

COOPERATION AGREEMENT
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
"TOTAL DEFENSE" INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT

between

Norwegian Defence University College, NDUC,
Hereinafter referred to as Norwegian side

and

National Defence University of Ukraine, NDUU,
Hereinafter referred to as Ukrainian side

Hereinafter referred to as contracting parties.

1. Introduction

Within the framework of cooperation between NDUU and NDUC, in accordance with the signed earlier Memorandum, the contracting parties agreed on the need to deepen scientific cooperation in the field of defense and launch the "Total Defense" joint research project (hereinafter – the Project).

2. Subject of the agreement

The subject of this Agreement is scientific cooperation within the framework of the Project.

The purpose of the Project is to exchange research results and experience to develop ways to acquire (strengthen) the necessary defense capabilities, strengthen the defense and national resilience of Ukraine and the Kingdom of Norway.

The project may include other sub-projects that must be regulated by additional agreements (memorandum of understanding).

3. Project participants

The head of the Project from the Ukrainian side is the head of the Center for Military and Strategic Studies NDUU.

The head of the Project from the Norwegian side is the head of the Ukraine-program at NDUC.

The contracting parties by their own decision determine the managers and participants of the Project.

4. Areas of scientific cooperation

Scientific cooperation between the contracting parties under the Project will be carried out in the following areas:

conducting joint research, sharing their results, lessons learned and practical experience on topics agreed upon between the Project leaders from the Norwegian and Ukrainian sides;

education and training of scientists (conducting research internships, educational and training courses, preparation of PhD candidates, etc.);

publishing joint scientific works, as well as mutual editing of scientific works: scientific journals, anthologies, scientific papers, etc., in particular by including leading scientists in the editorial boards of NDUU/NDUC scientific publications on a bilateral basis;

joint holding of scientific, research and practical conferences, seminars, roundtables, discussions and other scientific events.

The Agreement does not exclude other areas of cooperation agreed upon by the contracting parties.

5. Rights and obligations of the contracting parties

Each contracting party is entitled to the results of the Project obtained by that contracting party and its employees.

The contracting parties reach separate understanding regarding the rights to the results of the Project.

The contracting parties inform each other on the Project results achieved.

During the term of the Agreement, the parties have free access to the information necessary to carry out their own work in the Project.

The contracting parties can use the research results obtained within the framework of the Project to improve officer training, acquire the necessary defense capabilities, ensure national resilience and comprehensive defense.

The results of research may be used and fixed in the forms determined by the parties on an independent basis, if it is the authorship of exclusively researchers from one of the contracting parties, in particular, these may include: anthologies, scientific papers, reports, presentations and speeches at conferences, seminars, other scientific events, etc.

The contracting parties have the right to publish their own scientific results within the framework of the Project, if the publication in no way limits the ability of the other contracting party to use their own results.

6. Funding

Joint activities under the Project are carried out with the financial support of the Norwegian side, the rest of the activities are financed independently or by understanding of the contracting parties.

7. Privacy

The contracting parties are obliged to refrain from disclosing confidential information they have received, including personal data. Sensitive information should be labelled or described as sensitive or be clearly understood as such through communication.

8. Validity period

The cooperation agreement enters into force from the moment of its signing by both parties and is valid until December 31, 2025. The Agreement can be automatically extended for the next two-year term, if neither party declares the termination of the Agreement nor another agreement is reached.

Either contracting party may terminate the Agreement by notifying the other contracting party in writing of its intention. In this case, the Agreement is terminated upon receipt of the relevant notice.

The termination of this Agreement does not entail the termination of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the National Defense University of Ukraine and the Norwegian Defense University College.

9. Resolving contradictions

Disputes related to the interpretation or application of this agreement provisions after its entry into force shall be resolved through negotiations and consultations.

This Agreement is signed in three copies, two in English and one in Ukrainian language. In the event of any discrepancies between the contracting parties regarding this Agreement, the English version of the Agreement prevail.

Oslo, date:

Kyiv, date:

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