

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM ON  
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES  
AND RELATED INTERDISCIPLINARY APPLICATIONS  
(ICTNET)**

**Preamble**

Whereas multiannual cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies and related interdisciplinary applications is of extraordinary relevance for the cooperating institutions listed below in order to promote higher education in these fields and, consequently, contribute to economic and social development of the European area as well as of the neighbor cooperating areas;

Whereas specific goals of the cooperating institutions listed below are:

- to contribute to the development of information and communication technologies and related interdisciplinary applications by supporting cooperation among experts in academia and the industry, in the European Union and in the neighbor cooperating areas;
- to collaborate in research activities and promote knowledge dissemination in the above fields in order to ensure a sustainable and synergic cultural and economic growth;
- to promote technology transfer to the industry in the above fields in order to stimulate and support competitiveness especially for the SMEs in the globalized economic scenario;
- to support the growth and scientific training of researchers and professionals in the above fields for strengthening their competences and contributing to providing leverage for employment opportunities;
- to promote synergic cooperation with scientific and professional associations in the above fields;
- to increase awareness about the above fields among the public at large.

Whereas the cooperating institutions listed below aim to creating a cooperation network in order to support the above specific goals in the area of information and communication technologies and related interdisciplinary applications.

**It is agreed that**

the following institutions, collectively named “Members”, set up the “International Consortium on Information and Communication Technologies and Related Interdisciplinary Applications” (ICTNET), hereinafter “the Consortium”:

**ATHENS UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS**, having its registered office in 76 Patission Ave., Athens, GR-10434, Greece, legally represented by prof. Konstantinos Gatsios, Rector,

**AUREL VLAICU UNIVERSITY OF ARAD**, having its registered office in B-dul Revolutiei 77, 310130 Arad, Romania, legally represented by prof. dr. Ramona Lile, Rector,

**CZESTOCHOWA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**, having its registered office in Dabrowskiego 69, 2-201 Czestochowa, Poland, legally represented by prof. Maria Nowicka-Skowron, Rector,

**CZECH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE**, having its registered office in Zikova 4, CZ - 16636 Prague 6, Czech Republic, legally represented by prof. ing. Václav Havlík, CSc., Rector,

**DEBRECENI EGYETEM** (University of Debrecen), having its registered office in Egyetem tér 1., 4032 Debrecen, Hungary, legally represented by prof. Zoltán Szilvássy, Rector,

**ECOLE CENTRALE DE LILLE**, having its registered office in CS 20048 Cité Scientifique, Bd. Paul Langevin, 59651 Villeneuve d'Ascq Cedex, France, legally represented by prof. Etienne Craye, Director,

**KARLSRUHE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**, having its registered office in Moltekstraße 30, 67133 Karlsruhe, Germany, legally represented by prof. dr. Karl-Heinz Meisel, President,

**LAPPEENRANTA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**, having its registered office in Skinnarilankatu 34, 53850 Lappeenranta, Finland, legally represented by dr. Tanja Grönlund, Director of Research and Innovation Services,

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**ÓBUDA UNIVERSITY**, having its registered office in H-1034 Budapest, Bécsi út 96/B, Hungary, legally represented by prof. dr. Imre J. Rudas, Rector,

**OTTO VON GUERICKE UNIVERSITY MAGDEBURG (OTTO VON GUERICKE UNIVERSITÄT)**, having its registered office in Universitätplatz 2, 39106, Magdeburg, Germany legally represented by prof. dr.-ing. habil. Jens Strackeljan, Rector,

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**POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF LEIRIA**, having its registered office in rua General Norton de Matos, 2411-901 Leiria, Portugal, legally represented by prof. Nuno André de Oliveira Mangas Pereira, President,

**INSTITUTO POLITÉCNICO DE SETÚBAL**, having its registered office in Campus do IPS Estefanilha, 2910-761 Setúbal, Portugal, legally represented by prof. Armando José Pinheiro Marques Pires, President,

**SABANCI UNIVERSITY**, having its registered office in Sabanci Üniversitesi, Orta Mahalle, Üniversite Caddesi No:27 Tuzla, 34956 İstanbul, Turkey, legally represented by A. Nihat Berker, President,

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**TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF KOŠICE**, having its registered office in Letná 9, 042 00 Košice, Slovakia, legally represented by prof. Anton Čižmár, Rector,

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**UNIVERSIDAD DE GRANADA**, having its registered office in Avenida del Hospicio s/n, 18071 Granada, Spain, legally represented by prof. Francisco González Lodeiro, Rector,

**UNIVERSIDAD DE MALAGA**, having its registered office in Avd. Cervantes 2, 1 planta. 29071 Málaga, Spain, legally represented by prof. Adelaida de la Calle Martín, Rector,

**UNIVERSIDAD DE MURCIA**, having its registered office in Avda Teniente Flomesta 5, 30003 Murcia, Spain, legally represented by prof. José Antonio Cobacho Gómez, Rector,

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**UNIVERSIDAD REY JUAN CARLOS**, having its registered office in c/ Tulipán s/n. 28933 Móstoles, Madrid, Spain, legally represented by prof. Fernando Suarez Bilbao, Rector,

**UNIVERSIDADE DA CORUÑA**, having its registered office in Rúa Maestranza, 15001 A Coruña, Spain, legally represented by prof. Xosé Luis Armesto Barbeito, Rector,

