

Memorandum of Understanding

Between the

Russian Union of Rectors

and the

Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities

The Russian Union of Rectors and **the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (the Signatories)** recognizing the importance of fostering cooperation between Universities from Russia and Spain in order to contribute to the exchange of mutual experiences in the field of higher education and research, have agreed to sign the following Memorandum of Understanding.

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding between **the Signatories** is to develop and foster close cooperation with the main objective of supporting and contributing to the advancement and internationalization of higher education in both countries, linking knowledge and strengthening mutual understanding and relations between Russia and Spain in the field of higher education. The scope of the present Memorandum of Understanding is referred to higher education and research.

Specific objectives

To fulfill the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding, **the Signatories** shall:

- a) Encourage their students to consider studying at higher education institutions in the other country (including summer courses, short courses and undergraduate, graduate PhD and postdoc programs). Such students will abide by the regulations of the respective universities;
- b) Promote the mobility of research and teaching staff of both countries.
- c) Promote the exchange of information about good practices in education promotion.
- d) Promote collaborative research projects, studies, academic and scientific publications.
- e) Promote the teaching of Spanish for students from Russia.
- f) Undertake and promote all kind of joint activities in the scope of interest of both **Signatories**.

Management and implementation

The implementation, coordination and monitoring of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be the responsibility of each **Signatory**.

Each **Signatory** shall designate a liaison officer who shall be responsible for maintaining contact in relation to the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Cooperation terms for each activity implemented under this Memorandum shall be agreed upon by both parties in writing, prior to the initiation of that activity. Any such agreement will form an Appendix to this Memorandum

Resources

Unless alternative arrangements are specifically agreed to meet particular project requirements, **the Signatories** shall in principle cover their own costs of implementing the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding. In any case, any activity to be implemented under the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding is subjected to the availability of budget. For particular areas of cooperation donor funding may be sought from other sources.

Validity and term

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force from the date of signature and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. At the end of this period, this Memorandum will automatically be extended for another five (5) year period unless otherwise determined.

This Memorandum may be revised through the mutual agreement of both institutions and may be terminated by either party upon giving six months written notice signed by the presiding office of the notifying party. All modifications to this agreement will be in writing, signed by both parties.

Joint monitoring committee

The Signatories agree to create a joint committee to monitor the application of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Acceptance and signature

The Signatories expressly state their acceptance and to be bound by all of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Signatories recognize that this statement is strictly limited to the scope described above and involves no more obligations for any of the **Signatories** to those evoked in this document

In witness whereof **the Signatories** have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate in English, in Sevilla on 17th October, 2019.

By the Russian Union of Rectors

**By the Conference of Rectors of
Spanish Universities**

Viktor Antonovich Sadovnichy
President

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President