COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF KOBLENZ-LANDAU located in Mainz. Koblenz and Landau in Germans and having its principal office at Isaac-Fulda-Allee 3, 55124 Mainz (hereinafter referred to as "Koblenz-Landau") of the one part

AND

SAMARA STATE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY located in Samara, Russian Federation, having its principal office at 244 Molodogvardeiskaja ul., 443100, Samara (hereinafter referred to as "SamSTU") of the other part

WHEREAS

Koblenz-Landau and SamSTUare desirous of working in a spirit of cooperation to establish academic links between the two institutions, with particular emphasis on academic collaboration, joint research and staff exchange.

THE PARTIES AGREE:

1. Commencement and duration

This Agreement shall take effect on the date of signing and shall continue until terminated by agreement between the parties. A minimum period of six months notice will be required from either party wishing to terminate the agreement.

2. This Agreement may be amended at any time as indicated by written mutual consent.

3. Areas for cooperation

The parties will seek to establish cooperation by means of the following:

3.1 academic exchange for Undergraduate, Master and PhD students on Management&Economics and teachers exchange as well as;

3.2 reciprocal invitations to scholars for the purpose of talks, lectures, research and webinars;

- 3.3 planning and implementing joint research projects on agreed topics;
- 3.4 jointly organized academic events;
- 3.5 an exchange of documentary material between partners.

4. Directions of cooperation

The main directions of the cooperation will include the following:

- 4.1 creation of conditions for academic student's mobility (Masters&PhD) from both universities;
- 4.2 joint work of universities teachers on integration of educational programs;
- 5. Exchange of information

The parties will exchange information on academic events, conferences, symposia and projects organized or initiated by the two partners.

- 6. Sources of finances
- 7. The parties will look for own and external resources to support joint programs. European and German (such as DAAD) founds are considered as main resources. The parties are going to carry out intensive activity on preparation of proposals for founds.

8. Protocol on Academic Co-operation

The parties will work together to prepare a protocol on academic collaboration which will specify details regulating co-operation between Koblenz-Landau and SamSTU at least for one year.

In the protocol, the following principles will be considered:

- The hosting part, faculty/department will, within the scope of available funds, bear the costs of the stay in accordance to provisions and rates, which prevail at the university.
- The hosting part will, within the scope of available funds, provide costs for additional inland travel and use of equipment and materials which may arise in respect of the specified working program.
- The amount of the funds available for the academic exchange and/or the periods of residence shall be stipulated in the protocol.
- The realization of planned activities will depend on the amount of funds available.
- Each party will submit to the other party a list of those persons proposed for the exchange in the following calendar year not later than the 30th November each year.
- The parties will undertake, within the scope of their amenities, to assist those participating in the exchange, especially with regard to:
 - preparation of the work program
 - guidance and advice by colleagues
 - necessary access to libraries, archives etc.
 - provision of facilities for work or visits to establishments that do not constitute part of the faculty/department but are important for realizing the work program, organization internal travel, if financially feasible, provided that such travel is expedient for the work program.
- 9. Nominated co-ordinators

The following are appointed as representatives of the parties to facilitate co-operation between Koblenz-Landau and SamSTU:

<u>**Rol. Dr. Thomas Burkhardt**</u> shall assume responsibility for coordinating on behalf of Koblenz-Landau.

Andrei A. Pimenov, Vice-rector on International Cooperation shall assume responsibility for coordinating on behalf of SamSTU.

The representatives shall assist and advise President/Rector of their universities and other persons, involved to the activity, in all matters relating to the co-operation of the two universities. As a rule they shall meet once a year to discuss the future program and any problems that have arisen.

10. Legal claims

Legal claims of one party against the other are herewith excluded.

11. This memorandum written in English, one copy for each party and each of them has equal legal force.



Rector

University of Koblenz-Landau

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Date and Place: 7.5.2015, Samara Date and Place: 16.5.2016,

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