**UNIVERSIDADE DE AVEIRO**, having its registered office in Campus Universitário de Santiago, 3810-193 Aveiro, Portugal, legally represented by prof. Eduardo Anselmo Ferreira da Silva, Vice-Rector,

**UNIVERSIDADE DO ALGARVE**, having its registered office in GRIM, Campus de Gambelas, 8005-139 Faro, Portugal, legally represented by prof. Tomasz Boski, Vice-Rector,

**UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO**, having its registered office in via Festa del Perdono 7, 20122 Milan, Italy, legally represented by prof. Gianluca Vago, Rector,

**UNIVERSITÀ DELLA SVIZZERA ITALIANA**, having its registered office in Via Lambertenghi 1, 6900 Lugano, Switzerland, legally represented by prof. Piero Martinoli, President,

**UNIVERSITATEA DE VEST DIN TIMISOARA**, having its registered office in Bd. V. Parvan 4, 300223 Timisoara, Romania, legally represented by prof. Marilen Gabriel Pirtea, Rector,

**UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA**, having its registered office in Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 585, 08007 Barcelona, Spain, legally represented by prof. Dídac Ramírez i Sarrió, Rector of the University of Barcelona, in accordance with his appointment by Decree 160/2012, of November 11, 2012 (DOGC n. 6272, of 12.12.2012), as representative of this institution and in virtue of the powers conferred on him by the Statute of the University of Barcelona approved by Decree 246/2003, October 8 (DOGC nº 3993, October 22),

**UNIVERSITAT JAUME I**, having its registered office in Av. de Vicent Sos Baynat, s/n, 12071 Castelló de la Plana, Spain, legally represented by prof. Vicent Climent Jordà, Rector,

**UNIVERSITÉ DE BOURGOGNE**, having its registered office in Maison de l'Université, BP 27877, 21078 Dijon Cedex, France, legally represented by prof. Alain Bonnin, President,

**UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SUD**, having its registered office in 15 rue Georges Clémenceau, 91405 Paris, France, legally represented by prof. Jacques Bittoun, President,

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**UNIVERSITEIT LEIDEN, LEIDEN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE**, having its registered office in Niels Bohrweg 1, 2333 CA Leiden, The Netherlands, legally represented by prof. dr. Joost Kok, Scientific Director,

**UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA**, having its registered office in Str. A.I. Cuza no. 13, Craiova, Romania, legally represented by prof. dr. Cristiana Teodorescu, Vice-Rector for International Relations and Academic Image,

**UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS**, having its registered office in Panepistimiou Avenue 1, Aglanjia, Nicosia, Cyprus, legally represented by prof..dr. Constnatninos Christofides, Rector,

**UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR**, having its registered office in Slomkov trg 15, 2000 Maribor, Slovenia, legally represented by prof. dr. Danijel Rebolj, Rector,

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**UNIVERSITY OF PIRAEUS**, having its registered office in 80 Karaoli & Dimitriou St, 18534, Piraeus, Greece, legally represented by prof. Nikolaos Georgopoulos, Rector,

**UNIVERSITY OF POITIERS**, having its registered office in 15 Rue de l'Hôtel Dieu, 86000 Poitiers, France, legally represented by prof. Yves Jean, President,

**UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING**, having its registered office in Unska 3, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, legally represented

by prof. dr. Nedjeljko Perić, Dean,

**VILNIUS UNIVERSITETAS (VILNIUS UNIVERSITY)**, having its registered office in Universiteto str. 3, LT-01513 Vilnius Lithuania, legally represented by prof. Juras Banys, Acting Rector,

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## **Objectives of the Consortium**

All Members of the Consortium share the objectives illustrated in the preamble. They intend to promote and strengthen the scientific and academic cooperation recognizing:  
the importance of structured cooperation between universities, research centers, industries, and scientific and professional associations;  
the value of a collaborative approach for research, education, and life-long training;  
the impact of cooperation between Members to improving education systems and offering life-long opportunities;  
the relevance of collaboration in technology transfer and professional growth.

### **1. Specific Objectives of the Consortium**

The Members of the Consortium aim at cooperating in the fields of interest to promote for example:

- development of technologies and related applications;
- activation of research activities;
- knowledge dissemination;
- training of researchers and professionals;
- teaching, innovation, and innovative teaching in university programs;
- dissemination of advanced technologies and applications in university programs;
- life-long educational programs;
- technology transfer to the industry, especially to SMEs;
- identification and dissemination of best practices in research, technology, and applications;
- synergies with scientific and professional associations;
- awareness among the public at large.

### **2. Activities**

The Consortium specific objectives in the fields of interest will be achieved for example through the following activities:

- creating opportunities for research development;
- supporting partnership in projects funded by national and international agencies;
- organizing workshops and conferences, also with industrial cooperation;
- creating focus groups aimed at innovating higher education;
- developing educational programs and modules;
- developing joint courses;
- organizing summer schools;
- organizing and cooperating in the organization of life-long training programs;
- exchanging teaching staff, experts, and students;
- training university teachers;
- stimulating capacity building;
- exchanging educational packages and information on new methods;
- contributing in defining validation processes for certification and accreditation;
- joint activities with scientific and professional associations;
- any other activity proposed by partners.