

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRIES OF THE VISEGRAD GROUP COUNTRIES
RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH**

AND

**THE MINISTRIES OF THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES
RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH**

IN

YOUTH FIELD

The ministers responsible for youth of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and the Slovak Republic, the countries of the Visegrad Group on one side and the ministers responsible for youth of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, the countries of the Eastern Partnership on the other side, (hereinafter referred as the “ Participants ”),

with respect to historical connections and taking into consideration relationship and friendship between nations and nationalities of their countries,

acknowledging the role of the youth and believing that young people could contribute to the development of further mutual understanding, tolerance, friendship and cooperation,

desiring to expand and strengthen friendship between young people and to promote cooperation in the youth field

expressing their mutual will to promote relations between countries through cooperation in the field of youth affairs,

convinced, that there are common challenges to be faced by young people,

have reached the following understanding:

I

The Participants are ready to take the appropriate measures in order to enhance their cooperation in the youth field and support the development of direct contacts and friendly relations between the two groups of countries.

The Participants will promote the exchange of information on youth issues; provide information on youth programs, youth policy, national legislation, and regional programs for youth, various structures working on youth matters, experts, researches and other important issues.

II

The Participants will support the exchange of experience in the field of youth affairs.

For this purpose, the Participants will develop joint action plan for implementation of joint activities on voluntary basis of the members of two groups of countries. The action plan can be developed for a period of one, two or three years.

III

The Participants will promote enhancement of cooperation among the youth. Carry out joint events such as camping and forums, as well as meetings and exchanges of various professions working in youth field, aimed at rapprochement of youth, as well as informing youth on countries history, cultural heritage, and tourism potential.

IV

The Participants will support the promotion of cooperation among the youth organizations. Facilitate youth exchange programs, contact seminars, conferences, training-seminars and other joint activities.

V

The Participants wish to strengthen cooperation within the framework of the "Erasmus+ Programme 2014-2020" according to the developmental level of the Programme within each of the countries, through contact points and/or institutions nominated as the National Agencies in charge for the Programme.

VI

The Participants are ready to promote the main forms of cooperation in the field of youth, namely the exchange of delegations and participation in study visits, seminars, trainings, meetings and forums on the issues covered by this Memorandum as well as in other youth events.

VII

All activities covered by this Memorandum will be implemented in accordance with the national legislation of each country and within their available resources.

VIII

The Representatives of the Participants wish to use the framework of the *Visegrad-Eastern Partnership Countries* meetings to discuss the cooperation within this Memorandum.

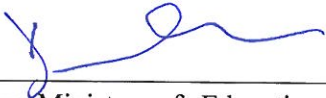
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This Memorandum is signed with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Participants. This memorandum does not create any rights or obligations under international law.

Signed in Bratislava, on 22, in ten (10) originals in English language

For the countries of Visegrad Group

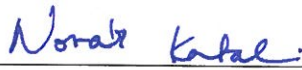
For the countries of Eastern Partnership



for the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic


for the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia


for the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

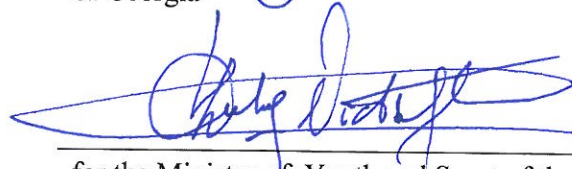
for the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan


for the Ministry of Human Capacities of Hungary


for the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus


for the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Poland


for the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia


for the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Moldova


for the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine