MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY POLITENICA OF BUCHAREST
Represented by Mr. Mihnea Costoiu, Rector

AND

UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS
Represented by Professor Christos Bouras, Rector

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to promote international cooperation between the University POLITENICA of Bucharest and University of Patras. The University POLITENICA of Bucharest, represented by Mr. Mihnea Costoiu, Rector, and the University of Patras represented by Mr. Christos Bouras, recognizing the benefits to their respective universities from the establishment of institutional links, hereby agree to enter into this agreement for the following purpose.

1. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this agreement is to develop academic and educational cooperation, establish a collaborative program in Double degree agreement between the two universities and to cooperate in their mutual interest for a range of higher educational activities.

More precisely, the purpose of cooperation between these Partner Institutions is:

• to raise interest in teaching and research activities and promote them among both institutions involved;
• to enhance the comprehension of the economic, cultural and social issues by both institutions involved;
• to collaborate on joint research proposals funded by internal or external resources;
• to promote faculty member, student and staff exchanges where feasible.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

Subject to the availability of funds, resources and approval of the authorized representatives or heads of the University POLITENICA of Bucharest and the University of Patras, both institutions agree to develop the following collaborative activities:
• promote exchanges between the institutions by inviting faculty members and staff of the partner institution to participate in a variety of teaching and/or research activities;
• accept postgraduate, masters’ degree and doctoral students of the partner institution for study and/or research. It is understood that the acceptance of any students will be at the discretion of the host institution and will at all times, comply with the policies and regulations of the institution and national laws;
• organize symposia, conferences, short courses and meetings on research issues;
• implement joint research and lifelong learning educational programs;
• organize joint actions on bioengineering and advanced materials mechanics;
• exchange information, teaching materials, technological and scientific publications;
• establish a Double degree agreement for Master students.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

Each Partner Institution will appoint a coordinator to supervise and facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum and the development of future exchange programs. The coordinators, working with other administrators and representatives from the departments of the respective universities wishing to participate in cooperation, will have the following responsibilities:

• to promote academic collaboration on both faculty and graduate student level for research and education;
• to act as principal contact point for individual and group activities;
• to plan and coordinate all activities for which, cooperation with the partner institution is desired;
• to disseminate information about the ongoing activities and academic outcomes resulting from cooperative initiatives;
• to provide access to facilities, research publications, library materials and educational resources of the partner institution;
• if desirable, to evaluate regularly past activities and generate new ideas for future Cooperation;
• if necessary, to establish a working group consisting of representatives from faculties and departments to define the strategy for implementation of this Memorandum.

In addition,

3.1. All programs or activities implemented under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually agreed upon in writing, including the necessary budget for the program of activity as the need may arise.
3.2. Each of the partner institutions shall be fully responsible financially for the activities carried out in their universities or by their staff, except otherwise agreed by the parties.

3.3. Neither party shall levy tuition or other state fees on guest students. However, there may be other incidental fees required by the host institution.

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Both partner institutions will ensure that any results and publications originating from this collaboration will be available in both Romania and Greece.

Written consent should be granted by both Partner Institutions if any party were to attempt to use the title: “Cooperating Institution”, “Affiliated Institution” or the name of any school, college or division thereof. The same procedure applies to the use of any logo, seal or insignia as part of a program, promotional material, brochure or website.

In addition, faculty members related to the current or any subsequent agreement are bound by the current academic practices associated to research and joint projects. In any case, when such an affiliation status is used, the coordinator must be notified in writing.

Moreover, the researcher/faculty member must abide to the disciplinary and professional codes of ethics related to research. Furthermore, it is understood that neither institution is responsible for the content of any researcher’s work. Ideally, a copy of the completed work should be handed to the coordinator.

5. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective immediately after signature by the representatives of both University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest and University of Patras representatives for a period of 6 years and is subject to revision of modification by mutual agreement.

6. AMENDMENTS

6.1. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both universities.

6.2. In the event of any unforeseen incident during collaborative activities in either country, both universities agree to negotiate a mutually acceptable solution.

6.3. Should any disagreement arise out of the application, interpretation or implementation of this Agreement, the universities shall endeavor to exercise best efforts to negotiate their differences.

7. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This agreement may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by either party upon prior notice to the other in writing not later than three months before
termination date, provided that such termination shall not affect the completion of any program or activity underway at the time the notice of termination is given.

8. APPROVAL

In agreement with the above terms of participation, the authorized representatives of the University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest, and the University of Patras, hereby affix signatures.

For: University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

For: University of Patras, Patra, Greece

/ Rector

Rector

Mr. Mihnea Costoiu

Mr. Christos Bouras

Name and signature of representative

Name and signature of representative

Date

Date 18/04/2022