



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
For
Joint Research and Education Agreement
Between
West University of Timișoara (WUT), University of Milano-Bicocca (UNIMIB)
and Ghent University (UGENT)

1. Parties

The Parties to this Memorandum of Agreement are

- West University of Timișoara (WUT)
- University of Milano-Bicocca (UNIMIB)
- Ghent University (UGENT)

2. Purpose

The broad objective of this MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) is to promote future joint collaboration between the parties involved as research partners in the HORIZON2020 project LEARNVUL "Learning in emotionally vulnerable people"

3. Forms of co-operation

Upon the mutual consent of the parties, including the relevant research fields within the departments, subject to the availability of funds, collaboration may be carried out in, but not necessarily limited to, the following activities:

- Joint research and publication
- Joint organization of teaching activities
- Exchange visits
- Exchange of students

4. Exploitation plan and follow-up measures

Research Papers and Publications: Besides the publication based on the LEARNVUL project, we aim to broaden the cooperation at the scientific level by enlarging the area of topics in which research collaboration will take place. We aim to disseminate the research findings via publications in Web of Science journals. We plan to submit our work in Q1 or Q2 journals, with manuscripts that include participants from at least two partner universities.

We plan to publish at least four papers in reputable journals by the end of the year 2025 (a follow-up measure proposed by UGENT and UNIMIB).

Conferences and Workshops: We will present our research in at least two conferences after the end of the project, including the European Conference on Personality that will be held in Berlin in August 2024.

We plan to attend at least one conference/workshop/expert meeting annually (a follow-up measure proposed by UNIMIB).



Collaboration with Industry Partners, Patents, and Intellectual Property Issues: Most of our findings are related to outcomes in basic science. Therefore, no commercial result is sought after the implementation of this project.

We plan no patent or industry collaboration based on the results of this project.

Education, training, and capacity building: We recognize the importance of building human capacity for Ph.D. students and postdoc researchers in Psychology. The three universities will continue to cooperate in various forms, including, but not limited to (i) including a representative from UNIMIB or UGENT in the Advisory Committee of the Ph.D. students from WUT; (ii) exchange of teaching staff / invited lecturer/professor, so that the WUT psychology programs would benefit from the expertise from abroad; (iii) short-term visits from researchers from UVT to UGENT or UNIMIB; (iv) continuing the student exchange program under Erasmus Agreement; (v) disseminating education materials developed through this project beyond the duration of the project.

We plan to have at least two representatives from UNIMIB or UGENT as members of the Advisory Committee of UVT doctoral students (*proposed by WUT*).

We plan to have at least one incoming or outgoing teacher involved in teaching formal classes or in providing training/lectures at UVT until the end of 2025 (i.e., to have an invited teacher from UNIMIB to UVT or from UVT to UNIMIB) (*proposed by UNIMIB*).

We plan to have at least one short-term visit from UVT to one of the venues (UNIMIB or UGENT) during the next two years until the end of 2025 (*proposed by UGENT*).

We plan to continue, and if the case, extend, the Erasmus Agreement for exchanging students and teachers between WUT and at least one of the two partners involved in the project (*proposed by UNIMIB*).

We plan to keep all video-recorded material on the YouTube platform so that interested viewers can select a particular topic to advance their training. Most materials are on using R for psychology research and provide access to free datasets for illustrating the statistical techniques (*proposed by WUT*).

Monitoring and evaluation: Throughout the implementation of this exploitation plan, we will continuously monitor and evaluate our progress. We will make necessary adjustments to achieve our goals effectively and efficiently.

We plan to have two meetings (online, mixed, or face-to-face), one in 2024 and one in 2025, to evaluate the progress of the follow-up measures and adjust the exploitation plan if necessary (*proposed by UVT*).

5. Terms of agreement

This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT will be effective upon signature by the heads of each party involved in the LEARNVUL project, and it is possible to renew for another two-year period.

The follow-up exploitation plan included above refers to strategies to be implemented after the end of the project to keep the Consortium active.



This MOU has been drawn up in three original copies in English, each copy three pages long, with each Party receiving one signed copy.

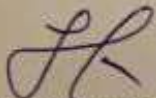
Signed for and on behalf of:

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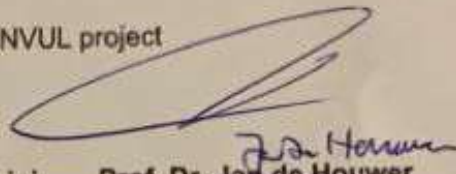
By the leaders of each team participating in the LEARNVUL project



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