

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

Between

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
OF UKRAINE**

And

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND**

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland, hereinafter referred to as "the Participants";

Desirous to enhance the friendship and cooperation relations already existing between the two countries; motivated by the will to make specific efforts that contribute to mutual knowledge and reciprocal benefit;

Being aware of the severe societal consequences of the Russian unprovoked aggression towards Ukraine, including educational infrastructure;

Taking into account the new Vision of the Future of Education and Science in Ukraine and the respective vision of education in Finland;

Convinced that education is a fundamental human right and that its role will contribute to a more just social development and sustainable peace;

Attentive to the growing importance of education as a generator of conditions for social inclusion and construction of citizenship at national level;

Acknowledging Ukraine's EU candidate status and the background in the field of educational cooperation that has taken place between the two Participants;

Accepting that education is a key factor to the development of more equitable, competitive and sustainable societies, the Participants have reached the following understanding:

**Section 1
Objective**

The Participants seek to strengthen their bilateral cooperation in the field of education.

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") is to provide the basis and framework for the development of cooperative activities of mutual interest, which shall include the possibility of signing agreements and specific instruments among the Agencies, Institutions or other actors that may have competence in the areas identified by this MoU. The Finnish National Agency for Education is nominated as a possible counterpart for cooperation activities. The Participants shall also seek to strengthen cooperation in multilateral forums with the aim of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, ensuring inclusive and quality education for all, promoting lifelong learning.

Section 2 Main Areas of Cooperation

The Participants will promote close cooperation and the exchange of experiences related to:

- 1.** The design and development of the educational system at all levels from early childhood education and care to higher education and adult education, with the aim of promoting inclusive and quality education and educational practices.
- 2.** Promoting and supporting cooperation [in particular but not only] in basic education and in vocational education and training, as well as in teacher education, learning and teaching practices, pedagogical management, and support services for learning.
- 3.** The strengthening of inclusive and safe school environments and infrastructures as well as related expertise and training. This may include renovation, construction and the equipping of schools and facilities needed for education, and in line with digital and green transition and EU standards.
- 4.** The promotion of relations and education and research cooperation between Finnish and Ukrainian higher education institutions and other research institutions, in particular with the aim to enable joint research projects and support innovation ecosystems. Mobility and exchange of experts, researchers and students will be encouraged.
- 5.** Supporting Ukraine in the field of education and promoting the continuity of the educational process e.g. by providing knowledge and tools or services for distance learning and work.

Section 3 Exchange of Information

The Participants will arrange regular joint consultations and policy-dialogues about the aforementioned and other relevant matters.

Section 4 Disputes

Any dispute about the interpretation or application of this MoU will be resolved by consultations between the Participants, and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.

Section 5 Amendments

This MoU may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants.

**Section 6
Termination**

The present MoU may be terminated by either Participant giving six (6) months written notice. The Participants will consult to determine how any outstanding issues should be dealt with. Termination will not affect the validity of any cooperation or contract made under this MoU.

**Section 7
Duration and Effective Date**

This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature by both Participants and shall remain in effect until the signing of a new MoU or its termination is resolved.

Signed in duplicate at Helsinki on 11 January 2024 in Ukrainian and English languages, both texts are authentic.

**For the Ministry of Education and
Science of Ukraine**



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First Deputy Minister

**For the Ministry of Education and Culture
of the Republic of Finland**



Mikaela NYLANDER
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