

## Partnership Agreement

**585779-EPP-1-2017-1-ES-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP**

**Enhancing Quality Assurance Management and Benchmarking Strategies in Indian Universities. EQUAM-BI-**

The present Partnership Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement", is made and entered into by and between,

Universitat de Barcelona  
Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 585, 08007, Barcelona, Spain

hereinafter referred to as the "coordinator", represented for the purposes of signature of the Agreement by **Alejandro Aguilar Vila, Vice-Rector for Outreach and Internationalization, the legal representative as defined in the Grant Agreement n° 2017-2969/001-001,**

and the beneficiary.

The University of Mysore (UOM)– established in India  
Crawford Hall,  
Mysuru, Karnataka,  
India.  
Pin Code: 570006

hereinafter referred to as the "beneficiary", represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by their legal representatives, according to the Mandates previously signed and attached to the Grant Agreement (here in Annex I).

The parties hereby have agreed as follows:

### Article 1

#### Subject of the Partnership Agreement

1.1 This Agreement defines the terms that govern the relations between the parties, by establishing their rights and obligations, and lays down the rules of procedure for the work to be carried out in order to successfully implement the Erasmus+ CBHE action **585779-EPP-1-2017-1-ES-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP**

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(hereinafter referred to as the "project").

1.2 The coordinator and the beneficiary, undertake to do everything in their power to carry out the work programme forming the subject of this Agreement, which falls within the framework of the Grant Agreement n° 2017-2969/001-001, concluded between the coordinator and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Agency"), related to the above-mentioned project.

1.3 The subject matter of this Agreement and the related work programme are detailed in the annexes of the Grant Agreement. The respective Grant Agreement terms and conditions, related annexes and guidelines, shall form an integral part of the present Agreement, and take precedence over it.

1.4 The coordinator and the beneficiary shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Grant Agreement and any further amendments of the latter.



## Article 2 Duration

2.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the last party signs, but shall have retroactive effect from the starting date of the eligibility period laid down in the Grant Agreement: 15.10.2017.

2.2 The period of eligibility of the activities and the costs shall be in accordance to the dispositions of the Grant Agreement or any subsequent amendments of it.

2.3 The present Agreement shall remain in force until the coordinator has been discharged in full of his obligations arising from the Grant Agreement signed with the Executive Agency.

## Article 3 Obligations and responsibilities

3.1 General obligations and role of the beneficiaries (including the coordinator).

The beneficiaries:

- (a) are jointly responsible for carrying out the activities attributed to them, and shall conduct the work in accordance with the work programme and schedule set forth in the Grant Agreement and approved application, working to the best of their abilities to achieve the defined results and taking full responsibility for their work in accordance with accepted professional principles;
- (b) undertake to comply with all the provisions of the Grant Agreement and its annexes, with all the provisions of this Agreement, as well as with EU and national legislation;
- (c) are jointly responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them jointly or individually;
- (d) shall provide staff, facilities, equipment and material to the extent needed for executing the activities as specified in the work programme;
- (e) shall be responsible for the sound financial management and cost efficiency of the funds allocated to the project.

3.2 Specific obligations and role of the coordinator.

The coordinator undertakes to:

- (a) be responsible for the overall coordination, management and implementation of the project in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
- (b) be the intermediary for all communication between the beneficiaries and the Executive Agency, and inform the beneficiaries of any relevant communication exchanged with the Executive Agency;
- (c) inform the beneficiaries of any changes connected to the project or to the Grant Agreement, or of any event likely to substantially affect the implementation of the action;
- (d) as the sole recipient of payments on behalf of all beneficiaries, transfer funds to the beneficiaries and in accordance with the dispositions for payments laid down in Article 5 of this Agreement;
- (e) manage and verify the appropriate spending of the funds in accordance with the dispositions of the Grant Agreement and this Agreement;
- (f) comply with all reporting requirements *vis-à-vis* the Executive Agency, as per the dispositions of Article 1.4 of the Grant Agreement. The coordinator shall not delegate any part of this task to any party;
- (g) establish payment requests on behalf of the beneficiaries, as per the dispositions of Article 1.4 of the Grant Agreement;



- (h) provide one copy of this Agreement duly signed to each beneficiary and to the Executive Agency within 6 months of the signature of the Grant Agreement.
- (i) provide the beneficiaries with official documents related to the project, such as the signed Grant Agreement and its annexes, the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant (Annex III), the various reports templates and any other relevant document concerning the project.

