

MEMORANDUM of PARTNERSHIP

Between the undersigned,

On the one side,

Savonia University of Applied Sciences
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And on the other side

Petrozavodsk State Conservatoire
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Article 1:

Savonia University of Applied Sciences (SUAS) and Petrozavodsk State Conservatory have decided to start their international relationship and collaborate in higher education and increase their research and development activities for mutual benefit, called partnership. The Partners negotiate together, how this co-operation is widening into external institutions.

The Partnership allows transfer of knowledge and expertise between the institutions. The Partnership would also promote international activities in higher education, increase networking and encourage people to people contacts in both institutions and strengthen local innovation activities.

Article 2:

Both institutes agree the following points of **teaching and learning in higher education**

- Added value with regard to existing degree programmes; expansion of courses taught and studied in English and planning joint degree programmes.
- Starting exchange of professors , teachers and students
- Sharing knowledge and best practices of the co-operation between higher education and working life.
- Facilitating final project and work placement opportunities for students.
- Adding an international perspective to quality assurance of teaching and learning.
- Sharing knowledge about innovative educational and pedagogical solutions and innovative learning networks.

Article 3:

Both institutes agree to collaborate in **research and development (R&D)**, especially in practice-oriented research and open innovation space by;

- Defining research projects, especially in the area of cultural entrepreneurship and innovation, i.e. music productions, concerts, festivals, master courses. Research projects are undertaken by staff, students, and cultural and working-life partners.
- Facilitating the knowledge, how to transform R&D knowledge and creative ideas into cultural applications.
- Sharing knowledge and practices, how to stimulate entrepreneurial, creative behaviour, skills and knowledge in higher education, e.g. by arranging joint projects.

- Adding the research qualifications of staff by providing research and development opportunities and co-operation among the staff of both institutions.
- Activating joint efforts for seeking new funding for R&D.

Article 4:

Both institutes agree to start in developing and planning partnership as from the signature of this memorandum. The costs of co-operations and detailed activities and their timing will be agreed separately.

The agreement has been drawn up in two copies, one for Petrozavodsk State Conservatoire named after A. K. Glasunov and one for Savonia University of Applied Sciences.

Petrozavodsk State Conservatoire named after A. K. Glasunov	Savonia University of Applied Sciences,
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Name: Vladimir Solov'yev	Name: Veli-Matti Tolppi
Position: Rector 	Position: President
Place and date: Kuopio 28.03.2011 	Place and date: Kuopio 28.03.2011 