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STATUTES

of the University Consortium for Science and Technology

BALTECH

Article 1. General provisions

- 1.1. The University Consortium for Science and Technology, BALTECH (hereinafter BALTECH), is an association of partner universities.
- 1.2. The mission of BALTECH is to advance partnership and co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region in natural and engineering sciences, technology development and industrial management.
- 1.3. BALTECH operates on the basis of the Consortium Agreement and in accordance with the present Statutes.
- 1.4. The four partner universities of BALTECH are (in alphabetic order of countries):
 - 1.4.1. Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia;
 - 1.4.2. Riga Technical University, Latvia;
 - 1.4.3. Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania;
 - 1.4.4. Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania.
- 1.5. BALTECH is open to other universities of the Baltic Sea Region on the decision of the Board.

Article 2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1. The aim of BALTECH is to develop stable and confident relationships between its partners, which will lead to closer co-operation, based on mutual respect for each country's educational system and cultural heritage.
- 2.2. In the long-term perspective, the aim of BALTECH is to create a virtual Baltic Sea Region University of Science and Technology. This will be a strategic resource for long-term development of education and research, in accordance with the needs of the region,

and the need for sustainable development and further integration into the European Union.

2.3. BALTECH has the following basic objectives, i.e. to:

- 2.3.1. take an active part in developing the policies of higher education and science in the Baltic Sea Region countries;
- 2.3.2. provide scientific expertise and to give expert conclusions on principal questions of technology development in the Baltic Sea Region countries;
- 2.3.3. stimulate the integration into European education and research systems;
- 2.3.4. encourage novel study programs and courses in different fields of science and technology;
- 2.3.5. support the integration of higher engineering education with research and technology development as well as to promote efficient methods for training engineers and technologists;
- 2.3.6. promote innovation in engineering and technology education;
- 2.3.7. participate in international assessments of study programs and research projects;
- 2.3.8. support the mobility of academic and administrative staff members and students including mobility in the framework of different European Union programs;
- 2.3.9. support the organization of international congresses, conferences, meetings in order to disseminate new achievements in research and development;
- 2.3.10. promote joint research projects, especially in interdisciplinary fields;
- 2.3.11. strengthen the development of relations between universities and industry;
- 2.3.12. consider the industry's requirements for engineering and technological education;
- 2.3.13. encourage new approaches in the management of engineering and technology education;
- 2.3.14. promote continuing and distance education for engineers and technologists;
- 2.3.15. encourage the awarding of joint degrees;
- 2.3.16. maintain and keep the principles of scientific research ethics and discussion;
- 2.3.17. create a BALTECH information network;
- 2.3.18. support further development of the infrastructure of the partner universities.

Article 3. Governing body of BALTECH

3.1. The Board is the highest decision-making body of BALTECH.

3.2. The Board consists of:

- 3.2.1. Rector or representative appointed by the rector of each member university;

- 3.2.2. two representatives of the BALTECH Student Union who are appointed by the students
- 3.3. The everyday work of BALTECH is organized by the International Relations Office/or similar bodies at the universities and BALTECH Secretariat.
- 3.4. The board has to work in line with the Statutes of the Consortium.
- 3.5. The board is authorized to:
 - 3.5.1. Change the Statutes of the Consortium and responsible for all legal issues concerning BALTECH;
 - 3.5.2. Approve the BALTECH annual and financial report;
 - 3.5.3. Determine the annual membership fee;
 - 3.5.4. Discuss and determine all questions related to the activities of BALTECH.

Article 4. Budget and accounts

- 4.1. The resources of BALTECH consist of:
 - 4.1.1. any funding from member universities;
 - 4.1.2. any subsidies which may be granted by the separate states, regional or local authorities;
 - 4.1.3. any subsidies which may be granted by European or other international bodies;
 - 4.1.4. any subsidies or subscriptions from individuals or institutions accepted by the Board;
 - 4.1.5. any other resources authorized by the Board.
- 4.2. The Board approves the budget of BALTECH.
- 4.3. The dates of financial and accounting year are following the regulations of the hosting university.

Article 5. Membership

- 5.1. All partner universities of BALTECH have equal rights and obligations.
- 5.2. The joining of BALTECH by other universities of the Baltic Sea Region has to be accepted by the Board on the basis of the agreement made with this university.
- 5.3. Any member can withdraw upon request.

5.4. The Board decides on the membership fee.

Article 6. Administration and Coordination of BALTECH

The Board decides on the procedure of BALTECH administration and location of the Office.

Article 7. Duration and termination of the agreement

7.1. The Consortium Agreement shall become effective on the date of signing by the official representatives of the partner universities/institutions of technology, and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years.

7.2. The Consortium Agreement has to be renewed for a subsequent period before the date of expiration upon the consent of the partner universities/institutions of technology.

Article 8. Amendment of the Statutes

The Statutes of BALTECH may be changed by unanimous decision of the Board.