European Computer Science
Co-operation Agreement 2012

This agreement is between the following partners:

Finland:	**Turun Ammattikorkeakoulu, Turku** represented by its Rector
France:	**Université François Rabelais, Tours/Blois** represented by its President **Université de Lorraine, Metz/Nancy** represented by its President
Germany:	**Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften, Hamburg** represented by its President
Italy:	**Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Venice** represented by its Rector
Portugal:	**Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra, Coimbra** represented by its President
Romania:	**Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara, Timisoara** represented by its Rector
Spain:	**Universidad de Burgos, Burgos** represented by its Rector

Article 1
This agreement concerns the course **"European Computer Science",** abbreviated as "ECS".
It replaces the co-operation agreement from 2009.

Article 2
The ECS course is a Computer Science Bachelor course with foreign language education. Students study for the first two years at their home institution. In the 3rd year the students study at another partner institution of the network, the *host institution*. The host institution chosen by a student must have a different native language from their home institution. Home and host institution mutually accept the assessment at the other institution as being equivalent to their assessment on the ECS course. Work at the host institution will normally be completed in the instruction language of that institution.

Article 3
Students have to obtain at least 120 ECTS at their home institution and at least 60 ECTS at the chosen host institution. Graduates will receive a joint or double “Bachelor of Science” or equivalent degree of the two institutions at which they studied.[1] The certificates follow the local regulations of the home and host institution. The different partners of the ECS network offer one or more specializations from which an ECS student chooses a suitable one together with the sending institution.

Article 4
The "European Computer Science" course will be validated and accredited under the regulations of the countries of the participating institutions if not already done. Each partner of the agreement recognises the quality and standards of all other partner institutions. To allow the student’s exchange in the 3rd year the partner institutions ensure a common and comparable content of the core modules in the first two years.

Article 5

[1] The exceptions to this are the Turun Ammattikorkeakoulu and the Universidad de Burgos, as national regulations specify that the student must obtain at least 240 ECTS to receive a national degree.
In the case of the Universidad de Burgos, ECS students will be awarded with a local “Advanced Studies” degree when they obtain 180 ECTS. They will be given the chance to enroll the regular Universidad de Burgos’ Computer Science studies during a final 4th year to complete the 240 ECTS and be awarded with the national “Bachelor of Science” degree. During this final year they will be considered as regular local students and they will have to comply with all local regulations. Therefore, Article 6 will not be applied to these students during their 2nd year at the Universidad de Burgos.

Each year a meeting of nominated coordinators from the institutions involved will take place to determine and agree the expected movement of students of the "European Computer Science" between the institutions. The coordinators will confirm any changes to the content of the core modules and specializations.

Article 6
A student remains a member of the home institution for the full duration of the Bachelor course. In the 3rd year they are guest students in the host institution. They will not be required to pay tuition fees to the host institution. It is essential that there is a balanced exchange of students in the network of partners, to ensure that no institution will have a financial disadvantage from an unbalanced exchange.

Article 7
Each institution agrees to help to arrange suitable accommodation for students visiting it under the ECS programme. The guest students are responsible for their own living costs like accommodation, health insurance or public transport tickets during their stay at the host institution. The visiting exchange students will be entitled to the same privileges and subject to the same obligations as granted to and expected of the home students by the host institutions.

Article 8
The agreement does not affect any other agreements currently in force between the signatory institutions.

Article 9
Other institutions can become signatories to the agreement if all the existing signatory institutions approve.

Article 10
This agreement extends over four years. It is automatically renewed for 4 years each year. An institution withdrawing from the agreement must fulfil its obligations for the 4 coming academic years. The date of renewal is the first of July each year. Changes to this agreement must be made in writing and all partners have to agree in writing.

Article 11
This agreement comes generally into effect on signature of at least three of the institutions named above. It will apply to any of the above institutions upon their signature.

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Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften represented by its President

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Università Ca' Foscari Venezia,
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