

Protocol
between
the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic
and
the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Poland
on cooperation in the field of higher education

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Poland (hereinafter referred to as „the Parties“);

In compliance with Article 15 paragraph 2 of the Agreement between the Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the Republic of Poland on cooperation in the field of culture, education and science, signed in Prague on 30 September 2003;

With a view to developing their mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of higher education;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall, upon request, exchange information on the system of higher education in their countries, the range of study programmes and other study options offered by institutions of higher education in their countries.

Article 2

The Parties shall inform each other of topical issues related to the area of higher education.

Article 3

The Parties shall inform each other of congresses, conferences, symposia and other international meetings related to higher education held on the territory of the Czech Republic or the Republic of Poland.

Article 4

The Parties shall encourage the development of direct cooperation between institutions of higher education established in their countries.

Article 5

1. The Parties shall promote the teaching of the Czech language at public institutions of higher education in the Republic of Poland, which fall within the terms of reference of the Minister responsible for higher education, and the teaching of the Polish language at public institutions of higher education in the Czech Republic.
2. In order to reach the goal set out in paragraph 1 thereof, the Parties shall support the teaching activity of:
 - a) teaching staff specialists (lecturers) of the Czech language and literature at the University of Warsaw in Warsaw, the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, the Silesian University in Katowice, University of Lodz in Lodz and Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan,
 - b) teaching staff specialists (lecturers) of the Polish language and literature at Charles University in Prague, Masaryk University in Brno and Palacký University Olomouc in Olomouc.
3. The Parties do not preclude the possibility of extending support for the teaching of the Czech language at other public higher education institutions in the Republic of Poland and of the Polish language at other public higher education institutions in the

Czech Republic than those referred to in paragraph 2, within the framework of cooperation carried out pursuant to this Protocol.

4. The Parties shall promote activities conducive to the development of the Polish studies in the Czech Republic and of the Czech studies in the Republic of Poland.

Article 6

The Parties shall promote the exchange of academic staff members for study and search visits in the overall annual extent of up to 70 months. The length of each individual it may be from 1 to 7 months.

Article 7

1. In order to promote the study of the Czech language and literature, the Czech Party shall offer annually to the Polish Party 12 scholarships for participation in the Czech language courses at the Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies organised by public institutions of higher education in the Czech Republic and it shall further offer up to 3 extra scholarships for participation in the Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies for the winners of the translation and literary competition organised for the Czech studies students and scholars by the Czech Centre in Warsaw.
2. In order to promote the study of the Polish language, the Polish Party shall offer annually to the Czech Party 12–15 scholarships for participation in the summer courses of the Polish language organised by public institutions of higher education in the Republic of Poland that fall within the terms of reference of the Minister responsible for higher education and science.

Article 8

1. The Czech Party shall offer annually to students enrolled in Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degree programmes at public institutions of higher education in the Republic of Poland that fall within the terms of reference of the Minister responsible

for higher education and science, who obtain a scholarship award from the Polish Party for this purpose, the possibility of pursuing scholarship study or research visits to public institutions of higher education in the Czech Republic in the overall length up to 80 months per year. The length of each individual visit may be from 2 to 10 months.

2. The Polish Party shall offer annually to students enrolled in Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degree programmes at public institutions of higher education in the Czech Republic, who obtain a scholarship award from the Czech Party for this purpose, the possibility of pursuing scholarship study or research visits to public institutions of higher education in the Republic of Poland, which fall within the terms of reference of the Minister responsible for higher education and science, in the overall length up to 80 months per year, whereas 40 scholarship months are reserved for Polish Studies students enrolled at Czech institutions of higher education. The length of each individual visit may be from 2 to 10 months.

Article 9

1. When nominating candidates under Articles 6, 7 and 8 of this Protocol, the sending Party shall submit to the receiving Party the nomination dossiers, comprising information requested in the appropriate application form, before the deadline stipulated by the receiving Party. The nomination of candidates for participation in the courses of the Czech language at the Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies under Article 7 paragraph 1 shall be delivered to the Czech Party by 31 March of each year.
2. The receiving Party shall inform the sending Party, by 31 July of each year, whether the nominees have been admitted and shall simultaneously communicate to the sending Party the names of host institutions admitting the nominees.

Article 10

1. The receiving Party shall ensure that the participants in language courses accepted under Article 7 of this Protocol are provided with free board and lodging during the

period of the course and that the respective course fees as well as expenses for participation in any excursions organised as part of the course are covered.

2. The Czech Party shall ensure that the expenses for international travel to the destination in the Republic of Poland and back incurred by its nominees sent to the Republic of Poland under Articles 7 of this Protocol are covered provided that the nominees are, at the time when the international travel is reimbursed, employed or enrolled in a course of study at a public institution of higher education in the Czech Republic.

Article 11

1. The sending Party shall ensure that the individuals accepted for study or research visits under Articles 6 and 8 of this Protocol are granted support for coverage of stay-related expenses in compliance with the applicable legal regulations of its state for the period of their study or research visits.
2. The receiving Party shall ensure that the individuals accepted for study or research visits under Articles 6 and 8 of this Protocol are granted tuition-free study or possibility of pursuing research, access to libraries and possibility of paid lodging at university dormitories and paid boarding in university catering facilities under the same conditions as are granted to citizens of the state of the receiving Party.
3. The Czech Party shall ensure that the expenses for international travel to the predetermined destination in the Republic of Poland and back incurred by its nominees sent to the Republic of Poland under Articles 6 and 8 of this Protocol are covered provided that the nominees are, at the time when the international travel is reimbursed, employed or enrolled in a course of study at a public institution of higher education in the Czech Republic.

Article 12

Any activities and exchanges of individuals and materials carried out pursuant to this Protocol shall be implemented in compliance with the principle of reciprocity and within the limits of available budgetary resources of the Parties.

Article 13

This Protocol does not preclude the possibility of implementing other activities in areas covered by this Protocol that would be agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 14

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the day of signature and shall remain in force until 31 December 2029.
2. Each of the Parties may terminate the validity of this Protocol anytime by a written notice, which takes effect after six months from the date of receipt of such a notice by the other Party.
3. The termination of validity of this Protocol shall not affect the finalization of ongoing activities commenced during the period of its validity, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

Done in **Warsaw** on **20 September 2023** in two original copies in the Czech, Polish, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergences of interpretation of this Protocol, the English text shall prevail.

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