Memorandum of understanding

SPACE European Network for Business Studies and Languages, and Bologna Club, intend to enter into a mutually beneficial cooperation.

Considering, one the one hand,

1. SPACE Network is a non-profit International Association, registered in Belgium under Belgian Law, of some 40 international Institutions of Higher Education and international associations.
2. The added value of SPACE Network is the development of European and international co-operation in the areas of business studies and languages. One key objective of SPACE is to share staff educational experiences in order to meet the needs of students who should be aware more and more of how to do business in a global environment.
3. It organizes examinations leading to an international Certificate/ Diploma, recognized by all its members and many international companies.
4. SPACE Network offers networking opportunities for sharing information and initiating projects between members, encouraging and facilitating research and curriculum development.
5. The motto of SPACE Network is “Learning by Sharing in Higher Education”.
6. SPACE Network offers the opportunity for its members to share online exams (e.g. in Intercultural Communication, Euro business, Euro languages and European Studies), which demonstrate the European dimension of SPACE and the benefits of shared experiences.
7. SPACE Network has developed a serious number of co-operations in European funded projects.
8. The specific objectives of SPACE Network are:
   - To formulate common standards and organizing common examinations for business and language students and promoting the use of ECTS.
   - To award common European diplomas managed by a Level Evaluation Committee
   - To create networks in the educational and professional world as to make SPACE known as a quality label
• To develop online SPACE courses and organizing online fora, especially in the field of European Studies and intercultural Business Communication
• To assist members in setting up projects under Erasmus+
• To encourage applied research according to the lines of the Bologna Agreement

And on the other hand,

1. Bologna Club, which is the open association of Russian universities, that takes the initiative to disseminate and promote the ideas of the Bologna process in Russian educational community
2. It organizes forums, conferences, seminars and other international events focused on promoting internationalization and reinforcing collaboration between higher educational institutions in RF and EHEA as well as their counterparts outside the area.
3. Bologna Club offers networking opportunities for universities, educational organization, etc. to encourage and support cooperation for joint projects to implement the policies and tools for the full involvement of the academic community and other key stakeholders
4. The motto of Bologna Club is “Traditio, Unificatio, Apertio, Approbatio”
5. The added value of Bologna Club is finding effective ways of rapprochement of national educational systems and development of common educational space, which meets the European trend to build a knowledge-based society.
6. Bologna Club offers the opportunity to its members to increase the quality and competitiveness of education, enhance international cooperation and academic mobility, as well as the distribution of three-level system of education, and recognition of study periods, learning outcomes, degrees and qualifications taken abroad.
7. Bologna Club has developed cooperation between members and partners based on principles of internationalization, networking and partnership.
8. The Specific Objectives of Bologna Club are:
   • intensification of cooperation and establishment of network between universities and their partners to develop a national policy in the sphere of higher education;
   • creation of the effective support mechanism of dynamic and full of Russia’s entry into the education community in Europe.

Therefore there is, hereby, an understanding that SPACE and Bologna Club will seek to cooperate. In the framework of their cooperation both organisations will, among others, seek to agree on the following issues:

• Mention on each other’s website the agreement of cooperation with logo and link
• Two nominated members of each organization may attend the other organization’s annual conference with a conference fee waiver
• Access where possible to each other’s activities and events at privileged prices, to be agreed separately
The cooperation should strengthen each other's competences as well as capitalizing on synergetic effects in developing new areas of common activities. Among others, these may be, but are not limited to, the following:

- Common engagement in funded projects
- Common competitions (Case Competition, Young Entrepreneurship Competition, or others) or participation in each other's competitions
- Common conferences or participation by members of each network in each other's conferences and/or other's events and/or activities
- Other activities, which may be developed through discussion now or in the future

It is understood that any activities which are not covered explicitly in this Memorandum of Understanding may be suggested and discussed, but will become effective only by consensus of the two organizations.

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