

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

In Mytilini Lesvos on this day, between:

- a. on one party, **the University of the Aegean/Research Unit**, headquartered at Lofos Panepistimiou, 81100 Mytilini, VAT number 090264862, D.O.Y. Mytilini, here duly represented by the President of the Research Committee of the ELKE University of the Aegean Petros Kavasalis, Associate Professor, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation,
- b. on another party, the independent association under the firm **the European Chess Union**, hereinafter also "*The ECU*" headquartered at Rheinweidstrasse 2, CH-6333 Hunenberg See, Switzerland, here duly represented by its President, Mr Zurab Azmaiparashvili,
- c. The Professor Aikaterini Frantzi Scientific Coordinator of the training programs that are implemented in the framework of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning Center (CE-LLC) of the University of the Aegean, who participates as a third party to the present partnership agreement, following the deliberation to conclude this contract expressed by the Governing Council of the University of the Aegean. ... issued on ..., the parties hereto agree as follows:

RECORD

The establishment of CE-LLC is part of the overall strategy of the University of the Aegean and allows the continuation of the institution's activities in the context of Lifelong Learning, both in border areas and insular Greece, as well as at a national and international level, both by utilizing new technologies during the educational process, and through the organization of summer schools.

According to the provisions of Law 4957/2022, the purpose of CE-LLC is the organization of all kinds of educational and training programs, in the non-Formal educational sector.

European Chess Union (ECU) is an independent association founded in 1985 in Graz, Austria and has its seat in Switzerland and represents Chess in Europe. ECU is concerned exclusively with chess and chess related activities with sporting, cultural, educational and other interests;

ECU has been committed to advancing the role of chess in education. The primary objective has always been to promote *Chess in Education*. The commission strives to advocate for the inclusion of chess in educational settings, recognizing its numerous educational benefits. By offering guides, books and seminars empowers educators to effectively use chess as an educational tool and supports individuals, schools, organisations and National Federations.

The contracting parties, in the context of promoting their goals, wish to cooperate in conducting training programs, according to the following terms and agreements:

Article 1

Object of the Partnership Agreement – Obligations of the Parties

The above-mentioned parties hereby agree to work together to conduct training programmes addressed to school teachers and chess educators worldwide, in accordance with the following:

1.1. The purpose of the CE-LLC of the University of the Aegean is to organize educational and training programmes dedicated to schoolteachers.

The European Chess Union has knowledge and abilities to serve as technical support and partner for the abovementioned organisation, putting its know-how in teaching chess.

The European Chess Union also aims to achieve its statutory purposes of promoting and developing chess not only as a sport through the following actions:

- a) the organization of events and/or seminars, workshops and conferences related to Chess.
- b) the development of cooperation networks with national and/or European bodies in the public and/or private sector, or with organizations and people pursuing the same purposes.

1.2. The contracting parties will cooperate to create and run the “*Chess in primary education*” training programme, with Professor Aikaterini Frantzi as Scientific and Academic Manager, dedicated to schoolteachers worldwide.

Start – End of program	A. Course (part-time) 10/06/24 to 19/01/25 – 10 hours per week B. Course (full-time) 10/06/24 to 29/09/24 – 20 hours per week
Duration of the program	A. Course (part-time) – 7 months and 10 days (32 weeks) B. Course (full-time) – 3 months and 20 days (16 weeks)
Total training hours	320

<p>Brief description of the program and the intended objectives</p>	<p>With the initiative and efforts of European Chess Union European Parliament published its declaration of 15 March 2012 on the introduction of the programme ‘Chess in School’ in the educational systems of the European Union: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-7-2012-0097_EN.html.</p> <p>Till then several European countries introduced Chess as a selection or mandatory lesson to their primary schools curricular. Follow this declaration EU funded various Erasmus programs with the theme Chess and Education with the active participation of European Chess Union and its educational commission members on the teaching methods of Chess in Schools. “Castle” Erasmus program started in 2017 with main theme:</p> <p>“A Chess curriculum to Advance Students’ Thinking and Learning skills in Primary Education”.</p> <p>Erasmus “CHESS: A GAME TO SPREAD AT SCHOOL” (CGS), was a funded project (2021-20230 aimed at primary school teachers and in part to early childhood, to give them a pedagogical training tool, capable of addressing the educational needs of their pupils, to obtain – thanks to the game of chess introduced in the classroom – the development of key competences, functional to counteracting the poor results of the students, in particular in the scientific subjects. By the end of the project, hundreds of teachers will have successfully peer trained with the CGS method. The main role of ECU and its Educational Commission is to create and provide the best practise and guidelines for chess in classrooms and a final training model for school teachers across Europe. Additionally to collaborate for the creation of a chess distance learning platform. CGS platform would be used and for the purpose of the academic course.</p> <p>The training course is primarily aimed at educators in Primary Education, as well as students of Pedagogical Departments. Secondly, it is aimed at anyone, whether an educator or not, interested in training related to the contribution of chess to education. Prior engagement with chess is not necessary to participate in the program. The objective of the program is the intellectual sport-game of chess in schools, and its purpose is to inform, first, those being trained about its benefits, especially for children, the history of the sport, the goal, and the basic principles of the sport. Trainees learn the basic Rules of Chess, chess notation, and different methods on how to teach chess in schools.</p> <p>The benefits of using chess as an educational tool are multifaceted. Not only does it enhance cognitive skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and strategic planning, but it also fosters important socio-emotional skills like patience, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Moreover, the game promotes a sense of community and collaboration, essential attributes for success in the 21st century. Chess can serve as a catalyst for developing well-rounded individuals who are equipped to navigate the complexities of the modern world. As technological advancements continue to reshape industries and societies, the ability to</p>
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	<p>think critically and adapt to change becomes increasingly valuable. Chess, with its emphasis on strategy and foresight, becomes a powerful tool to cultivate these essential skills.</p> <p>One of the primary focuses of the initiative is to provide an academic training courses for teachers and tutors. Teachers play a pivotal role in empowering children for the demands of the 21st century. Equipping chess educators with a specialized training course we aim to improve their teaching skills and prepare them to use chess as an educational tool for shaping the minds of future generations. curricular goals.</p>
Subject area	Adult Education – Training
Structure in individual sections	<p>Teaching Unit 1: The rules of chess</p> <p>Teaching Unit 2: The history of chess</p> <p>Teaching unit 3: Why is chess good for kids and an introduction to CiE in Europe and the world</p> <p>Teaching Unit 4: How to teach chess in the classroom?</p> <p>Teaching Unit 5: A basic instruction material for the classroom</p> <p>Teaching Unit 6: Preparation for a specific target group of children - Special project</p>
Program implementation method	Online Remotely
Indicative educational material	Presentations, Notes, Exercises, Articles, Links, Videos, 3 live sessions
Minimum qualifications required for participation of candidates	Graduates of Secondary Education
Maximum number of trainees	Not recommended
Number of credits	12.8 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System)
Method of evaluating trainees	<p>The evaluation of the trainees may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. multiple choice questions 2. true/false questions 3. development questions 4. work/s
Estimated program budget	<p>15000 (full-time Course)</p> <p>15000 (part-time Course)</p>

