
MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

**INSTITUTE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
&
TRANSITIONS ONLINE**

On the one hand, the NNLE Institute for the Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) (hereinafter referred to as the “IDFI”), incorporated in Georgia, represented by its Executive Director, Giorgi Kldiashvili, and on the other hand, Transitions Online (hereinafter referred to as the “TOL”), a non-governmental nonprofit organization in Czech Republic, represented by its Executive Director and Editor in Chief, Jeremy Druker, the "IDFI" represented by its Executive Director, Giorgi Kldiashvi individually, also referred to as the "Party", and jointly as the "Parties", express their willingness to continue the co-operation based on the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the Parties on 28 June 2021, in the context of developing and enhancing studies in the direction of increasing trust in quality journalism as one of the most important ways to fight against disinformation and propaganda; in training different segments of the society, in fact-checking and reporting on disinformation and sharing of experiences and implementation of mutual projects in these directions, and agree to:

Article I. Scope of Cooperation

- 1.1 The Parties will share the accumulated knowledge, information, practices and the relevant methodologies in the field tackling disinformation;
- 1.2 The parties envision partnering within the analytical work and research collaboration, including, but not limited to, cross-national analytical pieces on the subject of disinformation. This might include issues related to disinformation, quality journalism, research and advocacy.
- 1.3 The parties will consider each-other as a refrent partner in the following directions:
 - Offering workshops/trainings on the subject of tackling disinformation;
 - Training the trainers for creating an enduring local network of specialists in fact-checking and debunk of disinformation;
 - Providing the materials on the quality journalism and fact-checking, as well as on practices of journalistic reporting on disinformation that could be adopted and translated in the local language;
 - Visit (virtually or in person) the academic courses over one or two occasions on the subject of disinformation and journalism within the frames of IDFI’s cooperation with the University of Georgia and any other relevant projects.

- 1.4 Within the framework of the Memorandum, the Parties shall assist each other within the scope of their competences in the development of existing projects, in the planning and implementation of new (joint) projects, and in the search for potential donors, programs and relevant calls.
- 1.5 Based on the prior agreement and in reference to each-other, the Parties shall use each other's material for PR purposes and for raising public awareness and informability.
- 1.6 Cooperation in any other form that is not contrary to the principles of the Memorandum.

Article II: General Provisions

- 2.1. The memorandum will facilitate the collaboration between the parties in the stages of planning, implementation, and evaluation;
- 2.2. The parties take responsibility to act by the terms of the memorandum and other agreements concluded based on the memorandum;
- 2.3. The parties express their willingness to assist each other in the implementation of the activities agreed in advance, including through periodic and thematic communication.

Article III. Relations Between the Parties

- 4.1. In the process of implementing the memorandum, the parties:
 - Shall discuss the possibilities of implementing joint projects through electronic and personal communication;
 - Provide effective administration of mutual projects through the appointment of coordinators from each side, who shall be in active communication with the other party;
 - Disseminate information about the mutual / joint projects;

Article V. Entry into Force and Termination of the Memorandum

- 5.1. The Memorandum will enter into force upon signature by the parties and has no expiration date.
- 5.2. Any change in the text of the Memorandum must be agreed upon between the parties and implemented only upon signature by the parties.

Article VI. General Provisions

- 6.1. In case of uncertainties arising between the parties, which also means the partial or complete failure of fulfillment of the obligations under the Memorandum, the parties should make every effort to resolve the existing uncertainties through negotiations. In case of an inability to negotiate, the parties are obliged to completely fulfill their obligations to the program participants.

6.2. The Memorandum is signed in two copies in English with equal legal force and kept with the parties.

6.3. Any disputes and disagreements arising based on the Memorandum shall be settled through negotiations. If the dispute cannot be resolved within 30 calendar days after the issue is raised, the party is entitled to apply to the court.

6.4. Correspondence regarding the implementation of the Memorandum should be made in writing to the following addresses:

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20, T. Shevchenko Street, 0108, Tbilisi, Georgia

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Giorgi Kldiashvili Executive Director NNLE Institute for Development of Freedom of Information

Signature  Date 28 June 2021

TOL Representative

Executive Director and Editor in Chief, Jeremy Druker

Signature  Date 8 July 2021