

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

This Agreement is established between:

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and

University of Belgrade – Faculty of Agriculture, headquartered in Belgrade, Serbia, address Nemanjina 6, 11080 Belgrade - Zemun, tel./fax 00381 11 4413166, represented by Acting Dean – Prof. dr Vladan BOGDANOVIC

Art. 1. The object of the partnership agreement is to establish the framework within which the research and innovation activities of doctoral students are organized and carried out with the aim to advance scientific research, ensure technological transfer, and support the development of doctoral theses.

(1) The regulatory framework that will form the basis of the partnership agreement is represented by the specific legislation from Romania and Serbia

Art. 2. General activities within the partnership will include:

- (1) Carrying out research activities within the two partner institutions.
- (2) Establishing agreements for the use of the institutional equipment by the university, under the supervision of qualified personnel from the partner institution.
- (3) Participation of qualified personnel from the partner institution in training doctoral students in the use of equipment.
- (4) Proposing research directions in the development of doctoral theses by the institution.
- (5) Ensuring the participation, upon invitation by the university, of representatives of the institution, with an advisory role and without the right to vote or evaluate, at the public defenses of doctoral theses.

Art. 3. Duration of the Research Partnership Agreement

The duration of the Research Partnership Agreement is 5 (five) years, and it may be extended with the consent of the partnering institutions. This collaboration protocol is concluded for the period of 2025-2030.

Art. 4 - Obligations and rights of the partners

(1) The conditions for the development of the doctoral research partnership include: the research topics; research objectives and expected results; research methodology and the framework for developing and implementing solutions; experiments and simulations to be carried out; infrastructure that each party will make available for the students' research activities.

(2) Aspects relating to confidentiality and intellectual property regarding the results of doctoral research obtained by doctoral students, including the patenting, use, dissemination and publication of the research results. None of these agreements will obstruct the conditions

imposed by the Code of Doctoral Studies and by OM 3020/2024 - Framework Regulation on Doctoral Studies and the obligation of doctoral students to publish during the doctoral studies the results obtained in their scientific research activities in support of their doctoral thesis.

Art. 5 - Modification and termination of the collaboration protocol

- (1) This Research Partnership Agreement may only be amended by an Additional Act signed and stamped (if applicable) by both parties.
- (2) This Research Partnership Agreement may be terminated in the following cases:
 - a) upon reaching its term;
 - b) by agreement of the both parties, with the written indication of the termination date of this collaboration protocol;
 - c) if one of the parties does not comply with the obligations assumed by the collaboration protocol, the other party may, by written notification, terminate the collaboration protocol, with the termination producing full legal effects.

Art. 6 - Disputes

- (1) Disputes that may arise as a result of the application and interpretation of the provisions of this collaboration protocol will be resolved amicably.
- (2) If it is not possible to resolve disputes amicably, the parties will address the matter to the competent courts of Romania and Serbia.

Art. 7 Other provisions:

- The objectives and activities of this partnership agreement may be supplemented over time, with the consent of both parties.
- This partnership agreement does not create any legally binding obligation on the part of the participants. However, specific terms of collaborative activities may be discussed by the two participants in a further legally binding agreement or agreements, in a manner consistent with the mandate and resources of each participant. Each such agreement should be made pursuant to this Agreement for the limited purpose of the particular activity addressed in such agreement.
- This partnership agreement is concluded for a period of 60 months, starting from the date of signing and registration of the document. Any request for termination must be formulated in writing and sent to the other party at least six months before the expiration of the validity period of the agreement, and at least 15 days before the intended date of termination.
- This partnership agreement was concluded in 2 (two) original copies, of which 1 (one) for the University of Craiova and 1 (one) for University of Belgrade – Faculty of Agriculture.

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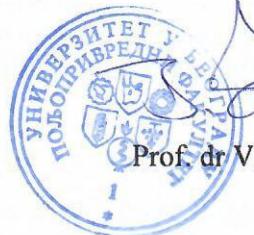
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