

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION FRAMEWORK CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF GIRONA – GIRONA, ESPANIA AND KAVALA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY – KAVALA, GREECE.

Girona, 10th of April 2013

THE PARTIES

The party of the first part, Dr Anna M. Geli de Ciurana, Honourable Rector of the University of Girona (UdG), acting in name and on behalf of this University, as established by Catalan Government Decree 186/2009, of 1 December, naming the rector of the University of Girona (DOGC no. 5519, of 3 December 2009), and in accordance with what is established in articles 93 and 97 of the statutes, approved by Catalan Government Accord GOV/94/2011, of 7 June (DOGC no. 5897 of 9 June 2011), of the University of Girona, which is located in Girona, Plaça de Sant Domènec no. 3, 17071 and whose fiscal identification number is Q-6750002 E.

And on the other side, Mr Athanasios Mitropoulos with DNI¹ AZ 879705, President of the Kavala Institute of Technology (KIT), with NIF² 090139854, and domicile Saint Lucas, 65404 Kavala, Greece, acting on behalf and in representation of KIT, as the attached document (Government Gazette, Special issue for employees occupying special positions or being board members of organizations of public and broad public interest, no. 20/18-1-2013, content no (5)) attests (*proof of the powers of the acting person*).

SET FORTH

That the University of Girona has, amongst other objectives, that of taking part in the progress and development of society and in the improvement in the educational system, the promotion of university extension activities and the exchange of knowledge and information with other institutions. By means of its *Faculty of Tourism Studies* it is willing to carry out the cooperation, consisting of the supervision of postgraduate students, coming from the Department of Business Administration of Kavala Institute of Technology, for the successful completion of their PhD *research and the awarding of the PhD degree*.

That the Department of Business Administration of Kavala Institute of Technology is interested in the above described cooperation on *supervising* postgraduate students, coming from their department, for the successful completion of their PhD *research and the awarding of the PhD degree by the other party (University of Girona)*.

That both parties, recognising their full legal capacities, understand the necessity of signing an agreement for joint work in the field of education and research and, therefore, agree to the following:

¹ National Identification Document

² Fiscal Identification Number.

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1. Objective of the agreement

The objective of this contract is (a) the joint supervision, by academic staff of both cooperating departments (partners), of postgraduate students, coming from the Department of Business Administration of Kavala Institute of Technology, for the successful completion of their PhD research and the awarding of the PhD degree by the University of Girona, and (b) the joint research between the academic staff of both partners, especially the research coming out of the findings of the jointly supervised PhD research.

2. Responsible parties

This cooperation will be the responsibility of *the Faculty of Tourism Studies* of the University of Girona and the *Department of Business Administration of the Kavala Institute of Technology*.

3. Obligations on the part of the University of Girona (Faculty of Tourism Studies)

- To accept postgraduate PhD students, coming from Kavala Institute of Technology (Department of Business Administration or any other department from the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics). However, in case of high demand for postgraduate (PhD) studies by the students, priority will be given to the candidate students of the Business Administration department.
- To provide all the information available related to doctoral studies.
- To give priority if needed to the postgraduate students coming from the partner institution.
- To provide, at least, one of the three members of the academic committee responsible for the supervision-direction of the student. This person should be **the director** of the three members' academic committee.
- To allow these postgraduate students, if they wish, to test their proposed theory (ies) and hypotheses on the Greek economic context, and, consequently, spend most of their time in Greece.
- To register these postgraduate (PhD) students to the University of Girona (UdG) so as to have the same obligations and rights of all others UdG postgraduate PhD students.
- To allow students to finish their PhD thesis within the established period.
- To allow the students to write their PhD thesis in the English language.
- To issue and award the PhD degree to those postgraduate PhD students who successfully completed all UdG requirements for the PhD degree.

4. Obligations on the part of Kavala Institute of Technology (department of Business Administration)

- To supervise and assist the PhD candidates for the preparation of their PhD proposal, in the English language, and in the requested by the UdG specific "PhD research proposal form".
- The academic staff that assisted the student to prepare the proposal will automatically be the "local" supervisor of the PhD student and one of the three members of the academic committee responsible for the supervision-direction of the student.
- To offer a second supervisor if UdG asks for it. He/she will also be member of the academic staff of KIT.

5. Duration and modification of the agreement

This agreement is established for a duration of 4 years which can be extended tacitly for equal successive periods, except in the event that one of the parties presents a request for formal cancellation, notification of which must be given 2 months in advance of the initial date of termination of the agreement or, as the case may be, of its extensions.

The agreement will be subject to modification, by mutual agreement and upon request by one of the two parties.

6. Jurisdiction


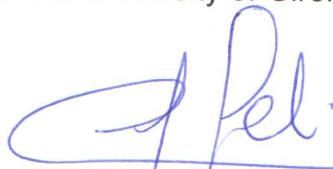
The signatories will try to resolve mutually the divergences that may arise in the fulfilment of this agreement. If this should not be possible, the contracting parties will submit their divergences in the interpretation and fulfilment of this agreement to the civil courts in the jurisdiction of the city of Girona.

7. Entry into force

This contract will enter into force from the date of its signature by the representatives of both signatory parties.

As proof of agreement, this contract is signed, in triplicate in the place and date specified in the preamble,

For the University of Girona



Universitat
de Girona
Rectorat

Anna Maria Geli de Ciurana
Rector

For the Kavala Institute of Technology



ATHANASIOS MITROPOULOS
President