

Memorandum of Understanding

Between:

the **European Citizen Science Association (ECSA)**
and the **European Universities Public Relations and Information Officers Association (EUPRIO)**.

I. PARTIES

This non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into 20.05.2016 by and between ECSA and EUPRIO, hereafter jointly referred to as the "Parties".

II. PURPOSE

This MoU promotes the stability of the collaboration between the Parties. It is meant as a follow-up of the background activities to further define joint actions and potential shared initiatives. The MoU and collaboration is explicitly done in a non-exclusive basis, so the freedom of the parties is not limited. The collaboration is done in good faith and both parties will try to maximize the stability and collaborative possibilities. Both Parties will make sure that the mutual collaboration follows each party's rules and regulations as specified in the respective statutes.

III. UNDERSTANDING

A. MUTUAL INTERESTS AND PLANNED ROLES OF PARTIES

Both Parties have mutual interest in supporting each other in their goal to promote science communication and public engagement in science and to strengthen Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in Europe both on a conceptual and on an implementation level with special emphasis on Citizen Science.

Therefore, both Parties agree to take the following steps:

1. ECSA is glad to provide visibility through its website and social media to events by EUPRIO that could be of interest to ECSA members, such as EUPRIO conferences.
2. EUPRIO is glad to provide visibility through its website and social media to events by ECSA and ECSA members related to science communication and higher education.

3. ECSA and EUPRIO will collaborate for joint events where they see mutual benefits, such as workshops on Citizen Science in Europe for future EUPRIO Conferences and workshops about Communication in future ECSA Conferences, exchange of experts, etc.
4. In order to promote networking and an exchange of ideas, ECSA and EUPRIO aspire to guarantee the participation of one Board member at the annual conference of the respective partner free of charge starting with the EUPRIO conference in autumn 2016. ECSA will work to make this possible for future conferences.

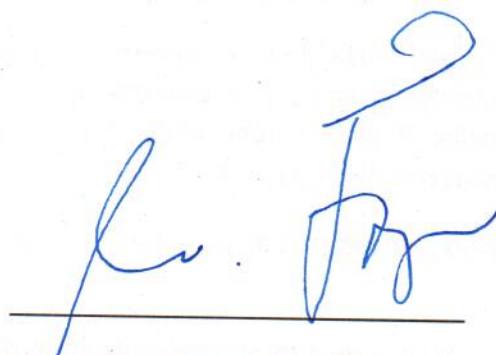
B. GENERAL

1. This MoU sets forth the current intentions of the parties with respect to the activities described herein, but in no way gives rise to any legal obligations and does not create legally enforceable rights or obligations for any Party, other than the obligations set forth in this Section B.
2. The MoU is established between ECSA and EUPRIO on an association level, so it is not limited to any single association member nor does it impose any specific action to any single association member.
3. It is agreed between parties that Press Releases related to the collaboration will be handled together in the collaborative and suitable manner for both parties benefit, and within the respective requirements of the application association agreements. Both parties are willing to make their collaboration public by giving a press release on this MoU but neither party shall make any public announcement or otherwise publicly disclose this MoU or the contemplated association without the other party's prior written approval.
4. This MoU may be terminated by either party for any reason, subject to a 30 day notice, which may be through email to the appropriate coordinator of the other party.

This MoU has been signed by the Parties in two identical copies of which each party has taken one.



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