Memorandum of Understanding between the Energy Academy Europe, the University of Groningen and the Energy Charter Secretariat

The Energy Charter Secretariat, the University of Groningen and the Energy Academy Europe hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Based on the respective objectives of the organisations,

Aware of the increasing importance of education and research to attain a sustainable energy future,

Agree on the following:

Article 1. Objectives
- To strengthen cooperation between Parties through joint activities,
- To promote knowledge related to all energy matters,
- To support the knowledge sharing on the Energy Charter-related matters

Article 2. Implementation
The Parties will inform each other of any planned and current activities that could contribute to attaining the above-mentioned objectives.

The Parties will develop a program describing the joint activities to be carried out on a regular basis. This program and the subsequent joint activities will aim at covering the following aspects:

1. The Energy Academy Europe together with the University of Groningen will designate and the ECS’ Knowledge Centre will receive students and academic scholars (hereafter “ECS interns and fellows”) whose research interests lie in the area of work of the Energy Charter Secretariat. These interns and fellows will be invited to conduct their research at the premises of the Energy Charter Secretariat.

2. In accordance with the Secretariat’s internal rules and its access policy on documents, interns and fellows of the Energy Academy Europe and the University of Groningen will be allowed to make use of the Secretariat’s archives, physical and online library for studies on an ad hoc basis.

3. The Parties will aim at organising conferences, seminars and training programs for young professionals on Energy Charter-related issues.

4. The Energy Academy Europe will designate a representative to the Academic Advisory Panel of the Energy Charter Secretariat.
This Memorandum of Understanding does not impose on any Party the obligation of exclusive cooperation with another Party.

**Article 3. Execution and follow-up mechanism**
Each Party shall appoint a representative who will be responsible for implementing this Memorandum of Understanding and its related programs. The representatives will develop the means of cooperation, secure the funding that is needed for the execution, and provide suitable suggestions and recommendations.

**Article 4. Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding**
This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either of the Parties after thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the other Parties. Such termination does not affect the contracts already concluded with interns and fellows by either Party under this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Article 5. Amendments**
This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the consent of the three Parties. The proposed amendment shall be in writing and be effective as of the date designated by the three Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding was signed in __________ on __________ in three originals in English and is effective from this date.

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