

TUNISIAN REPUBLIC

**Ministry of Vocational Training and
Employment**

REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

**Ministry of Education
and Culture**

**MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING**

For

**COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF VOCATIONAL
TRAINING**

January 2017

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PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS the Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment of Tunisia (Ministère de la Formation Professionnelle et de l'Emploi -hereinafter referred to as "MFPE"), legally represented by HE the Minister, Mr. Imed Hammami,

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland (hereinafter referred to as "MEC"), and legally represented by HE the Minister Ms. Sanni Grahn-Laasonen,

Hereinafter collectively referred to as the "signatories",

Considering the importance of vocational training in the social and economic development and welfare of both countries,

Considering the friendship and brotherhood relations between Tunisia and Finland,

Recognizing the benefits of genuine and substantive cooperation and considering the willingness of both signatories to pursue and develop such cooperation relating to Vocational Training between both countries,

NOW THEREFORE, the signatories hereby decide as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - *Scope and Purpose*

The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework of cooperation in the field of Vocational Training, within domains identified and agreed upon by both signatories.

ARTICLE 2 – *Main fields of cooperation*

The present MoU aims the establishment of partnership links between Tunisian and Finnish institutions operating in the field of Vocational Education and Training.

The signatories decide to join efforts in order to achieve the objectives of this MoU, through exchange of best practices, studies and documentation on Vocational initial and further Education and Training and teacher training policies, and provision of expertise especially in the fields of:

- links and pathways between VET and general education, student guidance and counseling
- prospective studies
- teacher training and support to further implement active pedagogy, e-learning,

and entrepreneurial mindset.

The signatories shall keep each other informed of relevant activities pertaining to this MoU and shall hold consultations at any time any signatory considers it appropriate.

ARTICLE 3 - *Implementation and Funding*

The signatories will contribute with their respective available human and material resources, to ensure implementation of joint endeavors and projects, within the fields of cooperation of this MoU.

Furthermore, when possible, the signatories will collaborate to prospect and fund-raise for the development of their cooperation, whether it is bilateral, triangular or multilateral.

Embassies in Tunis and Helsinki will contribute to the follow-up of the cooperation.

ARTICLE 4 - *Amendments*

This MoU may be modified or amended by mutual arrangements between the signatories. Such amendment becomes effective when approved in writing by the signatories hereto.

ARTICLE 5- *Dispute Settlement*

The signatories shall use their best efforts to promptly settle amicably, through direct negotiations, any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to this MoU.

ARTICLE 6 - *Entry into Force*

This MoU shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives, being effective from the date of the latest signature. It shall remain valid for a period of **five (5) years** from the effective date of this MoU, and is automatically renewed for a similar period.


The MoU can be terminated at any moment by either signatory, by written notice to the other signatory through diplomatic process. The MoU is then terminated 6 months from the date of such notice.



SIGNED in two (2) original copies in English and Arabic in Helsinki on 31 January 2017. The two versions are identical but upon discrepancy, the English version will prevail.

For MFPE

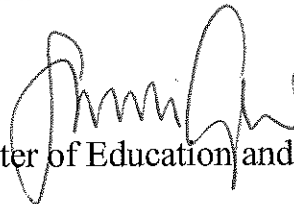
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