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AGREEMENT FOR THE CREATION OF THE EUT+
EUROPEAN RESEARCH OFFICE

ENGLISH VERSION

BETWEEN the following other partners:

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Hereinafter referred to as "**the partners**".

Where a provision applies indiscriminately to the "Coordinator" and the "Partners", in the context of this Agreement, they shall be collectively referred to as the "Partners".

The initiative or project "European University of Technology" is also referred to by its acronym "EUT+".

All the active partners for the development of the project are also called "the Alliance".

FIRST OF ALL, THE FOLLOWING IS SET OUT:

Having regard to the second call for Erasmus+ "European Universities" projects,

Having regard to the application file for this call for projects and its annexes, which the partners submitted on 26 February 2020,

Having regard to Grant Agreement N°101004088 (Annex 2) signed by the partners and the European Commission on 16 October 2020,

In the event of a conflict between the terms of this agreement and the Grant Agreement, the terms of the Grant Agreement shall prevail.

HAVING STATED THIS, IT IS AGREED AND DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

Preamble

In November 2021 the partners of the European University of Technology (EUT+) Alliance signed a Memorandum of Agreement for enabling the founding of EUT+ European Research Institutes (ERI), the related EUT+ European Graduate Research School and the supporting EUT+ European Research Office. This memorandum forms an extension of this agreement that specifies more detail on the operation of the European Research Office.

1 Foundation of the office

- (1) The name of the office is EUT+ European Research Office.
- (2) All EUT+ partners are jointly creating the office.
- (3) Each partner university delegates one person, initially part time, to the EUT+ European Research Office.
- (4) The delegates are employees of the partner university with expertise in European funding schemes.
- (5) The office will report to the Steering Board Research and the Corporate Secretary.

2 Purpose

- (1) The office supports the researchers in EUT+ and the EUT+ European Research Institutes (ERIs) as a European project office.
- (2) The office complements and is embedded into the existing structures of partner universities.
- (3) It serve as a coordination and liaison hub between all ERIs, all partner universities and each partner's local administration.

3 Tasks

- (1) The office shall be a contact point for all researchers of EUT+ in relation to European funding.
- (2) For internal coordination, the delegates will work together and may create committees as may be required in the course of working.
- (3) The main tasks to be fulfilled by the office are in the field of capacity building and administrative and technical support for European funded projects. This includes in particular:
 - Identification of calls for research funding suitable for EUT+ participants,
 - Supplying information regarding open calls, application possibilities and procedures,
 - Liaising with the academic leads of the ERIs,
 - Supporting the creation and writing the non-academic part of applications, e.g., information about partner profiles, costing and financial planning, format and structure and adherence to the rules of the call to be applied for,
 - Liaising with external project partners and relevant national and European funding bodies,
 - Offering information, consulting and training,
 - Coordinating applications across EUT+,

- Supporting consortia building for applications,
- Facilitating research activity mapping for EUT+.

4 Financing

- (1) The partner universities agree to delegate at least one person, in the beginning part time, as a personnel resource to the EUT+ European Research office. The time committed to the ERO will be monitored by the Steering Board Research and will be adjusted in line with the level of activity.
- (2) For each delegate, the partner university concerned will allocate funding for travel costs arising to attended EUT+ meetings and work meetings, as well as providing the possibility to attend trainings or related supporting seminars.
- (3) The office may propose the allocation of an operational budget. This will be assessed by the Steering Board Research.
- (4) If approved, the contributions to the operational budget shall be negotiated and agreed between the partner universities.
- (5) Subsequent operational budget allocations will be requested by the ERO on an annual basis and assessed and approved by the Steering Board Research.

5 Reporting

- (1) The office shall annually report to the Steering Board Research and the Corporate Secretary about activities and achievements of EUT+ in the field of research.
- (2) In addition, the office shall provide to the Steering Board Research an assessment of its own operational effectiveness in carrying out its tasks.

6 Ending the ERO

- (1) Ending the EUT+ European Research Office requires either an application by the office itself to the Steering Board Research, or an agreement of the Steering Board Research.
- (2) The board of EUT+ may, in accordance with recommendations by the Steering Board Research, decide by mutual agreement to dissolve the office if the circumstances change in such a way that the permanent and sustainable fulfilment of the tasks of the institute no longer appears reasonable, or is no longer possible.
- (3) In the event of the closure of the office, the remaining amounts of any established operational budget fall proportionately - according to the quota of the contribution - to the partner universities.
- (4) In the event of dissolution, obligations entered into for the future shall be borne proportionately by the partner universities on a pro rata basis, unless the respective university fails to do so in breach of its duties, or fails to ensure the timely termination of any legal obligations.

7 Liability

The partner universities shall be liable to each other - irrespective of the legal basis - only for intentional and gross negligence. This also applies to their legal representatives and their vicarious agents. This limitation of liability does not apply to injury to life, body or health. Only

the following shall be liable to third parties the partner university that caused the damage; it shall indemnify the other cooperation partners to the extent that the in this respect.

8 Final provisions

Amendments and supplements to this agreement must be made in writing. This also applies to the cancellation of this written form clause itself.

Regarding any differences of opinion arising from this agreement, including those that only arise after the termination of this agreement, the partners involved shall attempt to settle them amicably. If this does not succeed the presidents of the partner universities shall first be asked to reconcile their opinions.

In case of doubt about the interpretation of this agreement the parties involved shall seek a decision by the presidents of the partner universities to bring about a binding decision by the presidents of the partner universities.

9 Entry with effect

The agreement enters into force upon signature by all parties involved in the European Research Office.

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