### 3.3 Specific obligations and role of the beneficiary

The beneficiary undertakes to:

- (a) ensure adequate communication with the coordinator and with the other beneficiaries;
- (b) support the coordinator in fulfilling its tasks according to the Grant Agreement;
- (c) submit in due time to the coordinator all relevant data needed to draw up the reports, financial statements and any other documents provided for in the Grant Agreement, as well as all necessary documents in the events of audits, checks or evaluations;
- (d) provide the coordinator with any other information or documents it may require and which are necessary for the management of the project;
- (e) notify the coordinator of any event likely to substantially affect or delay the implementation of the action, as well as of any important deviation of the project (e.g. replacement of the project contact person, changes in partner's budget, deviations from work plan etc.);
- (f) inform the coordinator of any change in its legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation and of any change in its name, address or legal representative.
- (g) manage and implement the Project, the beneficiary shall perform the following tasks:

The University of Mysore (UOM) will participate actively in all activities of the project.

UOM will collaborate in the preparation of the questionnaire in 1.2 and complete the questionnaires to compare the different strategies at the institutional level in 2.1 and 2.2, it will support NAAC in the drafting of the report in 2.3 and it will attend the Workshop in 2.4.

The UOM will complete the questionnaires to compare the different strategies at the institutional level in 3.1 and 3.2, it will support NAAC in the drafting of the report in 3.3 and it will attend the Workshop in 3.4. Finally, The University of Mysore will sign the Partnership Agreement, will check the management guidelines and support the UB on the preparation of the project's reports to be sent to the EACEA.

### Article 4 Financing the action

4.1 The maximum Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project for the contractual period covered by the Grant Agreement amounts of EUR704.132 and shall take the form as stipulated in Annex III of the Grant Agreement.

4.2 The Erasmus+ grant contribution is awarded to the partnership under the form of a "unit contribution" to the costs incurred for Staff costs, travel costs and costs of stay. Equipment and Subcontracting costs will be awarded under the form of a "reimbursement of actual costs".

4.3 The grant contribution to the project is intended to cover only part of the costs actually incurred by the beneficiaries in carrying out the activities foreseen. The beneficiaries commit to provide additional resources to the project so as to ensure its full implementation in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

4.4 Full details of the estimated budget breakdown per funding source, beneficiary and budget category is given in Annex II of this Agreement.



4.5 Any expenditure including VAT, duties and charges (such as customs and import duties) are not eligible unless the coordinator can provide an official document from the competent authorities proving that the corresponding costs cannot be recovered. In any case, taxes and duties have to be treated in accordance with the tax exemption agreement, signed between the European Union and the Partner Country for which the equipment or services are destined.

#### Article 5 Payment arrangements

5.1 The coordinator will transfer the part of the Erasmus+ grant contribution corresponding to the beneficiary using the following Bank Account:

[Name of Bank]: State Bank of India

[Address of branch]: University Campus Branch, Mysuru, India

[Name and address of account holder]: Finance Officer, University of Mysore, Mysuru

Address: Finance Branch, University of Mysore, Mysuru, India.

[Full account number (including bank codes)]: 54007591437

Account Type: Savings Bank

[IBAN account code IFSC: SBIN0040059

Swift CODE: SBININBBM10

VAT of the beneficiary: Not Applicable

5.2 The transfer of the Erasmus+ grant contribution to the beneficiary will be implemented in accordance with the Annex II of this agreement and the following timetable and procedure:

5.2.1 First instalment of pre-financing: The University of Barcelona will transfer the 30% of the Partner's share of the total EU contribution for **Staff Costs, Cost of Stay and Travel costs**, after the signing of the present agreement, provided that the beneficiary's bank details are correct. This entail purchase of flights for participants to attend the project's activities will be undertaken by the beneficiaries. Not participating in the project's activities will imply reimbursement of the advanced travel costs.

5.2.2 Second instalment of pre-financing: The University of Barcelona will transfer 50% of the Partner's share of the total EU contribution for **Staff Costs, Cost of Stay and Travel costs**, on the assumption that the beneficiary provides eligible and full supporting documentation on project expenditure of at least 70% of the first instalment.

5.2.3 Balance payment: all outstanding payments to cover actual eligible expenditures that have not been received in previous instalments (see above 5.2.1., 5.2.2) will be paid to the beneficiary on condition that it has provided the requested eligible supporting documentation to the University of Barcelona

5.2.4 Within 60 days of receipt of the necessary proofs of expenditure (as specified in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant), the coordinator will reimburse the beneficiary's account part of the costs actually incurred in accordance with the estimated budget breakdown identified under Annex II of the Agreement and in accordance with the unit costs ceilings established in the Guidelines for the use of the Grant.

