THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF WARMIA AND MAZURY IN OLSZTYN (REPUBLIC OF POLAND) AND

FREE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MOLDOVA (REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA)

University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn (UWM), located in Olsztyn at Oczapowskiego St. 2, 10-719 Olsztyn, Poland, represented by Rector – **Prof. Dr. Ryszard Górecki** and the Free International University of Moldova, located in Chişinău at 52 Vlaicu Parcalab St, Chisinau, MD-2012, Republic of Moldova, represented by **Rector - Academician, Andrei Galben,** hereinafter called 'Parties', having an intention to establish the scientific and research cooperation have decided to sign the present Agreement.

Article 1

The Coordinators and the Faculties participating in the implementation of the Cooperation Agreement shall be, from the side of the UWM:

The Institute of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, coordinator dr. Wojciech Kotowicz, dr. hab. Marcin Chełminiak.

and from the Free International University of Moldova, side:

Valentina Ciumacenco, Director of the Center for International Cooperation and Viorica Ţîcu, Faculty of International Relations, Political Science and Journalism.

Article 2

- 1. Each institution may offer to the other opportunities for activities and programs, such as teaching, research, exchange of faculty and students, and staff development that will foster a collaborative relationship.
- 2. The cooperation in the areas of research and science as well as education shall concern:
 - 1. Conducting joint research concerning scientific issues of interest to both Parties.
 - 2. Arranging bilateral seminars
 - 3. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
 - 4. Conducting mutual studies in English
 - 5.Implementing joint scientific and educational projects co-financed by external sources.
 - 6. Exchange of expertise between research and educational staff
 - 7. Exchange of faculty members and advanced graduate students for research, lectures, and discussions
 - 8. Publication of science works in periodicals of both Parties
 - 9. Exchange of academic materials, publications, manuals, coursebooks, and other information.

Article 3

- 1. The Parties shall conduct the academic staff exchange by means of formal letters of invitation. The invitations will be sent by the Rectors, Vice-rectors or by other authorized persons.
- 2. The aim of the academic staff exchange is: participation in scientific conferences, seminars, symposiums as well as exchange of expertise, to define plan of cooperation and joint discussions on up-to-date scientific issues of interest to both Parties.

Article 4

The detailed conditions of cooperation, especially the financing mechanisms, plan of exchanges of the academic staff and students of both Parties shall be specified in separate Annexes to this Agreement for each particular case.

Article 5

- 1. The present Agreement will be in effect for five years. When signed, Agreement does not exclude a possibility of undertaking other cooperative activities which may be subject of an Annex to the present Agreement. Either party, if it wishes to terminate the Agreement must notify the other in writing three months in advance before the end of the Agreement, otherwise it will automatically be extended for another 5 years.
- 2. The agreement may be terminated by either party by giving a written notice three months in advance.

Article 6

Any alteration to the contents of this Agreement or to particular stages of mutually pursued projects should be concluded in the written form by mutual consent; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Article 7

The present Agreement is signed in two copies in the English language, and each Party holds one original.

Article 8

The Parties agree that the governing law for the appraisal of legal consequences resulting from this Agreement as well as the assertion of any claims is the law binding within the territory of the respective countries of which this Agreement falls within the competence.

Article 9

All disputes which might arise from this Agreement shall be resolved by the Rectors, both from the side of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn and the Free International University of Moldova or by the persons authorized by them on the basis of the powers of attorney granted in writing in the process of the conciliation procedure.

Even if one of the Parties states that it cannot see the chance of concluding a compromise, the conciliation procedure shall be recognized as terminated and the dispute shall be subject to decide by the common court of local jurisdiction for the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn.

Article 10

This Agreement shall be in force from the date of signing by both Parties.

Agreement signed by:

University of Warmia and Ma in Olsztyn	azury Free International University of Moldova
Signature	Signature
Prof. Dr. Ryszard Górecl R E C T O R	ki Academician Andrei Galben RECTOR
Date:	Date: