

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES- SKOPJE,

AND

HUMAN AND SOCIAL STUDIES FOUNDATION – SOFIA

on

shared resources and exchange in the fields of international policy analysis, advocacy, activism and re-conceptualizing an open and democratic vision for Europe.

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to promote international cooperation between the Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities-Skopje (ISSHS), located in Skopje, North Macedonia and represented by Prof. Dr. Katerina Kolozova, Executive Director of ISSHS, and the Human and Social Studies Foundation-Sofia, located in Sofia, Bulgaria and represented by Prof. Dr. Dimitar Vatsov, President of Human and Social Studies Foundation-Sofia, recognizing the benefits to their respective organizations/institutions from the establishment of organizational/institutional links, hereby agree to enter into this MoU for the following purpose.

1. PURPOSE OF MoU

The purpose of this MoU is to establish minimum grounds for possible future cooperation in the fields of political and policy analysis, advocacy and activism in Europe beyond the borders of any given nation-state in order to create a new vision for a just and unified Europe, establish collaborative links between the two organizations/institutions. The formats of cooperation, the time and the scope remain open and subject to more specific agreement whereas this MoU is an expression of mutually shared good will to cooperate.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

Subject to the availability of funds, resources and approval of the authorized representatives both institutions agree to invest efforts to establish collaborative activities in the following areas:

- (a) Engage collaboratively in applied (policy) analysis as well as academic in depth research concerning European politics, inter-cultural relations and just socio-economic change.
- (b) Work together in direct political and policy advocacy

- (c) Through activism, promote and encourage free and politically responsible societies and democratic practice that allows for social and economic justice, as well as improving intercultural relations and working toward greater gender equality
- (d) Work towards creating a vision of Europe that is just and unified
- (e) Organization of international meetings, conferences, workshops and outreach events
- (f) Free and open exchange of information, ideas and results from various analyses, and publications
- (g) Search for opportunities to collaborate in the future

3. IMPLEMENTATION

All collaborations, events, or activities implemented under the general terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually agreed upon in writing, in the form of separate agreements and/or contracts, including the necessary budget for the program of activity as the need may arise.

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Both partner organizations/institutions will ensure that any results and publications originating from this collaboration will be available in both respective countries.

5. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF MoU

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective immediately after signature by the representatives of the two organizations/institutions and is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement.

6. AMENDMENTS

6.1. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by a written agreement signed by the representatives of the two involved parties.

6.2. This Memorandum does not regulate future collaborative projects which are subject to specific agreements and contracts.

6.3. In the event of any unforeseen incident during collaborative activities in both of the respective countries both parties agree to negotiate a mutually acceptable solution.

6.4. Should any disagreement arise out of the application, interpretation or implementation of this MoU, the two organizations/institutions shall endeavor to exercise best efforts to negotiate their differences.

7. TERMINATION OF THE VALIDITY OF THE MoU

This MoU may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by either of the two parties upon prior notice to the other in writing not later than 15 days before termination date, provided that such termination shall not affect the completion of any program or activity underway, subject to future agreement and contracts regulating the activity.

8. APPROVAL

In agreement with the above terms of participation, the authorized representatives of the Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities-Skopje, and the Human and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia, hereby affix signatures

For: ISSHS,


Professor Dr. Katerina Kolozova

Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

Name and signature of representative

Date

March 23, 2023

KATERINA KOLZOVA 

For: Human and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia

Professor Dr. Dimitar Vatsov

Sofia, Bulgaria

Name and signature of representative

Date

March 23, 2023

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