

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

SESC – Sociedade de Estudos Superiores e Culturais, SA (Portugal)

and

María Auxiliadora University S.A.C. (Perú)

On International Partnership Programmes

Preface

SESC - Sociedade de Estudos Superiores e Culturais, S.A., the founding entity of **IPLuso – Instituto Politécnico da Lusofonia**, hereinafter referred to as **IPLuso**, with its registered office at Avenida do Campo Grande, n.º 376, 1749 – 024 Lisboa - Portugal, herein represented by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, PhD Manuel de Almeida Damásio and by the Member of the Board of Directors, PhD Maria da Conceição Ferreira Soeiro, and **Universidad Maria Auxiliadora**, represented by its General Manager and Rector, Dr. Gladys Ivonne Moran Paredes, wish to establish academic links and contacts through a formal MOU between the two organizations with the following objectives:

I. Aims and Form of Co-operation

- **Exchange of students:** Organization of study visits and training, participation in Bachelors', Masters' and Doctoral courses, recognition of academic credits, guidance and supervision of student's theses and project works. Towards this purpose, a few scholarships to meet their living expenses partly or wholly may be made available from both sides which shall be subject to separate and specific regulations.
- **Exchange of faculty:** Planning and handling of academic programmes and courses, organization of seminars, workshops and conferences including the exchange of mutual experiences in teaching, research and industrial practice.

- **Exchange in research:** Joint programmes in Research and Development including exchange of publications and reports.
- **Twinning Programmes:** Explore possibilities of joint twinning programmes in interdisciplinary areas of specialization of high relevance to both institutions.
- **Centres of Excellence:** Creation of Centers of Excellence in specialized fields of mutual interest in Science, Engineering, Technology, Management and Humanities, subject to prior agreement and agreed budget allocation.

II. Finance

- Neither institution shall incur any financial obligations under this agreement. Applications for financial support towards the co-operation and individual activities planned under this agreement will be transparent and undertaken with mutual consent.
- Other sources of finances raised to support these joint projects can be pursued with the knowledge of the other through intimation in writing.

III. Responsibility for implementation

Activities to be organized under this agreement will be the responsibility of the Heads of both institutions or of persons designated by them. National regulations and customs shall be mutually respected.

IV. Duration and Alteration of the Agreement

- The MoU will come into effect on the date of signature by both the parties. The duration is for a period of five years. However, the agreement may be terminated by either party, after the completion of any specific activity / activities in the process with mutual consent.

V. Immediate Areas of Cooperation

- Students exchange for academic missions, internships, full semesters or short programs.
- Faculty exchange for academic programs.
- Joint research.
- Co-design and teach subjects that can be performed online.

This agreement shall become effective from today.

January 2nd, 2026, upon signing of this MOU.

Universidad Maria Auxiliadora
Lima, Peru

SESC, S.A. Administration
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