## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION

Tallinn

10th of December 2022

This Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation (MOU) is concluded between:

MTÜ Eesti Lastevanemate Liit (NGO Estonian Parents' Association),

NGO European Parents' Association,

MTÜ Juhtimiskultuuri Instituut (NGO Institute of Leadership Culture),

SA Missioonifond (Foundation Mission Fund),

Lietuvos Tevų Forumas (NGO Lithuanian Parents' Forum) and Jyväskylän Yliopiston Koulutusjohtamisen Instituutti (University of Jyväskylä Institute of Educational Leadership).

## **ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE**

Within the framework of this MOU, the Parties will make efforts to develop and enact the results of the Erasmus+ project "Empowering of School Boards" in the following ways:

- a) Promoting the development of human and social capital in the field of education and upbringing of the younger generation;
- b) Organizing joint work to promote parents organizations;
- c) Empowering parents to become the best educators of their children and equal partners of professionals in education and local governance;
- d) Assistance in the formation of a culture of conscious parenthood through parental communities;
- e) Organization and holding of joint educational and professional events (forums, courses, conferences, seminars, exhibitions, etc.), as well as attraction and/or mutual representation of interests at similar events of third parties;
- f) Enactment of joint research initiatives and social projects;
- g) Mutual organizational, consulting, and analytical support within the competence of the Parties;
- h) Promoting reciprocal brand awareness through campaigns, mentions in editorial materials and social networks, as well as the mutual use of logos and brand names as agreed by the Parties;
- i) Raising funds if necessary, regarding the realization of the activities listed above aiming for a common project;

j) Other forms of cooperation within the competence of the Parties, among others, the creation of a permanent cooperative relationship with NNO Zveza Aktivov Svetov Staršev Slovenije (Association of Active Parents' Councils of Slovenia).

### **ARTICLE 2. PRINCIPLES**

- 2.1. The Parties will cooperate in good faith within the framework of this MOU in accordance with the provisions of the European Union legislation and internal acts of the Parties.
- 2.2. This MOU provides each party with equal rights and obligations.
- 2.3. The Parties separately stipulate that the conclusion of this MOU does not bind the Parties with any legal obligations, does not entail the emergence of financial obligations, and that the latter require the conclusion of separate agreements by the Parties.
- 2.4. For the purposes of this MOU, neither Party will be burdened by the obligations or debts of the other Party or Parties, and neither Party will act as an agent of the other Party or Parties without entering into appropriate separate agreements.
- 2.5. Each Party will bear its own costs arising from the implementation of the terms of this MOU, except as otherwise specifically stipulated under the relevant agreements.
- 2.6. This Memorandum is not pre-contractual and does not create any financial or legal obligations.
- 2.7. This MOU is not exclusive, and the Parties have the right to enter into agreements similar in subject, scope, and terms with other legal entities. The Parties enjoy complete freedom in their activities to choose counterparties.
- 2.8. Work on specific projects is additionally determined by separate agreements, which are valid if they are concluded in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties.
- 2.9. This MOU is drawn up in the English language, in eight copies of equal legal force, one for each of the Parties.

# **ARTICLE 3. AREAS OF COOPERATION**

- 3.1. Exchange of information based on the materials at their disposal (by sending messages to each other by the Parties, organizing meetings of representatives of the Parties, etc.) related to the area of cooperation.
- 3.2. Consultations on issues related to the activities of the Parties and of mutual interest.
- 3.3. Planning joint activities (development of programs) aimed at achieving the purposes of this MOU.
- 3.5. Creation and maintenance of joint activities of commissions, committees, working groups, other advisory, expert, and other bodies.
- 3.6. Conclusion of contracts (agreements) aimed at achieving the purposes of cooperation between the Parties.
- 3.7 Collecting or developing materials for parents' trainings on various topics, translate and pilot them in different countries.
- 3.8 Organizing joint webinars and offline meetings to introduce and test the developed materials with a broader audience, collect feedback to improve the materials or adapt them to specific contexts.
- 3.9 Evaluating the development and implementation processes through an action research approach focusing on the mutual learning process in co-creation and problem solving.

# **ARTICLE 4. TERMS, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT**

- 4.1. This MOU enters into force from the date of its signature and is valid until one of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate the MOU.
- 4.2. This MOU may be terminated by any of the Parties at any time by giving the other Party 30 (thirty) calendar days prior written notice.
- 4.3. No changes, modifications or additions to this MOU shall be valid unless they are made in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of each of the Parties.

### **ARTICLE 5. FINAL PROVISION**

The Parties will take all necessary measures to eliminate the differences that have arisen between them through bilateral negotiations.

# **SIGNATURES OF THE PARTIES:**

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KIUR LOOTUS, MTÜ Juhtimiskultuuri Instituut

TIIT URVA, SA Missioonifond

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