEMENT ARE STIPULATED ART. 1

The form of cooperation, based on strictly-observed criteria of equality and mutual interests, includes the following activities:

- 1) Exchange of teachers and researchers
- 2) Exchange of faculty and staff
- 3) Exchange of graduate and/or undergraduate students



- 4) Joint research activities and publications
- 5) Joint co-supervision of doctoral theses
- 6) Joint curriculum development projects
- 7) Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- 8) Participation in knowledge transfer actions for relevant industry sectors
- 9) Short-term academic programmes (Workshops, internship and other modalities agreed by both parties)
- 10) Exchange of academic materials and other information

ART. 2

Student exchange for the purpose of attending courses, participating in professional training and specialization programs or other educational activities.

AUT students must demonstrate a strong command of German (at least a good B1 level) for programs taught in German, and fluency in English for those offered in English at Hochschule Geisenheim University.

Both parties in this agreement intend to encourage student mobility according to criteria of reciprocity. The host institution will make available to host students their didactical facilities and tutorial services. Upon the approval of the appropriate administrative bodies, exchange students will be given academic credits for the work done at the foreign institution.

Universities participating in this exchange agree that no registration or any other fee will be imposed, except those fees required by the law of the host country. (At Hochschule Geisenheim University, students are required to pay a semester fee, which includes contributions to the student union and student body, as well as the cost of a public transportation ticket.)

ART. 3

Respective Administrative bodies involved with this agreement will exchange all relevant information - by supplying catalogues and other materials in order to promote greater and mutual knowledge on their institutional structure and organization.



ART. 4

In conformity with laws and regulations of their respective countries, both parties in this agreement will provide to visitors from the partner institution all possible assistance and access to facilities to enable them to carry out the activities agreed upon.

ART. 5

Visitors sent by one University to the other must have both medical and accident insurance. This may be provided either by their home institution, according to its own regulations, or it may be directly set up by the interested person, through the stipulation of a policy with an insurance agency guaranteeing the coverage of the above-mentioned risks. The host university will be free from any responsibility to provide schemes of medical and accident insurance to its foreign guests. Neither Host nor Home University will be liable for damages its foreign visitors might cause to a third party while carrying out activities under the terms of this agreement; in this case the participant will hold responsibility.

ART. 6

Both parties commit themselves through respective participating units, to search funds to carry out the activities foreseen by this agreement. If institutional funds are not available for these purposes, students and staff participating in the exchange program have to fully cover their own expenses for travel, room and board, without any charge for the two Universities.


ART. 7

This agreement is drawn up in two copies (one for each party) in the English language. Should any disputes arise, the problem will be entrusted to a board of arbiters consisting of one member selected by each partner and one chosen by common consent. The present agreement will become effective from the date the agreement is signed and will be valid for one year; it will then be tacitly renewed from year to year, for 5 years from



the signing of the agreement, unless notice of termination of the agreement is given by one of the two parties, at least six months before expiration.


Hochschule Geisenheim University
President
Prof. Dr. Hans Reiner SCHULTZ
Date, 26 Aug. 2025
Prot N. _____


Agricultural University of Tirana
Rector
Prof. Dr. Fatbardh SALLAKU
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