



**FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA (KINGDOM OF SPAIN) AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA)**

BY AND BETWEEN

The first party, Bibiana Crespo Martín, Vice-rector for Internationalization of the University of Barcelona, as representative of this institution, by means of the resolution adopted by the rector dated October 14, 2020, 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 n° 3993, October 22),

AND

The second party, Prof. Dr. Rifat Škrijelj, Rector of the University of Sarajevo, (address Obala Kulina bana 7/II, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) as representative of this institution, by means of the resolution adopted by the Senate of the University of Sarajevo, Decree 01-16-12/20, July 2020, valid until September 30, 2024.

Both parties, in the exercise of the functions assigned to them by law, mutually acknowledge the sufficient legal capacity to enter into this agreement.

WHEREAS

The duties of the UB, in its capacity as a public institution entrusted with the public provision of higher education through research, teaching and study, include collaboration with government bodies, institutions and other universities in the preparation and implementation of plans and initiatives for scientific innovation, cultural dissemination and social development.

The University of Sarajevo, as a systematic and complex institutions of social significance, whose mission is to educate quality and creative leaders of the future in an integrated teaching, scientific and research process, monitors, coordinates and strategically plans the teaching process at 22 faculties and three academies.

The parties wish to establish a common framework governing the creation of cooperation programmes in all areas of their activity.

In witness whereof, the parties agree to sign this cooperation agreement in accordance with the clauses established hereunder.

CLAUSES

First

This agreement establishes a general framework for cooperation between the UB and the University of Sarajevo with the purpose of intensifying scientific, educational and technical exchange in all areas of their activity.

Second

The actions to be carried out under this initial cooperation agreement will be established in specific annual plans drawn up by the parties. These plans shall be subject to approval by the relevant authorities, in accordance with the procedures established by each party, and will give rise to additional specific cooperation agreements.

When necessary, the specific agreements will be subject to the approval of the responsible authorities, in accordance with the procedures in place in each country.

Third

The cooperative framework outlined in this agreement shall encompass the following activities:

- Exchange of teaching staff, researchers and students for stipulated periods.
- Exchange of research materials, scientific and academic documentation and other publications.
- Organization of specific periods of training for students, teaching staff and/or researchers.
- Participation in talks, seminars, conferences, exhibitions and other activities organized by either of the parties.
- Joint organization of third-cycle activities.
- Creation of joint research groups.

The internal regulations of each of the parties shall apply for the development of these activities and, if necessary, should underwrite the appropriate specific agreements, especially with regard to student mobility.

Fourth

Each university will appoint one coordinator, who will be responsible for supervising the overall development of this cooperation agreement and of the institutional relations between the institutions and organizations to which it pertains. The coordinators appointed by each party will work together to prepare and implement subsequent specific cooperation agreements governing the activities included in the annual plans.

The coordinators will meet when necessary in the University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) or in the University of Barcelona (Spain) to evaluate the progress of the cooperative activities organized within the framework of this agreement and to draft a report on actions completed and actions underway. This will be submitted to the relevant academic authorities.

Fifth

In order to facilitate mutual mobility flows of teaching staff and students and to identify areas of mutual research interest, the parties agree to exchange regular information on

completed and current research and with regard to teaching staff and students interested in possible exchange initiatives.

Sixth

The signing of this agreement does not authorize any of the parties to use the logo or trade mark of the other party, unless express written authorization has been obtained from the governing bodies of each institution.

Seventh

This agreement does not entail a financial commitment from either party. The UB and the University of Sarajevo should make provision in their annual budgets for possible financial commitments deriving from the planning of activities approved in the annual plans.

Each party may also seek funding and apply for subsidies from other regional, national and international organizations involved in the areas covered by planned activities.

Eighth

The parties undertake to try to resolve amicably any dispute that may arise in the interpretation or fulfillment of this agreement before submitting to the jurisdiction of the competent court, either Bosnian/Herzegovinian or Spanish, depending on the origin of the conflict.

Ninth

This agreement shall come into effect on the date it is signed and shall have a duration of four (4) years. Both parties may extend the agreement before its expiry for additional periods, with a maximum length of four (4) years, upon presentation of a specific written request. The parties may also withdraw from the agreement upon presentation of written notification with a period of notice of six (6) months.

If either of the parties chooses to withdraw from the agreement, measures must be put in place to guarantee the completion of all activities that are underway.

Tenth

The signed agreement could be made available to citizens in the corresponding Transparency Portal pursuant to the provisions of Law 19/2014, of December 29, of Transparency, Access and Good Governance and other regulations affecting the implementation of this Law.

In witness whereof, the parties sign two copies of this agreement, in English, at the place and on the date recorded below.

Barcelona, November 23, 2020

Sarajevo, 23. 12. 2020

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On behalf of the
UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA



Bibiana Crespo Martín
Vice-rector for Internationalization
Delegated by the rector

On behalf of the
UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO



Rifat Škrijelj
Rector

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rifat Škrijelj'.