



Memorandum of Understanding on Academic Cooperation Between

**East-West University (Tbilisi, Georgia) And
Bilecik Sheikh Edebali University (Bilecik, Turkey)**

1. Preamble

East-West University (Tbilisi, Georgia) and Bilecik Sheikh Edebali University (Bilecik, Turkey) do hereby agree to design, develop and implement the details of the following Memorandum of Understanding on Academic Cooperation (hereafter MoU).

2. Areas for Cooperation

This MoU is based on the reciprocity principle and expresses the genuine interests of both parties in exchanging educational experience, academic and scientific information, students, faculty, developing joint educational programs and scientific projects, in hope and belief that such programs and projects at both universities will be established and substantially enhanced.

East-West University and Bilecik Sheikh Edebali University encourage the development and implementation of the following activities:

- Student exchange programs
- Faculty exchange programs
- Cultural exchange programs
- Joint research projects
- Clinical rotation exchange programs at University clinics
- Joint and Double degree programs
- Sharing Library resources
- Sharing educational courses contents
- Joint and Co- supervising of upper level students

3. Implementation of this MoU

Both universities recognize that the successful implementation of this MoU will depend on the development of specific faculty and student interest and availability of the relevant resources. Details of implementation will be separately negotiated and agreed upon between the respective representatives of both universities.

4. Intellectual Property Rights

Both universities acknowledge the principle that knowledge generated in the direction of research, should remain available for future research and integration into the teaching, and, if possible, should be public. Therefore both universities agree on the following:

- Results generated as a result of joint research should be published by/bear names of both universities

• The availability of the results for future research and teaching should be assured
If results are made available for commercial exploitation, both universities should assure that:

- Such results are applied as broadly as possible
- Access is granted under fair conditions with no discrimination
- Benefits should be shared with both universities

5. Duration, amendments and termination of the MoU

- The term of this MoU is five academic years 2023/24 through 2027/28.
- In case of a student exchange, specific arrangements for payment of related expenses, including travel, boarding, lodging, tuition fees and insurance, will be agreed upon by both universities in advance.
- The MoU could be terminated/amended/revised by either party upon provision of a 6-month advance written notice to other.
- Any issues between universities not mentioned in this MoU could be resolved through mutual agreement.

This MoU becomes affective when signed by the representatives of the two universities. The MoU remains in effect for period of 5 years and shall be automatically renewed for next 5 years until and unless either university provides to other with a 6-months prior written notice to the end of the initial term or the renewed term.

On behalf of East-West University

On behalf of Bilecik Sheikh Edebali University



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Date: 4 August, 2023

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Bilecik, Turkey

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