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BETWEEN

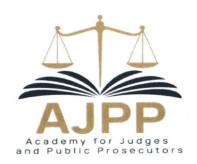
Judicial Academy of the Republic of North Macedonia

AND

STUDIECENTRUM RECHTSPLEGING OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS (SSR)

FOR A JOINT COLLABORATION









The Judicial Academy of the Republic of North Macedonia (hereinafter referred to "JA") and Studiecentrum Rechtspleging of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (hereinafter referred to "SSR"), and collectly referred to as "the Parties", declare as follows:

- 1. Recognizing the relationship between the Parties as an important element in promoting, building and facilitating cooperation in the field of the professional training of Judges and Prosecutors;
- 2. Desiring to assist and share information for curriculum development of the JA in the effort to facilitate the adoption of appropriate skills and teaching facilities to raise the standards of Judicial training in North Macedonia;
- 3. Acknowledging that no parts of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") are legally enforceable or intended to give rise to legal implications; and
- 4. Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries

HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

ARTICLE 1

Objectives

The parties aim at closer cooperation in order to improve the quality and capacities of the Judicial Academy in the field of initial and continuous legal education.

ARTICLE 2

Scope of Cooperation

The scope of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding will focus on:

- A. Increase the capacities of the JA to train highly professional, competent, independent judges and prosecutors
- B. Improving work and organizational functioning of the JA including managerial skills and internal mechanisms

ARTICLE 3

Nature of Cooperation

(1) The Parties acknowledge that close consultation and coordination shall take place on a periodical basis.

ARTICLE 4

Management and Implementation Arrangements

(1) The Parties acknowledge that the implementation of activities may involve a combination of Dutch and North Macedonian expertise. This expertise may be provided by the JA, SSR and, if necessary, external parties.

ARTICLE 5

Funding

- (1) The Parties acknowledge that the proposed cooperation will depend on the availability of external funding.
- (2) The JA and SSR will make available its training centre facilities for the purpose of implementing this MoU.

ARTICLE 6

Other Provisions

- (1) The operation and implementation of this MoU will be subject to an annual review by the Parties.
- (2) Any amendment will be made in writing and shall form and integral part of this MoU.
- (3) This MoU will come into effect on the 10th of May 2022 and shall continue for the duration of three years.

APPROVAL

The undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the 10th day of May 2022 in English, in the presence of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in North Macedonia, H.E. Dirk Jan Kop.

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Skopje, 10 May 2022

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Skopje, 10 May 2022