

Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding

concerning the participation of Freie Universität Bozen - Libera Università di Bolzano, Blekinge Tekniska Högskola, and Technische Universität Kaiserslautern in the European Masters Course in Software Engineering (EMSE).

In this document, the parties Freie Universität Bozen - Libera Università di Bolzano, Blekinge Tekniska Högskola, Technische Universität Kaiserslautern, are from now on referred to as FUB, BTH, and UNIKL respectively. When referred to as one group the term “partners” is used. When referred to as a common entity, representing the European Master's Course in Software Engineering, the term “Consortium” is used. Associate Partners and Advisory Boards of EMSE are from now on referred to as Task Force. The term master candidate and candidate is used interchangeably.

The website <http://emse.inf.unibz.it> is the official Consortium website.

The European Masters Course in Software Engineering (EMSE) is an integrated joint programme (*joint degree programme*) offered by FUB, BTH, and UNIKL in cooperation with the EMSE associated partners and EMSE advisory boards according to the constraints set out in the following paragraphs.

Stipulations:

Article 1 – Objectives

EMSE is a joint MSc program offered by FUB, BTH, and UNIKL with the objective to:

- Educate future software engineers to meet the requirements of today international software practice and research
- Mutually recognize study and exam achievements following the agreed study schema.
- Exchange lecturers in order to foster the scientific collaboration, to further develop the curriculum and to Share didactic and administrative experience.
- Share supervision of master candidates.

Article 2 - Coordination

The FUB is the Coordinating Institution of the Consortium that agreed to organize an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course (EMMC) named European Masters Course in Software Engineering (EMSE). All partners will retroactively collaborate to guarantee a successful coordination process.

Article 3 – Exchange of students

The partner will recognize automatically the EMSE study plan credits gained by students at other partners. In particular, the MSc Thesis may be submitted and defended at any partner.

The defence is carried by one of the two partners visited by the student. The partner carrying out the defence delivers to the other partner all necessary documents. The thesis' defence is made by a joint commission of the partners (e.g. with personal / virtual meeting). The master thesis shall be jointly supervised.

Students successfully having passed all requirements of the joint programme will be awarded a joint degree issued by the partners to whom each student attended courses.

Article 4 – Student obligations

Students participating in the program under the term of this agreement will be subject to the following principles:

- The students will be responsible for covering all costs such as travel costs, living costs during the stay (including accommodation, books, equipment, consumables, study fees, and student union fees)

and other expenses.

- Students must have purchased a health insurance policy in the country where they attend courses. This requirement is waived for granted students.
- Each partner institution will render assistance to the incoming students for visa application, finding appropriate accommodation and legalising their residence status in the corresponding country. Other services (language courses, welcome meetings, etc.) may be offered in addition.
- Students participating under this agreement shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the host institution during the entire duration of their stay. They will also have the rights and duties enjoyed by other students enrolled at the host institution.
- Students participating under this agreement shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Consortium during the entire duration of their stay. Those rules are specified in the official Consortium website. All students have the same rights and duties regardless of where they study.

Article 5 – Joint Board

Each partner will nominate its own academic and administrative representatives. The representatives set up the Joint Board. The quorum consists of the attendance of at least one commission member from each partner.

The Board is ultimately responsible for all tasks implied by this agreement, and aims at running a successful joint degree program. Among these, the following tasks are included:

- Govern the European Master's Course in Software Engineering;
- Specify additional requirements for the acceptance of students if needed;
- Confirm the selection of candidates;
- Specify rules for the individual study plan at each partner;
- Ensure the quality of the program, its further development, and its implementation;
- Approve further curriculum development;
- Report to all the participating institutions;
- Manage additional third party funds;
- Administer joint funds raised by the partners for the purpose of the joint degree program;
- Invite and select scholars.

The Joint Board is to be consulted if any partner intends to change their part of the EMSE study program; whether due to local regulations, or national law and regulations. The Board meets once a year or several times a year if necessary. The meetings can be physical, by email or by video conferencing.

Decisions will be made public at the official Consortium's website. All partners agree to observe those decisions.

The Joint Board works in strict collaboration with the EMSE Task Force and commits to explore new opportunities for the development of EMSE. The Joint Board and the Task Force collaborate for sustaining and developing the EMSE curriculum.

Article 6 – Exchange of Lecturers

The partners intend to foster the exchange of lecturers and researchers aiming at cross-fertilization in teaching through research.

Article 7 – Financial obligations

Any financial undertakings that will arise during the performance of the present memorandum must be specified, negotiated, and regulated by the Consortium on a case-to-case basis. This present does not include guarantees for any financial contribution from any of the partners, but guarantees their proactive participation in the implementation and performance of the joint program.

Article 8 – Entry into force and duration

This agreement will come into force following the date of the signature of the parties and will be valid for the entire duration of the Erasmus Mundus charter. Biennial edition will be offered by the Consortium.

It shall be renewable and modifiable by mutual agreement of the Partner institutions. All changes and modifications shall be done in writing and shall be signed by the authorised representatives of each Partner.

Any party may withdraw from this agreement for any forthcoming edition of the EMSE by providing written communication to other partners at least 6 months before the forthcoming edition is launched.

For any edition already launched, or started, all partners are committed to continue with that master edition until its conclusion, if not otherwise agreed among all partners.

Article 9 - Applicable law and Competent Court

The settlement of any difference or conflict arising from or in connection with this agreement shall be attempted by an amicable effort from the Partners.

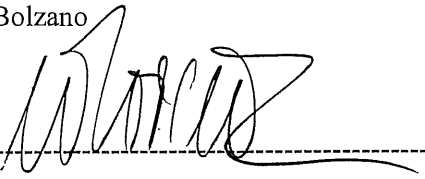
The EMSE follows national legislation in each country.

Date:

April 19th, 2012

Signatures and stamps:

Bozen-Bolzano



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Prof. Walter A. Lorenz
Rector



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Kaiserslautern

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Univ.-Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Helmut J. Schmidt
Präsident

Technische Universität Kaiserslautern

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