



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION**
Between
KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
KAUNAS, LITHUANIA
And
UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS – ESPE
QUITO, ECUADOR

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Kaunas University of Technology, having its registered domicile at K. Donelaičio Str. 73, LT-44029 Kaunas, Lithuania, legal entity's number 111950581, duly represented by Petras Baršauskas, Rector, acting according to the Statute of Kaunas University of Technology (hereinafter referred to as “**KTU**”);

and

Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE, having its registered domicile at Av. General Rumiñahui S/N, Sangolquí, Ecuador, duly represented by Roque Moreira Cedeño, General de Brigada and Rector, acting according to the General Order 54 (hereinafter referred to as “**ESPE**”);

both hereinafter separately referred to as the “**Party**”, collectively – the “**Parties**”, have decided to enter into the present Memorandum of Understanding on Academic Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “**Agreement**”) and agree with conditions as follows.

1. Background.

Kaunas University of Technology, founded in 1922, is a leading public university in the Baltics that integrates interdisciplinarity, internationality, innovations and technology transfer, and sustainability in research and studies. KTU houses the largest science and technology park in the Baltics, and is a founder of the first and most successful academic Startup Space in Lithuania. The studies and research are performed in 9 faculties and 10 research centres. 11,000 students may choose studies in Technological, Physical, Biomedical and Social Sciences, Humanities and Creative Arts & Design field.

Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas – ESPE is a higher education institution with legal personality, administrative autonomy and its own assets, public law, residing in Quito and headquarters in the city of Sangolquí, is governed by the Constitution Politics of the



Republic of Ecuador, in the Higher Education Act. ESPE is recognized by the National System of Higher Education and rated as class A for the by the entity designated by the state: Council assessing the quality of Higher Education (CES), one of the best universities nationwide.

Both universities were founded in the second decade of the XX century, and are strong in technical and humanitarian areas, in the interexchange and its staff mobility.

2. Purpose of the agreement.

This Agreement is designed to foster a friendly relationship through mutual cooperation in teaching and research between Kaunas University of Technology and Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas – ESPE, hereinafter jointly referred as “The Parties”. No financial obligations are assumed under this agreement.

3. Areas of cooperation.

The Parties have reached agreement on the following areas of cooperation, subject to mutual consent and the availability of sufficient funding:

1. Explore the development of a collaborative partnership that will include students, and researchers for mobility.
2. Explore the establishment and promotion of joint research and other collaborations in the following fields: Strategic Communication, Semiotics, Leadership, Political Sciences, Management, Education, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Energetics and Power Engineering, Informatics Engineering, Material Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Measurement Engineering and Informatics. This may include conducting collaborative research projects and the exchange of academic information and materials.
3. Promote other academic activities as jointly agreed to better enhance mutual understanding and cooperation between the institutions.
4. Develop special short-term contract training programs.

4. Financial agreement.

The terms of such mutual assistance and funding for any specific program and activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of a particular program.