

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CATALAN UNIVERSITY QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY (AQU CATALUNYA) AND THE EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY (ELTE) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPERVISION OF THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS OF THE PLANETARY HEALTH MASTER'S DEGREE ACCORDING TO THE EUROPEAN APPROACH

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On the one hand, Mr. Francesc Xavier Grau i Vidal, President of the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency (hereinafter, "AQU Catalunya"), appointed by Agreement GOV/267/2022, of 6 December, appointing Mr. Francesc Xavier Grau i Vidal as President of AQU Catalunya, who acts in the exercise of the functions of the Faculty of Education attributed to Article 11 of Decree 315/2016, of 8 November, approving the Statutes of the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency.

On the other, Prof. Dr. László Borhy, Rector of Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem, appointed as of the day of 11 June 2021 by The President of Hungary.

The parties, in the capacities in which they respectively act,

**EXPOSE**

**First.** Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem coordinates the The *Planetary Health Transdisciplinary Master*. The program focuses on Environmental Sciences, Veterinary and Human Medicine (including Tropical Medicine, Public Health, International Health, and Epidemiology), as well as other disciplines such as Psychology, Social Sciences, and Environmental Law.

In the design and delivery of the program, the following institutions are involved: Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem (ELTE) from Hungary, Trinity College Dublin (TCD) from Ireland, Universitat de Barcelona (UB), Åbo Akademi University, from Finland; University of Würzburg from Germany; and University of Bergen from Norway.

**Second.** The project proposes a new educational model that will be tested in a master's degree and will require the application of the *ex-ante* accreditation methodology in accordance with the European Approach.

If, once the *ex-ante* accreditation methodology has been applied in accordance with the European Approach, a positive evaluation is obtained, the participating universities will use it as the necessary evidence to obtain the corresponding ERASMUS seal.

**Third.** That the *Planetary Health Transdisciplinary master's degree*, coordinated by Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem, has selected AQU Catalunya to apply the *ex-ante* accreditation methodology in accordance with the European Approach.

**Fourth.** That AQU Catalunya is an international benchmark agency in accreditation and quality assurance, offering services to universities and other entities in Spain, Europe and around the world, with preferential attention to Catalan universities. AQU Catalunya has been registered in the European Register of Quality Assurance Agencies in Europe since 2008.

**Fifth.** That one of the functions of AQU Catalunya, pursuant to Law 15/2015 of 21 July, is the assessment, certification, monitoring and accreditation, in accordance with international academic and social standards, of the courses leading to the award of official and UB-specific degrees taught by higher education institutions, in accordance with Article 3.1.c) of Law 15/2015, of 21 July, of the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency (AQU Catalunya).

**Sixth.** That in accordance with Article 3.1.p) of Law 15/2015 of 21 July, it provides that AQU Catalunya may be entrusted with the performance of tasks, which in this case is specified by establishing this collaboration agreement.

**AGREE**

**First. Purpose**

The purpose of the agreement is to apply the *ex-ante* accreditation methodology in accordance with the European Approach.

**Second. Obligations of the parties**

1. AQU Catalunya will be responsible for the following:

- > Apply the *ex-ante* accreditation methodology in accordance with the European approach.
- > Selecting, appointing and training the experts who will be members of the external review committee. For the selection of experts, the pool of experts of the participating agencies will be taken into account.
- > To remunerate external reviewers appointed by AQU Catalunya.
- > To manage any allegations that may arise.
- > To send, if requested by the participating agencies, the external report and the resulting decision.
- > Conduct a meta-evaluation of the external evaluation process.
- > Publish the external visit report and the resulting decision.

2. As for Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem, it will be in charge of:

- > To coordinate the involvement of the other participating universities in the proposal.
- > Prepare and submit to the Agency the programme proposal report, in accordance with the European Approach methodology.
- > Provide documentation and evidence to carry out the external visit.
- > Transfer to AQU Catalunya the amount specified in clause three.

**Third. Financial terms**

As AQU Catalunya must pay the external reviewers appointed by AQU Catalunya, Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem will transfer the amount of €11,154.

This amount must be transferred before the external visit, no later than 15 March 2025, following receipt of an electronic invoice issued by AQU Catalunya.

This agreement is VAT-exempt under article 20.1.9 of Law 37/1992, of 29 December, on Value Added Tax. Specifically, since it is an official title in the countries of the *consortium agreement*.

On the other hand, the withholding tax for non-residents does not apply, because there is a double taxation agreement between Spain and Hungary.

**Fourth. Processing and protection of personal data in relation to the activities subject to**

The parties declare and guarantee that the processing of personal data related to the signing of this agreement and the subsequent management of the activities derived from it, will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the

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processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and the rest of the regulations that are applicable.

The parties undertake not to use the data for a purpose other than that which motivates the development of this agreement, not to communicate them to third parties without the consent of the interested parties, as well as to comply with the security measures and other obligations derived from the legislation on the protection of personal data.

### **Fifth. Monitoring Committee**

The monitoring and development of this agreement is the responsibility of the Monitoring Committee, which will be made up of a representative of AQU Catalunya and one representative of Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem.

### **Sixth. Validity**

This agreement will remain in force until the final report is issued. The completion of all the tasks of the agreement is expected to be carried out within a maximum period of one year from the signing of the agreement (31<sup>st</sup> January 2026).

### **Seventh. Dispute resolution**

Any disputes arising from this agreement will first be addressed by the Monitoring Committee or through amicable resolution.

### **Eighth. Termination of the agreement**

This agreement will be terminated for the following reasons:

- a) End of the duration of this agreement.
- b) Failure to comply with the agreements and concessions of this agreement, if the defaulting party has failed to fulfil its obligations despite a written notice.
- c) The supervening impossibility (for example The *Planetary Health Transdisciplinary Master* project shall be cancelled or the necessary consortium agreement shall not be concluded by the members of the project), legal or material, of complying with the agreement.
- d) Mutual written agreement between the parties.
- e) For other legally established reasons.

And, as proof of conformity, the undersigned sign it electronically.

For the Catalan University Quality  
Assurance Agency  
Francesc Xavier Grau i Vidal

For Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem  
Prof. Dr. László Borhy