5.3 Beneficiaries are obliged to use the Erasmus+ grant contribution exclusively for the purposes defined by the project, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the present Agreement and the Grant Agreement and its annexes. Erasmus+ grant amounts received in advance and not used by the beneficiaries will be reimbursed to the coordinator at the latest 30 days after the end of the project's contractual period.

5.4 If there is a difference between the amount of the Erasmus+ grant contribution actually used by the partnership and the amount of expenditure declared eligible by the Executive Agency at the end of the project, *the beneficiary (ies) responsible for the expenditure declared ineligible will reimburse the corresponding amount to the coordinator.*



#### **Article 6 Reporting**

6.1 The coordinator is responsible for submitting in due time to the Executive Agency all reports and financial statements as required in the Grant Agreement. For this purpose and in a timely manner, the beneficiary commits to provide the coordinator with all necessary information and, if applicable, copies of supporting documents needed for drawing up reports, financial statements and any other documents required in the Grant Agreement.

6.2 The coordinator shall provide the beneficiary with the appropriate reporting forms for the declaration of expenses/activities and the respective instructions for their completion. These reports must be drawn up in EURO.

6.3 The beneficiary shall keep a record of any expenditure/activity incurred under the project and all proofs and related documents for a period of 5 years after the payment of the final balance under the Grant Agreement. The coordinator may reject any item which cannot be justified in accordance with the rules set out by the Executive Agency in the Grant Agreement and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant (Annex III).

#### **Article 7 Budgetary and financial management**

7.1 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's staff costs, travel costs and costs of stay will be calculated on the basis of "unit contributions" specified in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

7.2 For the implementation of the project and the beneficiary's reimbursement of costs incurred in terms of travel and costs of stay, the partnership will apply the corresponding ceiling and it will reimburse up to the unit costs amounts defined in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide and in the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

7.3 The Erasmus+ grant contribution to the project's equipment and subcontracting costs will be based on the justification of the costs actually incurred. This justification will take the form of the support documentation specified in the relevant section of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant. The template "request for reimbursement/payment" (Annex IV) should be used to claim any reimbursement of costs incurred in the framework of the project activities.

7.4 The beneficiary confirms that they respect the social and labour legislation of their country regarding the costs of staff contributing to the project.

#### **Article 8 General administrative provisions**

8.1 Any important project related communication should be addressed to the appointed project manager of the beneficiary, as per the details below:

For the beneficiary:

[PIC no]: 922516076 Legal Entity Name: University of Mysore (UOM)

[Beneficiary name]: Dr. G Hemantha Kumar

[Project manager name] Dr. G Hemantha Kumar

[address]: Dept. of Studies in Computer Science, Manasagangotri, University of Mysore, Mysuru-570006, India

[email]: [ghk.2007@yahoo.com](mailto:ghk.2007@yahoo.com)

8.2 Any changes to the above information should be communicated in a timely manner.

#### **Article 9 Promotion and visibility**



9.1 The coordinator and the beneficiaries shall ensure adequate promotion of the project and commit to playing an active role in any actions organised to capitalise on, exploit / disseminate the results of the project.

9.2 Any notice or publication by the project, including at a conference or a seminar, must specify that the project is being co-financed by EU funds within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, and must comply with the visibility rules laid down in Articles I.10.8 and I.10.9 of the Grant Agreement, as well as in section 1.6 of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.

#### **Article 10 Confidentiality and data protection**

10.1 The coordinator and the beneficiary undertake to preserve the confidentiality of any document, information or other material directly related to the subject of the Agreement that is duly classed as confidential, if disclosure could cause prejudice to the other party. The parties shall remain bound by this obligation beyond the closing date of the action.

10.2 All personal data contained in or relating to this Agreement shall be processed in accordance with the dispositions of Article II.6 of the Grant Agreement.

#### **Article 11 Ownership and property rights**

11.1 The ownership of all project results, including copyrights and intellectual property rights, as well as all reports and other documentation resulting from the action, shall be vested in the beneficiary, in compliance with Article I.7 of the Grant Agreement.

11.2 Materials already developed and brought in may be only used within the scope of the project as templates of good practice. Copyrights shall be strictly safeguarded and permission for reproduction and scale of production has to be settled beforehand.

