

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

E.I.A. – Ensino, Investigação e Administração, SA, the founding entity of **Atlântica – Instituto Universitário** and **ESSATLA - Escola Superior de Saúde Atlântica, Portugal**
and
María Auxiliadora University S.A.C. (Perú)

On International Partnership Programmes

Preface

E.I.A. – Ensino, Investigação e Administração, SA, the founding entity of **Atlântica – Instituto Universitário** and **ESSATLA - Escola Superior de Saúde Atlântica**, headquartered in the former Gunpowder Factory in Barcarena, Portugal, represented by its General Manager Natália do Espírito Santo 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 Cooperation

- **Exchange of students:** Organisation of study visits and training, participation in bachelors, master and doctoral courses, mutual recognition of academic credits, guidance and supervision of students' theses and projects. Towards this purpose, a few scholarships to meet their living expenses partly or wholly may be made available from both sides.
- **Exchange of faculty:** Planning and handling of academic programmes and courses, organisation of seminars, workshops and conferences including the exchange of mutual experiences in teaching, research and industrial practice.
- **Exchange in research:** Joint research and development programmes including exchange of publications and reports.
- **Twinning Programmes:** Explore possibilities of joint twinning programmes in interdisciplinary areas of specialisation of high relevance to both institutions.

- **Centres of Excellence:** Creation of Centres of Excellence in specialised 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 cooperation 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 organised 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 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 5, 2026 upon signing of this MoU.

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