



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

INNOVATION AND TRAINING PARK PRIZREN

and

**Crossscience Initiative
Founding Members**

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Innovation and Training Park (ITP Prizren) located at Uke Bytyci str. n.n., Prizren 20000, Kosovo, with legal entity's number being 5118093-3, duly represented by Muhamed Rexhepi (Authorized Representative), acting according to the Laws of Republic of Kosovo - Ministry of Public Administration (hereinafter referred to as "ITP Prizren")

and

Crossscience Founding Members as defined:

Organization/Faculty	City, Country	Representative
ITP Prizren (Orchestrator)	Prizren, Kosovo	Muhamed Rexhepi
University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"	Prishtina, Kosovo	Qerim Qerimi
University "Ukshin Hoti"	Prizren, Kosovo	Samedin Krrabaj
Riinvest College	Prishtina, Kosovo	Albnora Hoti
Universum College	Prishtina, Kosovo	Alejtin Berisha
UBT	Prizren, Kosovo	Edmond Hajrizi
RIT Kosovo	Prishtina, Kosovo	Albina Balidemaj
University "Isa Boletini"	Mitrovica, Kosovo	Faton Merovci
University of Applied Sciences	Ferizaj, Kosovo	Agron Bajraktari
University "Kadri Zeka"	Gjilan, Kosovo	Bajram Kosumi
Venture-UP	Prishtina, Kosovo	Mentor Rexhepi

**Organizations not listed as per importance, number of students, or alphabet, but randomly selected*

Hereinafter,

separately referred to as per organizations name, collectively – the "Parties", have decided to enter into the present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") and agree with conditions as follow:

1. Purpose of the MoU

The Parties wish to enter a collaboration with a goal of mutual enrichment in entrepreneurship, innovation, and R&D among others. The purpose of this MoU is not intended to impose any financial obligation on either party. The parties may, but are not obliged to, enter into separate financial agreements in relation to their various joint activities, which shall fully document the rights and obligations of each party. This MoU has been developed and remains in line with the activities performed by the Digital Transformation Center Kosovo in ITP Prizren, relating to its efforts for startup support and related mechanisms to science and education.

2. Areas of Cooperation

Within fields that are mutually acceptable, the Parties undertake to explore the opportunities for collaboration, which may include the following general forms of cooperation:

- Creation of the "Nation Wide Talent Pool"
- Joint innovation and entrepreneurship activities.
- Further development of the Crossscience Initiative.
- Participation in national and international programs and projects in innovation, technology, entrepreneurship, research, and development.

- Exchange of knowledge, expertise, and mentorship.
- Organization of all activities of Crossscience Initiative, including the ICT Festival.
- Finding sources of financing for the components, beyond from ITP and GIZ support.
- Sharing good practice.

3. Obligations of the Parties

- 3.1. The Parties intent to assist each other in the realization of the present MoU.
- 3.2. The Parties will exchange information and other materials essential for the most effective realization of the Parties Obligations identified in the given MoU.
- 3.3. Scheduled specific events or activities will be carried out based on additional contracts and agreements.
- 3.4. Adhere to Annex A, and the responsibilities written under each component and undertaken by every entity.

4. Financial Arrangement

The Parties understand that any financial arrangement will depend on the availability of funds and will be negotiated as well as mutually agreed in other legally binding agreements, in advance. The Parties will seek financing of activities from sources available to them both at a national and an international level.

5. Confidentiality obligation and intellectual property rights

- 5.1. The Parties agree to treat information, documentation and results of the cooperation or joint activities as confidential and not to disclose it to any third parties without written consent of the other Party.
- 5.2. The above clause relating to confidentiality shall not extend to publishing of results of research or other joint activities in the form of conference-papers and articles in scientific or other periodicals. In any case one Party has an obligation to inform the other in writing about its intentions to publish results of research or other joint activities.
- 5.3. Confidentiality obligation shall not extend to information which the receiving Party is compelled to release by law or legal process, provided that the receiving Party provides the other Party with prompt notice of such compulsion as to provide an opportunity to seek a protective order.
- 5.4. Each Party shall remain the proprietor of patented and unpatented results, which were obtained by that Party prior to signing the present MoU, or which will be obtained because of its own work within the scope of cooperation unless otherwise agreed in writing in additional agreement(s).
- 5.5. Intellectual property rights of any results from the Parties' cooperation or joint research activities shall belong to the Parties according to their contribution into common activity unless otherwise agreed in writing in additional agreement(s).
- 5.6. The Parties undertake to protect intellectual property rights and exploit the results of cooperation according to the industrial laws and regulations in force in their countries.

