

BILATERAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN

the CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

AND

Fact Check Cyprus

INTRODUCTION

The present document underlines that the Cyprus University of Technology and Fact Check Cyprus (FCC) formally agree towards the development of a direct cultural and scientific cooperation which will have mutual advantages for both bodies upon the following articles of cooperation:

Article 1

Both bodies formally agree to put in place research, scientific and educational cooperation in fields of common interest. This cooperation is to be developed on an equal basis, based on mutual advantages.

The agreement is based on the following modes of cooperation:

1. Joint participation or joint organization of scientific conferences, symposiums, seminars, meetings as agreed by both parties
2. Mutual participation in research projects and training events
3. Mutual exchange of information, scientific documentation and publications
4. Other academic exchanges formally recognised by both bodies

Article 2

When implementing this research, scientific and educational cooperation, a partnership agreement will have to be agreed on with a view to determining fields of common interest, appointing the people in charge, and specifying the arrangements regarding research programmes, funding methods, educational and training activities.

Similarly, the partnership agreement should detail the decision-making structure within the collaboration. If FCC wishes to make its own decisions regarding fact-checking processes, methodologies, and editorial policies, this should be explicitly stated. Finally, the partnership agreement should also address governance issues. If the university is involved in any decision-making processes related to FCC, it should be clearly defined, and mechanisms for resolving disputes should be outlined.

Article 3

The agreement is subject to approval by the contracting bodies, in accordance with established procedures, and will become effective once signed.

Article 4

FCC can agree to provide regular reports or updates to the university regarding the status of external funding. These reports can include the sources of funding, the amounts received, and how the funds are being used.

Article 5

In case of conflicts or disagreements between the FCC and the university, a dispute resolution mechanism should be established in the partnership agreement to facilitate amicable resolutions.

Article 6

FCC reserves its right for non-interference in editorial independence. The university should respect the full editorial independence of FCC. This includes not attempting to influence the fact-checking outcomes, conclusions, or reporting of FCC.

Article 7

The present agreement will be effective for a period of five (5) years. It can be renewed or modified subject to approval of a report to be submitted at the end of the first-five year period.

Article 8

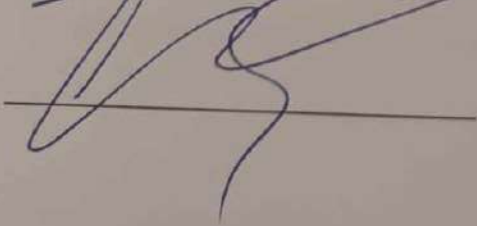
Each signatory may cancel the present agreement, with a two-month notice. However, this cancellation will not terminate the operations already underway before the scheduled conclusion.

Article 9

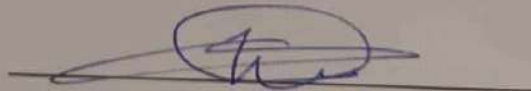
The present agreement will be prepared in two copies in English.

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