



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**the Regional School of Public Administration**

and

**the Regional Anti-corruption Corruption Initiative**

**on mutual cooperation**

**Regional School of Public Administration (hereinafter “ReSPA”)**

*and*

**the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (hereinafter “RAI”),**

(hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” or individually as the “Party”),

**Considering** the successful cooperation and joint actions conducted so far;

**Recognizing** the importance to strengthen the cooperation in the areas of common interest and the need to boost regional cooperation in Western Balkans for the benefit of respective national governments;

**Determined to** build a strong partnership that will generate synergies and enhance the sharing of knowledge and expertise between the Parties, as well as avoid potential duplication and overlapping of activities;

Have agreed as follows:

## **Article 1 Purpose and Scope of Cooperation**

The main purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter “MoU”) is to strengthen existing partnership and create a framework for mutual cooperation between the Parties.

The MoU sets out general principles of cooperation, according to which the Parties may jointly identify fields of mutual interest and create opportunities to develop and implement joint actions, projects and programmes with their respective competencies and mandates on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

This MoU does not create any obligations under international law and does not represent a legally binding agreement.

## **Article 2**

### **General Principles of Cooperation**

The Parties will cooperate in accordance with the provisions of this MoU, respecting their own mandate and policy framework, as well as the regulations, rules and procedures applicable to each Party.

Within the framework of this MoU, the Parties will cooperate to support and promote their common objectives and look for synergies in good faith.

The Parties will seek the most suitable ways to further strengthen cooperation and enhance its impact in the Western Balkan region. The cooperation between the Parties will be a part of and/or will complement their programmes of work.

The Parties will take part in or will inform each other of activities that might be beneficial for the other Party. The Parties will actively pursue synergies in their work.

In devising the work programmes or developing organisational strategies Parties will include each other in the consultation process.

Both parties will strive to ensure that joint actions will promote anti-corruption standards and instruments, including United Nations Convention against Corruption, fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights and other internationally recognized standards.

## **Article 3**

### **Areas and forms of cooperation**

The Parties will cooperate particularly in the area of public administration reform and anti-corruption improvements in light of the European integration process.

The Parties will, upon request and within their available resources, focus on joint programming efforts supporting regional initiatives and will assist each other in:

- Identification of areas of cooperation deemed to be of common interest to the Parties;
- Planning and implementing joint projects and activities in the respective countries of the Western Balkan region;
- Seeking each other's expertise concerning the respective activities, where appropriate;
- Organizing joint events, including but not limited to, conferences, workshops, working group meetings, mobility schemes, as agreed on a case by case basis;

- Any other form of cooperation mutually agreed by the Parties.

#### **Article 4 Visibility**

The Parties agree to acknowledge the role and contribution of each Party in all visibility materials related to cooperation, and to promote the transparency in their respective activities. Visibility will be given to the Parties according to their role within joint activities and in accordance with applicable rules.

The Parties will support visibility following a reciprocal approach. One example of such reciprocity would be linking each other institutional websites.

#### **Article 5 Liaising, Exchange of Information and Communication**

Each Party will appoint an official contact point who will coordinate the activities of each Party in carrying out this MoU. The Parties will notify each other of the name and contact details of the official contact point 15 days from the date of signature of this MoU.

The Parties will, on a voluntary basis, exchange information on relevant activities which are organized by each of the Parties and could be of a common interest concerning their cooperation under this MoU.

The Parties will, at such intervals as deemed appropriate, convene meetings or consultations to review the progress of activities being carried out under this MoU, to identify possible priority areas for cooperation, and to plan future activities.

#### **Article 6 Confidentiality**

All confidential and/or restricted information/data identified as such by one of the Parties are subject to an obligation of non-disclosure except when prior written approval by the other Party has been given to disclose the data.

All the data will be protected in accordance with applicable regulations of the Parties and the European and international standards.

**Article 7**  
**Settlement of disputes**

Any dispute related to the interpretation of application of this MoU will be resolved amicably by consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

**Article 8**  
**Entry into force, Amendments and Termination of MoU**

This MoU shall enter into force upon its signature by both Parties and shall remain valid until termination.

This MoU may be amended only by mutual written consent of the Parties.

Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving not less than three months' notice in writing to the other Party. The ongoing activities will be completed, irrespective of the termination date.

Signed on 24 February 2017 in two originals in English language by the Parties' duly authorised representatives.

**For the Regional School of Public  
Administration**



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Initiative**



Davor Dubravica, Chairperson