



## COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is concluded between:

**The Faculty of Law, University of Niš**, with its principal seat at Trg Kralja Aleksandra 11, Niš, Republic of Serbia, represented by the Dean, Prof. Predrag Cvetković, LL.D.,

and

**Faculty of Law of Chisinau Moldova State University**, with its principal seat at M. Kogălniceanu 67, bloc 2, bir. 106, Chişinau, Moldova, represented by the Dean, Prof. Sergiu Băieşu, LL.D.

### Article 1

In consideration of the common goals and interests aimed at developing education, research and science, the contracting Parties heretoshall jointly decide and regulate their mutual cooperation, as well as the forms and methods of its implementation.

### Article 2

The signatories' cooperation shall encompass the following activities:

- exchange of students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff;
- cooperation in the field of scientific research, through the implementation of scientific research and educational activities;
- organization and implementation of research projects, and exchange of research results;
- organization and participation in scientific and professional meetings, conferences, symposiums, and other forms of education and professional development;
- cooperation in the field of library and information activities, exchange of books, magazines and other information materials;
- organization of mock trials/moot courts, student competitions and other activities in the field of social sciences, within the framework of law, politics, and other disciplines.

### **Article 3**

Student exchanges shall be organized in compliance with the applicable academic and administrative procedures pertinent to both institutions.

Exchange students shall be exempt from paying tuition fees to the host institution, but shall be responsible for paying all other costs (travel, accommodation, food, insurance, visas, etc.).

### **Article 4**

The study program obligations completed at the host institution shall be recognized by the home institution, upon prior consent and in compliance with its regulations and administrative procedures.

### **Article 5**

The contracting Parties hereto agree to facilitate the mutual exchange of the teaching staff for the purpose of giving lectures, participating in research projects, producing joint publications, and facilitating professional development.

The length of stay and the specific activities of the teaching staff shall be agreed in a separate agreement between the participating institutions, in accordance with the academic calendar and available funds.

During the exchange program, the teaching staff shall retain their employment rights and obligations towards their home institution, unless otherwise agreed.

Each institution is obliged to cover the costs of the teaching staff's stay at the host institution (travel expenses, accommodation, daily allowance), unless otherwise agreed in a separate memorandum.

### **Article 6**

The contracting Parties are obliged to cooperate in planning and implementing joint scientific research and educational projects of mutual interest.

The projects may include, but shall not be limited to, comparative law research, international grants, evaluations of educational policies, and development of innovative teaching methods.

The details of each individual project shall be regulated by separate protocols, including the budget, the activity holders, the timeframe, and the obligations of the contracting Parties.

### **Article 7**

The contracting Parties agree to jointly organize scientific seminars, workshops, conferences and other academic gatherings to promote international cooperation and knowledge exchange.

Such events may be held in a traditional physical (in-person), virtual or hybrid format, and shall be open to teaching staff, researchers and students of both institutions.

### Article 8

The inter-institutional cooperation contracted in this Agreement shall be implemented on the principle of reciprocity.

The specific details and the implementation of individual activities stipulated in this Agreement shall be discussed and fine-tuned upon agreement of both signatories.

The signatories agree to inform each other about all terms and conditions relevant to the implementation of this Agreement.

### Article 9

This Agreement is signed for an indefinite period. Either Party (institution) may terminate the Agreement by submitting a written notice. The notice period for termination of the Agreement shall be 6 (six) months. This Agreement shall cease to be valid upon the expiry of the 6-month period, insofar as the implementation of the annual cooperation program has been completed.

### Article 10

Each Party shall appoint a cooperation coordinator.

All amendments and supplements to this Agreement shall be made in writing and confirmed by both contracting Parties (institutions).

The Agreement shall be concluded in English. In witness of mutual consent, the Parties sign this Agreement in four identical copies.

For and on behalf of

Faculty of Law, University of Niš, Serbia

Dean Prof. Predrag Cvetković, LL.D.,



Date:

21.10.17



For and on behalf of

Faculty of Law of Chisinau Moldova State University, Moldova

Dean Prof. Sergiu Băiesu



Date:

20.10.17

