



## **AGREEMENT**

on cooperation and joint activities within the framework of the Network
University of Transport and Logistics of the APR countries at the International
Association of Transport Universities of the APR

### 1. Subject of the Agreement

- 1.1 The Network University of Transport and Logistics of the APR countries functions as a consortium on the basis of equality of all universities and organizations which are members of the IATU APR.
- 1.2 This Agreement determines the general conditions and major areas of cooperation among the Members of the Network University of Transport and Logistics of the APR countries (NU) and is the basis for the development and realization of joint programs, projects, events, and arrangements that meet the interests of the Members and the goals of the established NU.
- 1.3 Coordinating the work and conduct of general affairs of the NU is performed by the coordinator university, i.e. the university whose Rector is the President of the IATU APR for the time being.

## 2. Goals and Objectives of the NU

- 2.1 The establishment of the Network University at the IATU APR pursues the achievement of the following goals:
- the development of common educational and research spheres among the universities which are members of the IATU APR;
- the development of public mechanisms for the development of academic mobility of students and teachers which provide opportunities for real movement and instruction of participants of the educational process;
- the promotion of cross-cultural dialogue and the consolidation of the efforts of academic communities.
  - 2.2 The major objectives directed to the achievement of the goals set forth by the NU are:
- training highly qualified specialists at bachelors, masters, postgraduate and doctoral candidate levels in transport and logistics;
- the organization of "inclusive education" in the form of free academic mobility among the memberuniversities of the IATU APR;
- the search for and organization of new forms of inter-university cooperation.

### 3. Major Directions of the NU Activities

The joint activities of the Members do not pursue economic gain and are conducted in accordance with the following major directives:

- providing opportunities for direct interaction among teachers, researchers and specialists of the transport organizations aimed at the establishment of flexible adaptive intellectual educational environments in the sphere of transport and transport logistics;
- training, retraining and refresher training of specialists in the sphere of transport and logistics;
- forming an integrated information system and a data base for the resource support of educational and research processes:
- participating in the development and realization of academic mobility programs for students and post graduates within the frameworks of the NU aimed at training highly qualified specialists built on the advanced experience and technologies of the Members;
- collaborating with interested partners aimed at developing the system for training staff for transport and logistics;
- interacting with scientific-research consortiums and research organizations on the core directions of activities;
- forming proposals and searching for new forms of cooperation within the framework of the NU.

## 4. Contributions of the Members

The Members of the NU may contribute to the joint activities of the NU in the following ways:

- educational programs for training specialists;
- educational and teaching-aid materials; the results of intellectual activities applied to the educational process and educational technologies;
- library funds, information systems and networks;
- professional knowledge, skills and capabilities of the teaching staff and leading specialists of the memberorganizations of the NU which can be involved in the implementation of the programs, projects, events and arrangements within the framework of the joint activities of the Members;
- the business reputation, business ties and experience of the NU Members in the sphere of educational, scientific-research and innovation activities.

## 5. Organization of the NU Activities:

- 5.1 The development of the major directions for activities, the working plan of the NU, adopting decisions about the acceptance of new members is accomplished by the General Meeting of the IATU APR.
  - 5.2 The implementation of NU activities is performed in the following order:

- the member universities of the NU submit educational programs of training specialists to be included in the integrated data base of the NU. The programs submitted meet the requirements set forth in paragraph 6 of this Agreement and are provided to the coordinator university in electronic form;
- the coordinator university exercises the operation of the integrated data base of the NU on the web-site of the IATU APR, presents the programs provided by the member universities on the IATU APT web-site, accomplishes information distribution and maintains the records referring to the NU activities;
- an NU member university interested in the implementation of joint educational programs applies to the integrated data base for a required program;
- for further realization of a certain educational program, the interested university applies to the Member which submitted this program for consideration, endorsement and launching of a joint educational program;
- member universities communicate information about the newly-started joint educational program within the framework of the NU to the coordinator university.

# 6. Requirements for the Educational Programs Submitted to the Integrated Data Base of the

Educational programs proposed by the member-universities for joint realization must contain the following information:

- the name of the program;
- the name of the university that proposes the educational program;
- the general direction of the program;
- the qualification to be given;
- the terms of training on the program;
- the language of training;
- the specification of the disciplines and brief summaries;
- the academic hours for each discipline;
- the forms of control;
- the credits given;
- the requirements for the level of initial knowledge for mastering the program;
- contact information of the person/s responsible for the coordination of the program.

# 7. Membership/Participation in the NU

- 7.1 The Network University is open for joining by other universities and organizations which are not members of the IATU APR. Decisions about joining the NU are considered by the General Meeting of the IATU APR.
- 7.2 The NU Members enjoy equal rights to participate in the development and implementation of joint programs and projects of the NU.

- 7.3 If a Member of the NU withdraws from the NU, this Member undertakes to carry out its obligations on the collaboration programs in progress.
- 7.4 Each Member has the right to refuse participation in this Agreement after notifying the coordinator university in writing.
- 7.5 The General Meeting of the IATU APR can adopt a decision about the termination of the activities of the NU and the termination of this Agreement.
- 7.6 All the documents developed by a Member of the NU on joint programs and projects that are put at the disposal of third parties must have an identification denoting that the documents belong to the NU.

### 8. Duration of the Agreement

This Agreement comes into effect for all Members from the moment of signature and remains valid until the General Meeting of the IATU APR adopts a decision about the termination of the activities of the Network University.

#### 8. Final Provisions

- 9.1 This Agreement does not revoke or constrain any other agreements or contracts that are in effect between the Members and does not restrict their rights to participate in any other forms of cooperation.
- 9.2 This Agreement can be subject to revision and supplementation by the mutual consent of the Members by signing additional agreements that become an integral part of this Agreement.
- 9.3 All disputes and discords originating from this Agreement or connected with it shall be resolved through negotiations between the NU Members.
- 9.4 This Agreement is established at the 6th International Symposium of Railway Universities in Europe and Asia within the frameworks of the Meeting of the IATU APR in a single copy. The coordinator-university submits its authenticated copies to each participant of the Meeting.

10. Parties Legal Addresses and Signatures

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