



## **Memorandum of Understanding**

between the

**European Alliance for Subject Specific and Professional Accreditation e.V. (EASPA)**

and the

**International Tuning Academy (TUNING)**

EASPA is an alliance of disciplinary, field specific European and international quality assurance networks and international organisations. It provides a platform for the development and harmonisation of activities in the field of quality assurance and quality improvement in higher education, thereby making a contribution towards the development and implementation of the European Higher Education Area. EASPA promotes European wide qualifications frameworks and learning outcomes on the disciplinary level and serves as forum for the community of disciplinary, field specific European networks of quality assurance that assess the quality of study programs, schools or professional individuals.

TUNING is a university-driven process, organised by the International TUNING Academy, based at the Universities of Deusto, Bilbao (Spain) and Groningen (The Netherlands), which offers a universal approach to reform higher education at the level of higher educational institutions and subject areas. The TUNING approach consists of a methodology to profile, (re-) design, develop, implement and evaluate study programmes for each of the three cycles. It serves as a platform for developing reference points / meta-profiles at subject area and sectoral level. This work is based on a wide stakeholder consultation, including employers, graduates, students and academic staff. TUNING contributes to the development and enhancement of high-quality competitive study programmes by focussing on fitness of purpose (to meet expectations) and fitness for purpose (to meet aims). The methodology transcends "delivery" and encompasses all learners. The International TUNING Academy offers support and consultation to higher education institutions and their staff regarding the application of the TUNING methodology and its instruments (<http://tuningacademy.org>).

In the spirit of collaboration and of the common objectives of promoting and guaranteeing degree programmes which are relevant to society and fully respect disciplinary requirements, EASPA and Tuning conclude this Memorandum of Understanding in order to establish effective cooperation in the field of quality assurance, capacity building, implementation of joint educational projects, and the exchange of experience in the field of higher education.

EASPA and Tuning recognize their common and complementary interests in working towards the goal of implementing the learning outcomes approach in higher education and quality assurance. Tuning focuses on the development of disciplinary and sectoral frameworks and profiles of reference points, and EASPA focuses on external quality assurance.

Cooperation shall be attained through:

- Working together in implementing a disciplinary learning outcomes approach in higher education internationally
- organising conferences and workshops together to that regard
- setting up projects and studies together that do justice to the missions of both organisations;
- supporting each other in implementing and promoting projects and studies which have been developed by one of the parties;
- informing each other of the outcomes of project and study results by making these available to each other;
- making publication instruments available to each other, such as the Tuning Journal for Higher Education or the EASPA Newsletter, as a platform for publications;
- cooperating in any other mutually agreed activities for the benefit of both parties.

Unless alternative arrangements are specifically agreed to meet particular project requirements, the two partners will normally cover their own costs of implementing the terms of the MoU.

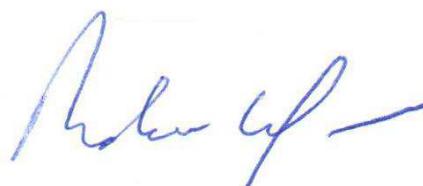
This MoU shall take effect from the date of its signature and shall be valid until terminated with the mutual consent of both parties or by the giving of three months' notice by either party. It may be extended based on the mutual agreement of both parties. It shall be reviewed at any time or when either party makes substantial changes to its mandate or objectives.

Signed on 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2015



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President,  
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