The course fees will be euros: 550 euros.

A discount of 10% is provided to institutions, clubs, federations registering 5 or more trainees.

One-time Payment: discount 10%

1.3. In particular, within this cooperation the University of the Aegean/Research Unit undertakes, via CE-LLC of the University of the Aegean and via the Scientific Coordinator, the following obligations:

A. will provide the academic planning and supervision of the materials and content of the educational programmes, in accordance with the parameters set by ECU,

B. will provide the registration of trainees and trainers of the training program in the Information System of the University.

D will grant the training certificates.

E. will provide an electronic platform for synchronous and asynchronous learning through which the educational materials will be available to the trainees.

F. will provide unobstructed access of all registered trainees and trainers to the electronic platform and to the educational material for study throughout the training programme (according to the particular duration the trainees selected). Any interruptions in the access due to external factors, force majeure or hardware failure will be immediately notified to the ECU and every possible measure will be taken to restore availability in the shortest possible time.

G. will provide the educational materials for the topics assigned to the University and the necessary trainers.

1.4. In particular, within this cooperation the European Chess Union undertakes the following obligations:

A. will provide, educational material for the topics assigned to the ECU and the necessary trainers.

B. will provide its expertise and know-how for the programme creation and for the seminar's organisation.

C. will manage the registrations and collect the tuition fees from the participants and communicate to the University of the Aegean/Research Unit all necessary information for their registration in the Information System of the University of the Aegean/Research Unit.

Article 2

Tuition fees collection – Costs

2.1. For the purpose of this agreement all the tuition fees will be collected by the ECU.

2.2. the ECU will manage the registration and payment system and inform the University of the Aegean/Research Unit on the collected amounts.

2.3. the parties will share the amount in equal quotas (50-50%). After the payment deadline, the ECU will transfer to the University of the Aegean/Research Unit the relevant amount within thirty days.

2.4. Each party share bears all costs for their obligations, without any possibilities to charge these costs to the other party.

Article 3

Confidentiality - Intellectual property

3.1. University of the Aegean/Research Unit reserves the right to use the generated knowledge within the framework of freedom of research and teaching, and the results produced.

3.2 European chess Union holds the rights or/and have the license for the educational material produced by ECU and its trainees. Any other future use of this material needs the written permission of the European Chess Union.

3.3. Every reference to the content of this text must be accompanied by the relevant paragraph in the text and at the end the bibliographic reference must be mentioned.

3.4. The trainees will have the right to use the educational material only during the programme. Further reproduction or distribution will not be permitted without the written consent of the owner.

3.5. Any violations of the present article and the required confidentiality, or of the Intellectual property Laws, does not exclude seeking compensation from the party whose interests are affected or from any third party that is a holder of Intellectual property rights.

Article 4

Applicable law – dispute resolution

4.1. This partnership agreement shall be governed by the Greek Law.

4.2. In case of any disputes about the interpretation, execution or resolution of this contract, the parties agree to devolve them to the exclusive jurisdiction of the first instance court of Mytilene.

Article 5

Duration of the partnership – Termination.

5.1. This cooperation agreement is valid for one year from the day it is duly signed by all the parties.

5.2. Any violations of the obligations impendent to the parties shall constitute a reason for terminating the contract and seeking compensation from the violating party.

Article 6

Other provisions

6.1. Every term and condition of this partnership agreement is essential to the parties.

6.2. If any terms of this partnership agreement is found to be invalid or not legally binding, the parties agree that this would not affect the other terms of the contract, which would still be applicable.

6.3. The present agreement can only be amended in written form by mutual consent.

This document is drawn up and signed in three (3) copies, each of the parties receiving one (1) signed copy of them.

WITNESSED BY:

The contracting party

The University of the Aegean/Research Unit

__/__/2024

The other party

The European Chess Union

__/__/2024

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