



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**The NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory of the Department of Philosophy of the
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**

and

The European Public Law Organization, hereinafter referred to as the EPLO

In Athens, today, April 20, 2022, and day Wednesday,

the

Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory of the Department of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, represented by its Director, Associate Professor Evangelos D. Protopapadakis

and the

European Public Law Organization, represented by the Director General for Management, Ms Vassiliki Lykoura,

Hereby agree upon the following:

Article 1: Preamble

Given the wide range of issues of common interest and the correspondingly high potential for fruitful scientific cooperation, the two Parties through this Memorandum of Understanding express and certify their decision to cooperate and coordinate their activities in areas of common interest, which are described in Article 2 of the present. To this end, the Parties see the conclusion and signing of this as a springboard for wider interdisciplinary cooperation, dialogue and interaction between them.

Article 2: Objects of Cooperation

The NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory was founded in May 1999 (Government Gazette 92 / 11.5.1999) as a Philosophical and Technological Laboratory of Applied and Ecological Philosophy and received its current name in 2017 (Government Gazette 3756 / 25.10 .2017). It belongs to the Department of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, of which it is an independent structure. Its purpose is to cover at undergraduate and postgraduate level the research and teaching needs of the Department of Philosophy, especially in the field of Applied Philosophy. The Laboratory aims at all forms of cooperation with international organizations and transnational bodies. For this reason, since 2016, it hosts the Hellenic Ladder of the Bioethics Chair of UNESCO (University of Haifa). Its goals also include cooperation with respective Laboratories, Research Centers, relevant public and private bodies and academic institutions in Greece and abroad. His main aspirations include, among others, the organization of scientific events (workshops and conferences), the publication of short works, scientific series and a scientific journal, as well as the invitation of important Greek and foreign scientists.

The European Public Law Organization was established on 21 June 2007 as an international organization based in Athens, Greece, under an International Treaty entitled "Agreement establishing and the Statute of the European Public Law Organization", signed by various countries on 27 October 2004. Seventeen (17) countries already participate in its Board of Directors (France, Italy, Cyprus, Greece, Estonia, Serbia, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine, Georgia, Romania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Albania, Hungary, Bulgaria), as well as the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Interior and

Administrative Reconstruction of Greece, the Greek Parliament, the Brčko Region of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as seventy-eight (78) Universities and Institutes from Worldwide. To achieve these goals, EPLO develops, organizes, promotes and supports scientific, educational, research, teaching and training activities while providing support for the reform, modernization and improvement of democratic institutions worldwide.

The two above bodies [hereinafter: the Parties] through this Memorandum of Understanding undertake to cooperate and coordinate their action in the following areas:

1. Organizing domestic and international scientific conferences, two-day seminars, symposia, conferences, seminars and/or summer schools for the promotion of the scientific dialogue related to Biopolitics, Applied Philosophy and Bioethics, as well as for its dissemination to the general public and raising its awareness.
2. Creation of reservoirs of thought in individual areas of the wider field of Biopolitics, Applied Philosophy and Bioethics, in order to formulate broader policies.
3. Exchange of ideas, know-how and mutual support of the actions of each body.
4. Joint participation in research projects domestic, European or international as privileged partners.
5. Publication of scientific works, journals and publications related to the objects that each of the Parties serves, or to those on which all three jointly choose to focus.
6. Joint pursuit of cooperation and signing of relevant memoranda of understanding with other relevant bodies, scientific companies, academic institutions, domestic and foreign institutes, in order to create an extensive network of scientific cooperation.

Article 3: Obligations and Rights of the Parties

The Parties undertake the following reciprocal obligations to each other, while recognizing the rights arising from them:

1. The Parties undertake to exchange know-how and information as privileged interlocutors.
2. The Parties undertake to jointly pursue scientific activities as privileged partners.
3. The Parties undertake to provide mutual access to the proceedings of both.
4. The Parties undertake to plan and carry out their joint actions as equal partners.
5. The Parties undertake to announce on their websites their joint programming and corresponding actions.

Article 4: Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding will be valid for a period of five years. In particular, it will be in force from April 20, 2022 until November 20, 2027. This Memorandum of Understanding may be renewed for at least five additional years following a joint decision of the parties by signing the relevant Memorandum of Understanding for the Renewal of Cooperation.

Article 5: Final

This Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up in two languages, Greek and English, in two copies which shall be kept in the archives of the Contracting Parties. In the event of conflict

between the two versions, the English version will prevail. The signatories to this memorandum are committed to maintaining a relevant record of their cooperation and posting it on their website.

Athens, April 20, 2022

The contracting parties

On Behalf of the
European Public Law Organization (EPLO)

On Behalf of the NKUA Applied Philosophy
Research Laboratory, Department of
Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens

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