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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A FOCUSED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN UNIVERSITÄT SIEGEN, GERMANY AND NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NTNU), NORWAY

Whereas the partner institutions seek to establish a Focused Partnership leading towards an enhanced form of international cooperation.

1. This Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership is made and entered into by NTNU, Norway and Universität Siegen, Germany, in furtherance of their mutual interests in education, research and scholarship.

2. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership is to establish a framework of enhanced collaboration and excellence within which the cooperation may develop and intensify further between the two institutions, within the context of applicable policies and subject to the availability of resources offered by Universität Siegen and NTNU. The Focused Partnership may include such matters as:

   - Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students for study and research;
   - Exchange of PhD students, early career researchers as well as advanced researchers;
   - Exchange of faculty members for research, teaching and discussions;
   - Exchange of non-academic staff for training and educational experiences;
   - Joint research proposals, research cooperation and publications;
   - Joint organization of lectures, seminars, conferences and academic meetings; and
   - All other relevant activities of mutual interest for the Focused Partnership.

3. The terms and conditions under which a specific program or activity shall be undertaken under this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership, and any necessary financial arrangements to facilitate these, will be mutually agreed upon in writing by both institutions before initiation of the particular program or activity. Within the framework of this MoU and resulting in any cooperation, the contracting parties shall comply with the applicable and relevant provisions of foreign trade law in particular export control laws and regulations. If information, results, technology, software and/or goods are subject to legal or contractual export control licensing regulations or prohibitions, they are not allowed to be transferred without permission. The Partners undertake to provide all the information and documents necessary for export or shipment. Each Party must, when passing on its performances (including technical support of any kind) within the framework of this Agreement to third parties, including affiliated companies, either in Germany or abroad, comply with the currently applicable provisions of national and international (re)export control law.

   Such agreement(s), once signed by authorized signatories on behalf of the participating institutions, will be incorporated as a Schedule(s) to this Memorandum of Understanding.

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4. Both institutions shall designate a liaison for this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership and for any subordinate agreements under this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership. The Ambassador of this agreement at NTNU shall be Senior Advisor Hilde Skeie and at Universität Siegen, the Senior Advisor shall be Prof. Dr. Andreas Kolb.

5. This Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership shall be in effect from the latest date of signature until December 2027. It may be renewed or extended by mutual consent of the participating institutions. Such amendments, once signed by authorized signatories, will become part of this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership.

6. Either participating party may withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership by giving sixty (60) days' notice in writing to the other participating party.

7. This Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership may be terminated without penalty by mutual agreement in writing by and between the participating institutions, signed by an authorized representative of each institution.

Universität Siegen

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Stefanie Reese
Rektor

Date: 22.07.2025

NTNU

Prof. Marit Reitan
Pro-Rector for Education

Date: 23.06.2025