

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (AE) and THE UNIVERSITY of BERGEN (UiB) FOR
CONTINUATION OF ACADEMIA EUROPAEA KNOWLEDGE HUB REGION BERGEN (AEkhrB),
in Bergen.**

Done at Bergen 8th June 2016

PARTIES

On one side, Professor Sierd Cloetingh, President of Academia Europaea, on behalf of and representing the Academia Europaea (hereinafter AE), domiciled at Room 251, Senate House, University of London WC1E 7HU, and registered with the United Kingdom Charity Commission, with number 1133902, and registered at Companies House (number 07028223) owning full powers to subscribe the current agreement.

On the other, Professor Dag Rune Olsen, University of Bergen (UiB), domiciled at Muséplass 1, 5007 Bergen, owning full powers to subscribe the current agreement.

In view of the legal status of both parties (The AE and UiB), they mutually recognize sufficient legal capacity to sign this agreement, and therefore, they;

STATE

1. That AE is a European, non-governmental, not-for-profit registered company limited by guarantee under English company law and a registered Charity, acting as an Academy, whose members are scientists and scholars who collectively aim to promote learning, education and research in all fields, especially physical sciences and technology, biological sciences and medicine, mathematics, the letters and humanities, social and cognitive sciences, economics and the law.
2. That Academia Europaea Knowledge Hub Region Bergen (AEkhrB) established in 2014 to foster scientific knowledge and research will now be operated under the auspices of the University of Bergen (UiB) with the good intent to carry on a viable "knowledge hub" in Bergen.
3. That UiB will use its best endeavours to seek and encourage additional partners to join in the sponsorship of activity and join in the operations of the AEkhrB, whilst recognising that the strategic direction of the Hub shall be delivered through the Academic Director and the steering group of the Hub acting with the approval of the Trustees of the Academia Europaea and recognising the interests of the partners.
4. That AEkhrB office will be located at the estate of the UiB, Bergen.



5. That the main activities of the AEkhrB, will be amongst others; to act as the AE branch in the Nordic, Northeastern, Baltic and Arctic regions, fostering scientific knowledge and research and especially, but not exclusively, develop and run activities focussing upon the Northern Seas and Arctic Region. Specifically, the Hub will concentrate upon Northern Seas related European resources and opportunities, in particular energy and sustainable development, seafood and maritime logistics, and also threats associated with the fragile northern margins; all related sciences and the social sciences and humanities aspects of issues identified. Also, the 'hub' will provide access to facilities, equipment and personnel for use by the AE and also [subject to any separate agreements] with the Young Academy of Europe (hereinafter, YAE), to enable the development of this association's activities.

For all the above: The Parties subscribe to the following collaboration agreement, that will be governed by the following:

CLAUSES

First. Object

- The object of the present agreement is to establish collaboration between AE and UiB, acting on behalf of, and with the trust of the prospective entities sponsoring the running of the AEkhrB.

Second. Spaces and personnel

- AEkhrB will have at its disposal in Bergen, qualified personnel and appropriate spaces and services, at no cost to the AE.
- UiB will provide AEkhrB with all necessary services for its correct operation and full functioning.
- A hub steering group will be appointed by UiB with the approval of the Board of trustees of the Academia Europaea and in consultation with the partners.
- The hub office will be headed by an Academic Director appointed by UiB.
- The Academic Director of the hub office will be a member of the AE, with part time dedication to be decided between the parties

Third. Economical commitment

The UiB will guarantee funds for the proper functioning of the AEkhrB. The costs of writing an annual activity report and future plans will be included. The UiB is committed to facilitate the daily operation, expediting the internal procedures agreed for expenses agreed and committed.

Fourth. Calendar

- The new office will be operative from 1. July 2016, with appropriate personnel, equipment and services



Fifth. Duration

- This agreement is valid for a period of 4 years, automatically renewable for an extra period of 2 years, subject to continuing mutual agreement of the Parties and the budget availability of the sponsoring institutions. This agreement is automatically renewable for agreed periods, after the initial period of the agreement

Sixth. Termination clause

- Any of the Parties, UiB or AE, may terminate this agreement. Such termination shall be effected by a six months' prior written notice on the intention to terminate the current agreement.
- As proof of full acceptance of the content of this agreement, the Parties hereinunder, sign two copies, both to one sole effect.

Signed on 8th June, 2016 at Bergen, by



Academia Europaea
Professor Sierd Cloetingh President of the Board of Trustees



University of Bergen
Rector Dag Rune Olsen

