

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia
And
The Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland
On Cooperation in the field of General Education

The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland, hereinafter referred to as "Participants"

Attributing special importance to the development of cooperation and deepening relations in the field of general education between Georgia and the Republic of Finland,

Expressing the interest in supporting popularization of Finnish Model of Education in Georgia,

Convinced that mutual cooperation will contribute to better understanding and closer ties between them

Have reached the following understanding:

Section 1

The Participants, in accordance with the universal principles and norms of international law and existing legislation in the States of the Participants, will develop cooperation between their respective organizations and institutions in the field of general education, support the promotion of Finland's model of education and implementation of Finnish teaching methods in Georgia based on equality and mutual respect.

Section 2

The Participants seek to strengthen their bilateral cooperation in the fields of education, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Sharing experience and expertise in design of education system, including new pedagogies, practices for learning, curriculum development, its implementation and assessment with the aim of promoting educational quality;
- Developing teacher training, exchanging innovative pedagogic practices and using new technologies in the field of teacher training;
- Promoting inclusive school environment including policy for anti-bullying and prevention of violence;
- Supporting relevant projects and initiatives related to the promotion and popularization of Finnish model of education in Georgia. *Inter alia*, through the possibility of establishment of Finnish standard public/private general educational institutions with English as language of instruction.
- In case of establishment of the abovementioned public/private general educational institution, the school shall provide the official support letter from relevant Finnish organization/agency confirming its compliance with Finnish model/ standards.
- The abovementioned public/private general educational institution is subject to laws of Georgia. The support letter does not exempt the public/private general educational institution from any requirements set out by Georgian legislation, including its quality assurance mechanisms.

Section 3

Any dispute about the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved between the Participants by means of consultation and/or negotiations, and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.

Section 4

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its last signature. It will continue to have effect for a period of 3 (three) years and shall automatically be extended for subsequent periods of 3 (three) years.

Each Participant may terminate the Memorandum of Understanding giving six months written notice. The Participants will consult to determine how any outstanding matters should be dealt with. Termination will not affect the validity of any contract made under this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants.

The foregoing represents the understanding reached between the Participants on the matters referred to in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in duplicate in English language.

Helinki
23 August 2019



**For the Ministry of Education, Science,
Culture and Sport of Georgia**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. J. L.", written over a horizontal line.

**For the Ministry of Education and
Culture of the Republic of Finland**