6. Dispute Settlement

- 6.1. If there is a dispute between the Parties arising out of or in connection with the present MoU or out of activities undertaken under the MoU the Parties agree to settle it by direct negotiations.
- 6.2. If the dispute cannot be settled amicably within 30 days after the start of negotiations, the Parties agree to settle the dispute in accordance with the laws in the courts of the country where the defendant Party has its registered domicile.

7. Validity and Termination of the MoU

- 7.1. This MoU comes into force when the authorized representatives of all parties have signed it and is valid for a period of 3 (three) years.
- 7.2. Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving the other Party a 3 (three) months prior written notice.
- 7.3. The MoU may be terminated upon written consent of the Parties as well.
- 7.4. The terms of the MoU can be amended only upon mutual consent of the Parties; addendums and amendments are valid only if they are made in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the Parties.
- 7.5. One entity leaving the consortium does not mean the consortium cannot continue operating. All members can opt-out at any time with 90 days' notice, unless bound otherwise by any prior or future agreements with the ITP. Such agreements include but are not limited to any financing agreements with the ITP, any party individually, or any parties collectively.

8. Language

In case this MoU is translated into other languages than English and in the event of conflict between the English and the alternative version, the English version shall prevail.

9. Final Clauses

- 9.1. This MoU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. No amendments, consent or waiver of terms of this MoU shall bind either Party unless in writing or signed by the authorized representatives of all parties.
- 9.2. All parties guarantee that they are represented by the authorized persons indicated as signing this MoU.
- 9.3. The MoU is made available in English and with one copy for each Party.
- 9.4. The MoU has been accepted by all parties and does not supersede any existing cooperation agreements between the Parties. All prior and future contract shall be binding as per the conditions of such contract – unless otherwise amended or specified in the other contracts.

10. Signatures

As witness, the parties have signed this MoU through their authorized representatives in separate signature pages on 2023-02-02.

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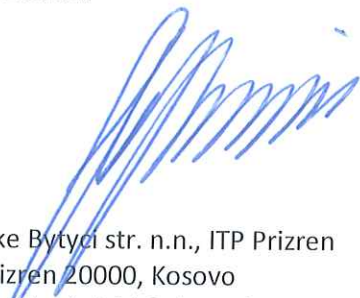


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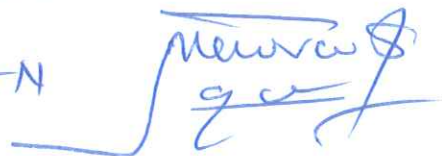
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ANNEX A – COMPONENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Component 1 - ICT Gateway Festival (name subject to change)

The ICT Gateway Festival will be a full-on 2-4 Day event where students will have the chance to attend:

1) Career Fair with Tech Companies

Companies should be invited by **all members** of the initiative without exception, in efforts to organize the nation-wide career fair of all universities with tech companies and beyond. In this respect, the current network will be utilized by all members.

2) Showcase Research and Interesting Projects

All professors are empowered to present interesting research conducted throughout the previous year, or some interesting research data with potential to be of interest for businesses with respect to economic development.

3) Recreational and Fun Activities – Sports Tournaments

Given that ITP Prizren is a wide park with sports fields and lots of green space, there is a huge potential to make the ICT Gateway Festival more interesting

*The agenda shall be a mutual effort of all members or assigned contact persons by the founding members.

Component 2 - Young Innovators Program (name subject to change)

In line with the value chain of establishing a strong local support system to entrepreneurship support, the student incubation program will enable students to join the **in-residence program** called the Young Innovators Program. The program will be crafted to enable students in turning their thesis into profitable business ideas. As such, they will be able to spend time in ITP Prizren and work on defining their ideas. They will then be ready to officially incorporate their businesses. This will specifically be fit to the Formation stage, as per startup development stages. This overall component will be led by VentureUP as per its scope of activities. All ideas will be pre-evaluated at university level, and then among the Crossscience board.

Stage 1 – Preliminary Selection of Ideas - Entrepreneurship Professors (Best Graded Thesis)

These ideas will then be invited for a Business Model Canvas workshop with VentureUP and their specialized Mentors. After, they are invited to apply with a link from VentureUP. **Stage 2 – Selection after application - Crossscience Board & ITP Mentor Base** This level of selection needs the effort and attention of all Crossscience Board members. This due to ensuring high criteria for selection and transparency. **Stage 3 – Enrol in the Program – and Onboarding – By VentureUP**

Component 3 – ITP Talent Pool (name subject to change)

Being part of a nation-wide talent/alumni network has been ranked by students as the first most important thing for their future development. In this regard, an effective talent network has also been verbally seen to be of unprecedented value in facilitating the exchange between students, and mediate interaction with relevant companies/organizations – respective to the fields of study. In this respect, commitment is needed by all universities to jointly promote and build such a talent pool – helping to bridge early employment for university students. The following could be also facilitated by a recruitment agency and various digital tools.