

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Azerbaijan, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

- Based on the friendly relations which exist between the two countries;
- Supporting the initiatives on cooperation in the field of education developed by both countries, as well as the projects implemented by the European Union in the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Being aware of the fact that cooperation in the field of education contributes to the expansion of relations between both countries,
- Desiring to deepen and broaden the cooperation in the field of education

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The Parties will cooperate in the field of education within their competencies in accordance with their national legislation.

Article 2

The Parties will encourage the exchange of experience on know-how transfer in education, and promote exchange of information on national legislation and positive experience on adult education and recognition of non-formal and informal education.

Article 3

The parties will encourage students and faculty mobility and establishment of joint programmes between their higher education institutions

Article 4

The Parties will jointly determine the priority areas of cooperation.

Article 5

The Parties will encourage the intensification of contacts between Bulgarian and Azerbaijani schools through school partnership programmes and participation in multilateral school networks.

Article 6

The Parties will encourage the development of direct cooperation and academic exchange between educational institutions of both countries.

Article 7

The Parties will facilitate the participation of their representatives in international conferences, meetings and competitions on educational matters organized by the other Party.

Article 8

The Parties emphasize the importance of exchange of information on respective legislations in the field of recognition of educational qualifications and cooperation of the authorities responsible for the respective field.

Article 9

The Parties will promote teaching of the language, literature, history and culture of their countries at their respective education institutions.

Article 10

Any disagreements arising in the course of the implementation and interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled through consultations between the Parties.

Article 11

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties resulting from other international agreements to which their states are parties.

Article 12

The present Memorandum of Understanding will not impede the cooperation projects which have already been launched or will be launched by the Parties or individual higher education institutions in both countries.

Article 13

The Parties may amend or supplement this Memorandum of Understanding upon mutual agreement by signing a separate Protocols being an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding and shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 14

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the date of receiving by the Parties of the last written notification through diplomatic channels, confirming the completion of the respective internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be valid for a period of five (5) years and will remain in force automatically thereafter for the next five (5) years period unless either Party notifies the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels at least six months in advance of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done at in..... on 20..... in two original copies, each in Bulgarian, Azerbaijani and English language, all texts being equally authentic. In case of discrepancies in the interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English text will prevail.

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