#### **Article 12 Liability**

12.1 Each of the contracting parties discharges the other of any civil liability for any damages suffered by itself or its staff/students as a result of the performance of this Agreement, insofar as such damages are not due to serious or intentional negligence or fault of the other party or its staff/students.

#### **Article 13 Conflict of interest**

13.1 The coordinator and beneficiary must undertake all necessary precautions to prevent any risk of conflicts of interest which could affect their impartial and objective performance of the Agreement. Such conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional reasons, or any other shared interest.

13.2 Any situation constituting or likely to lead to any such conflict should be brought to the attention of the coordinator without delay, and the beneficiary in cause shall undertake to take all necessary measures to rectify this situation at once.

13.3 The coordinator will decide if it is deemed necessary to inform the Executive Agency as provided for in Article II.4 of the Grant Agreement.



**Article 14**  
**Working languages**

- 14.1 The working language of the partnership shall be English.
- 14.2 Both parties commit in allocating to the project staff with enough knowledge of the working language, allowing a smooth communication and understanding of the matters discussed.

**Article 15**  
**Conflict resolution**

- 15.1 In case of conflict between the project's partners resulting from the interpretation or the application of this Agreement, or in connection with the activities contained within, the parties involved shall make the effort to come to an amicable arrangement rapidly and in the spirit of good cooperation.
- 15.2 Disputes should be addressed in writing to the project Steering Committee (or a body consisting of representatives of all the project partners), that will try to mediate in order to resolve the conflict.

**Article 16**  
**Applicable law and jurisdiction**

- 16.1 This Agreement is governed by the Spanish law, being the law of the coordinator's country.
- 16.2 In case of any disputes on matters under this Agreement, which cannot be resolved by an amicable settlement, the matter shall have to be decided in accordance with the jurisdiction of the coordinator's country.
- 16.3 If any provision of this Agreement or the application of any such provision shall be considered invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part for legal requirements, all other stipulations remain valid and binding to both parties.
- 16.4 If any provision in this Agreement should be wholly or partly ineffective, the parties to this Agreement undertake to replace the ineffective provision by an effective provision which comes as close as possible to the purpose of the ineffective provision.
- 16.5 This Agreement is concluded in **English**. In the event of translation of this Agreement and its annexes, the English version shall prevail.

**Article 17**  
**Termination of the Agreement**

- 17.1 In the event that the beneficiary fails to perform any obligations under the present Agreement or the Grant Agreement, the coordinator may terminate their participation in the project, upon formal written authorisation by the Executive Agency.
- 17.2 The coordinator shall notify the beneficiary in cause by registered letter. The beneficiary has one month to supply all relevant information to appeal the decision.

**Article 18**  
**Force Majeure**



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18.1 If either parties face a case of *force majeure* (as per defined in article II.14 of the Grant Agreement), it shall promptly notify the other party in writing, specifying the nature, probable duration and expected effects of this event.

18.2 Neither of the parties shall be deemed in breach of its obligations if it has been prevented from performing its tasks due to *force majeure*. The parties shall take all necessary measures to minimise possible damage to successful project implementation.

**Article 19  
Amendments**

19.1 Any amendments to this Agreement must be made in writing by means of a Supplementary Agreement, and become effective when signed by the authorised legal representatives of both parties. No oral agreement may bind the parties to this effect.

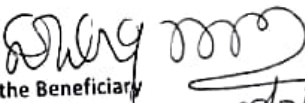
19.2 The amendment may not have the purpose or the effect of making changes which might call into question the dispositions of the Grant Agreement.

**Article 20  
Annexes**

- Annex I - Copy of the Grant Agreement signed between the coordinator and the Executive Annex II - Budget/Expenditure/Co-financing breakdown per partner and budget category.
- Annex III - link to Guidelines for the Use of the Grant.
- Annex IV - Internal Reporting forms: Request for reimbursement / Payment

We, the undersigned, declare to have read and accepted the terms and conditions of this Agreement as described here before, including the annexes thereto.

**For the Coordinator**  
The legal representative  
Alejandro Aguilar Vila

  
**For the Beneficiary**  
The legal representative  
Prof. C. Basavaraju  
08/3/18  
**Vice-Chancellor**  
**University of Mysore**  
**Mysore-570 005**

Signature and stamp  
Done in Barcelona

Date

Signature and stamp  
Done in Mysuru, India

Date 09/02/2018