



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Universiteti "Ukshin Hoti" Prizren - ITP Prizren

Collaboration on Strengthening the Innovation and Digital Transformation Ecosystem in Kosovo

Under the umbrella of the ITP's "DIGITAL TRANFORMATION CENTER"

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" or "ITP")

and

Universiteti "Ukshin Hoti" Prizren, located in Prizren, Kosovo, duly represented by Samedin Krrabaj acting according to the Laws of Republic of Kosovo - Ministry of Public Administration (hereinafter referred to as "University of Prizren");

Hereinafter,

separately referred to as the "Party", collectively - the "Parties", enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") and agree to the conditions as follow:

Article 1 Background and Purpose of the MoU

A main focus of **University Prizren** in Kosovo is to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) on their digital transformation journey by making available to them the knowledge and technological capabilities that the university community can provide.

The Innovation and Training Park (ITP) Prizren's core idea is to build an ecosystem which, through collaboration and shared resources as well as an attractive service offering, thrives on entrepreneurial innovation and success.

A dedicated project in the ITP team focuses on establishing a "Digital Transformation Center" in ITP with a holistic offering under the main pillars "Science and Education", "Digital Entrepreneurship", "Technology for Business" and "Ecosystem Development". The ITP's Digital Transformation Center consists of a coordinator (the ITP Association interlinked with a GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschafts für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) counterpart), members (associated entities with physical presence in the ITP) and partners (associated entities outside the ITP).

For the value offering under the center's pillar "Technology for Business" as well as with certain overlaps to the other pillars, a subset of the partners and members agree to register the center with a specific governance model and steering structure as "Digital Innovation Hub", acting specifically as an enabler for SME's to easily access the technical, human and financial resources needed for their digital transformation.

In this respect, the parties express their willingness to cooperate as per the conditions of this MoU outlined hereinafter.

Article 2 Areas of Cooperation

The signing parties agree in general to collaborate on the promotion of sustainable economic development and to support the initiative of establishing a "Digital Transformation Center" in the ITP Prizren to strengthen Kosovo's innovation and digital transformation ecosystem.

University Prizren will henceforth be considered a "member" of the ITP's Digital Transformation Center and seeks to jointly register and operate as a "Digital Innovation Hub" based on a separate consortium agreement.

The parties agree in particular to collaborate on

- (1) the support for the digital transformation of Kosovar SMEs
- Joint support for the digital transformation of Kosovar SMEs
- The individual commitment of both parties is specified in the general "consortium agreement" for the Digital Transformation Center's registration as Digital Innovation Hub (DIH). The individual commitment of University Prizren is listed in Annex I.
- (2) Deployment of the portfolio of services to accelerate the digital transformation of Kosovar businesses.
- University Prizren will help to design and implement a portfolio of customized digital transformation services tailored to the needs of local businesses.

Article 3 Duration and Modification

This MoU shall remain in effect indefinitely and may be terminated at any time by either Party upon 30 days written notice to the other Party

Article 4 Non-binding nature

The Parties acknowledge that this MoU is not a binding and enforceable contract and shall not give rise to any obligations on the part of either Party. This MoU establishes the framework to commence a collaborative relationship between the Parties. In no event shall either Party or any of their individual officers, employees or agents in any way be liable or responsible for any obligations contained in this MoU, whether express or implied; nor for any statement, representation or warranty made in connection with this MoU.

Article 5 Confidentiality

The Parties agree that each shall treat as confidential all information provided by a party to the other regarding such party's business and operations, any oral or written information exchanged between the Parties in connection with the preparation and performance this MoU. All confidential information and documentation provided by a party hereto shall be used by the other party hereto solely for the purposes of rendering services pursuant to this MoU and, except as may be required in carrying out the terms of this MoU or by law, shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior consent of such providing party.

Article 6 Warranties

Each party warrants that it is fully authorized to enter into this agreement and that it is fully able, willing and ready to perform all obligations hereunder. The performance and obligations of either Party will not violate or infringe upon the rights of any third-party or violate any other agreement between the Parties, individually, and/or any law or governmental regulation.

Article 7 Entire Agreement

The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties. In the event that the Parties desire to change, add, or otherwise modify any of the terms, they shall do so in writing to be signed by both parties.

The Parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth above as demonstrated by their signatures as follows. The effective date of this agreement is the last date of the signature below.

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ANNEX I. ESTIMATED RESOURCES TO BE ALLOCATED BY UNIVERSITY OF PRIZREN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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.=	Test Before Invest						Innovation Ecosystem and Networks				7
Technological watch	Development of new solutions based on hybridisation of technologies	Prototype and pre-competitive series	Demonstration facilities	Advanced technological tools and expert advice	Proof-of-concept testing	Conduct digitisation plans	Support programmes for entrepreneurs: digital technologies	Development of product consortia: Digital Challenges	Promotion of collaborative and open innovation: brokerage actions	Dissemination and awareness-raising events	Activities
8	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Availability
Document drafted	Project	Project completed	Demo activity	Project completed	Experiment completed	Document drafted	Startup	Programme organised	Event organised	Event	Unit
N	4	22	4	4	12			-	ю	Ю	N° of
40	60	60	40	40	40			40	60	40	Hours per service
80	240	120	160	160	80			40	120	80	Total
35,00 €	45,00 €	45,00 €	30,00 €	30,00 €	30,00 €			25,00 €	30,00 €	25,00 €	Hourly rate (€)
400,00 €	400,00 €	400,00 €	200,00 €	200,00 €	200,00 €			200,00 €	300,00 €	200,00 €	External services (€)
											Deprec.
270,00 €	465,00 €	465,00 €	210,00 €	210,00 €	210,00 €			180,00 €	315,00 €	180,00 €	Other indirect costs (£)
4.140,00 €	14.280,00 €	7.130,00 €	6.440,00 €	6,440,00 €	3.220,00 €			1.380,00 €	4.830,00 €	2.760,00 €	Total Cost (€)

Other	activities		
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Involvement in communication activities	Involvement in management activities		
Yев	Yes		
Dissemination online&offline	Attendance at meetings		
ñ	N N	N° of activities	
16	16	Hours per service	
192	192	Total hours	
30,00 €	30,00 €	Hourly rate (€)	
100,00 €	225,00 €	Externel services (€)	
	i in	Travel. (€)	
87,00 €	105,75 €	Other indirect costs (€)	
8.004,00 €	9.729,00 €	Total Cost (€)	

Total annual resources

101,395,50 €

Fı	Funding Support Digital Training					
Proposal Management Services	Funding advice to deploy digital solutions	Workshops on the use of digital technologies	Medium-term training courses (up to 300 hours)	hours)	Activities	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Availability	
Proposal submitted	Document drafted	Workshop	Training provided	Training	Unit	
		4	_	60	Nº of services	
		24	300	20	Hours per service	
0	0	96	300	160	Total	
		150,00 €	25,00 €	25,00 €	Hourty rate (£)	
		300,00 €	850,00 €	100,00 €	External services (€)	
					Deprec. (e)	
i i		585,00 E	1.252,50 €	90,00€	Other Indirect costs (£)	
i i		585,00 € 17.940,00 €	9.602,50 €	5.520,00 €	Total Cost (€)	