



**GERMAN UNIVERSITIES OF
APPLIED SCIENCES**



consórcio das universidades comunitárias gaúchas

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE UAS7 CONSORTIUM

Seven German Universities of Applied Sciences—Alliance for Excellence

and

COMUNG

Consórcio das Universidades Comunitárias Gaúchas

In the interest of establishing an academic, cultural and professional cooperation of mutual benefit between the two institutions, the UAS7 Consortium and the Consórcio das Universidades Comunitárias Gaúchas hereinafter referred to as "the Parties,"

UNDERSTANDING that cooperation among scientists and scholars in Brazil and in Germany will strengthen the relationships between the people of Brazil and of Germany; and

CONSIDERING that scientific and technological cooperation between Brazil and Germany will contribute to the economic and industrial sectors of both countries; and

RECOGNIZING that the Parties are distinguished institutions of higher education and research which offer excellent undergraduate and graduate education programs and conduct advanced and applied research; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that COMUNG is the largest Consortium of Higher Education located in the state of Rio Grande do Sul comprising 15 institutions, and which include Universidade Feevale (Novo Hamburgo), Centro Universitário Metodista (Porto Alegre), Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre), Centro Universitário Franciscano (Santa Maria), Centro Universitário La Salle (Canoas), Universidade Católica de Pelotas (Pelotas), Universidade de Caxias do Sul (Caxias do Sul), Universidade Regional do

Noroeste do Estado Rio Grande do Sul (Ijuí), Universidade de Santa Cruz do Sul (Santa Cruz do Sul), Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos (São Leopoldo), Centro Universitário UNIVATES (Lajeado), Universidade de Passo Fundo (Passo Fundo), Universidade da Região da Campanha (Bagé), Universidade Regional Integrada do Alto Uruguai e das Missões (Erechim); Universidade da Região da Campanha (Bagé);

ACKNOWLEDGING that UAS7 is a consortium of seven German Universities of Applied Sciences located in the major technological and industrial regions of Germany which have formed a strategic alliance, and which include the Berlin School of Economics and Law (Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin), Bremen University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule Bremen), Cologne University of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule Köln), Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften Hamburg), Munich University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule München), Münster University of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule Münster), and Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule Osnabrück), and is represented in Brazil by its liaison office in São Paulo;

have agreed to the following:

ARTICLE I

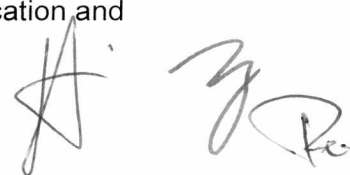
The objective of this Agreement is to exchange information and human resources from the two Parties in order to:

- Strengthen teaching and research, and;
- Broaden the international experiences of the staff, faculty and students of both Parties.

ARTICLE II

The Parties shall make reasonable efforts to support the development of the following cooperative activities so as to benefit Parties, their students and their academic faculty:

- Build connections between campuses of the two Parties, between any of the UAS7 consortium universities and any of the COMUNG universities;
- Identify program areas for joint academic activities including research, dual degree programs, and articulation agreements;
- Facilitate the movement of faculty, undergraduate students and graduate students between universities of the two Parties to enhance education and learning;



- Encourage recommendations and proposals from faculty members of the two Parties to conduct joint activities;
- Promote opportunities for hands-on and practical training in cooperation with industry.
- Develop partnerships in research with academic and non-academic institutions

ARTICLE III

Appropriate agreements for the implementation of the activities listed above will be developed between UAS7 and individual COMUNG institutions. These articulation agreements will facilitate cooperation between individual COMUNG institutions and the UAS7 consortium, and when appropriate, between individual COMUNG campuses and one or more UAS7 member institutions. The implementation of this Agreement and subsequent agreements is dependent on the ability of the Parties to secure adequate funding to support such activities. Both Parties agree, jointly or separately, to make best efforts to seek funding from third parties as necessary to support program activities. Neither of the Parties is committed to providing its own resources in support of the program activities defined under this Agreement. All commitments, obligations and expenditures related to projects approved under this Agreement shall be administered in accordance with each Party's normal practice and policies.

ARTICLE IV

This Agreement shall not incur any financial commitment by the signatory consortia or by the institutions affiliated to them. The signatory parties, however, commit to raise the necessary financial resources for carrying out the activities as mutually agreed, either from official funding agencies for research, technology and innovation in their respective countries, from international agencies or from private enterprise in their respective countries.

Activities not covered by this Agreement shall be included as addenda, signed by the institutions involved. Without prejudice to any further legal actions, such agreements shall contain at least the following items:

- clear definition of the type of work and goals;
- teams involved and their leaders;
- origin of the necessary funds to develop the project and its application;
- method for monitoring and evaluating results.

Exchange participants from both consortia shall not be charged any tuition fees.

All discipline assessment criteria and academic certificate issued by the partner institutions shall be mutually accredited.




ARTICLE V

Any joint project activity undertaken between the Parties may be terminated by:

- Mutual agreement between the two Parties,
- Three month's notice by either Party, or
- Completion of an activity, or
- As set forth in subsequent agreements as described in Article III.

ARTICLE VI

This Agreement shall remain in effect for five (5) years from the time of signing by both Parties and will automatically be extended for another five (5) years unless termination is requested by one of the Parties in the form of written notice six (6) months prior to expiration.

ARTICLE VII

For the terms of this agreement to be in effect, it must be signed by the responsible officer of each Party.

(Signed in 4 [four] copies, 2 [two] in Portuguese and 2 [two] in English.

Handwritten signatures: A, Z, D

Porto Alegre, 04 / 12 / 2013

Berlin, 04 / 12 / 2013

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Rector of the Centro Universitário UNIVATES

President of Comung

Witnesses:

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