

Memorandum of Understanding in field of Education
Between
Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia
And
Ministry of Education in United Arab Emirates

Preamble

Based on the joint desire of the Ministry of Education in United Arab Emirates and Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia (referred to as the Parties) to consolidate and strengthen cooperation relations in the field of Education. As a direct result of the joint consultations of officials of both parties on education in both countries, the two parties agreed to sign this memorandum of understanding according to the following items;

Article 1

In order to understand and act on the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Preamble is an integral part of this Memorandum.

Article 2
General aims

This memorandum aims at establishing cooperation relations between public and higher education institutions in the two countries by holding direct agreements between them, holding conferences, seminars, courses, scientific and educational exhibitions, lecturing on topics of mutual interest and participating in conferences, seminars, courses, exhibitions and lectures held in both countries.

Article 3
Areas of cooperation

The Parties shall encourage cooperation and exchange of visits, information, and technical expertise in the various scientific and educational fields, in particular in the following areas:

1. The regulations, laws, and structures governing public and higher education and its experiences in this field.
2. Public and private sector co-operation in the field of education.
3. Evaluation in the field of general and higher education.
4. Developing the regulations and standards in place in both countries to ensure quality in the institutions of public and higher education and academic programs
5. Procedures for granting licenses to public and higher education institutions accredited in both countries.
6. The mechanism of accreditation of academic programs in public and higher education institutions in both countries. The Academic Recognition Information Centre (Estonian ENIC/NARIC) co-operation and information sharing about respective systems of education.
7. Establishment and collaboration of mutual MOE consortium to design the capability model and architecture of lifelong learning digital ecosystem.
8. Facilitating collaboration between UAE and Estonian EdTech companies to enhance capabilities and create business opportunities both locally and internationally.

Article 4
Finance

The costs of the cooperative activities within this Memorandum are financed on mutually agreed terms and subject to the availability of financial resources.

Article 5
Media

The parties shall coordinate with each other to deal with the media bodies regarding the media statements related to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 6
Confidentiality of information and documents

Neither party may use such information, data, documents or documents supplied to it by the other party except for the purposes and purposes of this Memorandum and after reference to the other party.

Article 7
Visits

The lists of members of delegations and participants in seminars, courses, conferences, exhibitions, lectures and other matters relating to the exchange of visits between the two parties, as well as the dates and duration of the visits, provided that the other party is notified at least three months in advance.

Provided that the sending country bears the travel expenses of its delegates to the host country back and forth, accommodation expenses and internal expenses. Accommodation, internal expenses and training fees for trainees.

Article 8
Implementation

The Parties shall establish a joint working group for the implementation of this Memorandum, to meet alternately in United Arab Emirates and Republic of Estonia (Country of second party) with prior agreement between the Parties. The meeting may be replaced, if necessary, through consultation through diplomatic channels.

Article 9
Correspondence

It is agreed between the parties that all correspondence and notices relating to this Memorandum must be written and delivered by hand or by registered mail to the address mentioned for each party or email and all communications must have been received by the other party within 48 hours from the time of dispatch.

Article 10
Dispute settlement

The Parties agreed to resolve any disputes arising between them during the period of application of this Memorandum in an amicable manner and through discussions and talks between them.

Article 11
Modification

This memorandum of understanding may be amended by agreement between the parties by means of an exchange of notes between the parties through diplomatic channels. The amendment shall take effect from the date on which the parties sign it.

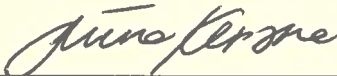
Article 12
Duration of the Memorandum

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature, shall remain in force for a period of (5) five years, and shall be renewed automatically for similar periods unless one of the parties informs the other through diplomatic channels of its desire to terminate it six months prior to the expiry date. To complete any projects that have been initiated.

Article 13

This memorandum is signed in Dubai on 13 December 2021 in three texts in Arabic, Estonian, and English all three texts being equal in authenticity, in case of divergence in interpretation the English text shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of Education and
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