

## STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION

### "ROMANIAN ALLIANCE OF TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES - ARUT"

#### Chapter I Associate members

1. **POLITEHNICA University of Bucharest**, headquartered in Bucharest, Splaiul Independenței no. 313, sector 6, CIF 4183199, Account IBANR037TREZ70620F370100XXXX, opened at the Treasury of Sector 6, higher education Institution, represented by Mr. **Mihnea-Cosmin COSTOIU**, as **Rector**, confirmed by the MENCȘ Order no. 3446/23.03.2016.

2. **Politehnica University of Timișoara**, headquartered in Timișoara, Victoriei Square no. 2, CIF no. R0 4269282, Account IBAN R010TREZ62120F370100XXXX, opened at the Treasury of Timișoara, higher education Institution, represented by Prof.univ.dr.ing. **Viorel-Aurel ȘERBAN**, as **Rector**, appointed by the MENCȘ Order no. 3318/3.03.2016.

3. **The Technical University of Cluj-Napoca**, headquartered in Cluj-Napoca, Memorandumului Str. no. 28, CIF 4288306, Account IBAN R024TREZ21620F370100XXXX opened at the Treasury of Cluj-Napoca, higher education Institution, represented by Prof.univ.dr.ing. **Vasile ȚOPA**, as **Rector**, confirmed by the MENCȘ Order no. 3701/27.04.2016.

4. **"Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași**, headquartered in Iași, Dimitrie Mangeron Blvd. no. 67, CIF 4701606, Account IBAN R096TREZ23F650601203030X, opened at the Treasury of Iași, higher education Institution, represented by Prof.univ.dr.ing. **Dan CAȘCAVAL**, as **Rector**, confirmed by the MENCȘ Order no. 3337/4.03.2016.

5. **The Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest**, headquartered in Bucharest, Lacul Tei Blvd., no. 122-124, sector 2, CIF 4266570, Account IBAN R057TREZ70220F330500XXX, opened at the

Treasury of Sector 2, higher education Institution, represented by Prof.univ.dr.ing. **Radu Sorin VĂCĂREANU**, as **Rector**, confirmed by the MENCȘ Order no. 3321/03.03.2016.

They have freely and mutually agreed to set up the **Association "Romanian Alliance of Technical Universities - ARUT"**, in accordance with GO no. 26/2000, with subsequent amendments and completions, under the terms of this Statute.



## Chapter II

### Name, legal nature, location, duration of operation

**Art.1.** The name of the Association is "The Romanian Alliance of Technical Universities - ARUT" ("Alianța Română a Universităților Tehnice — ARUT"), according to the reservation of the name no. 161284/18.05.2017, issued by the Ministry of Justice – the Service of Communication and Public Relations.

It will be referred to hereinafter as the Association "Romanian Alliance of Technical Universities - ARUT" during the present contract. The associates mentioned in the preamble are considered founding members of the Association.

The rights and obligations of the founding members are determined by the Statute of the Alliance.

**Art.2.** The Association will be registered in the Register of Legal Entities as a private legal entity under the name in Article 1, namely the Association "Romanian Alliance of Technical Universities - ARUT"; the Alliance is an independent non-governmental organization, with apolitical character, without having a lucrative purpose, non-profit, according to the act of will expressed specifically in the constitutive act by the founding members.

**Art.3.** The Association can associate under the conditions specified in this Statute with other members, as a rule, from accredited universities or research and development units in the country.

#### **Art. 4.**

(1) The headquarters of the Association is located in Bucharest, Splaiul Independenței no. 313, Rector's Building, 3rd floor, room 310, sector S.

(2) The headquarters of the Association may be changed during its operation, by the Decision of the Board of Directors, in compliance with the association's statute.

To achieve the purpose and objectives of the Association, it may establish:

- a) branches, as territorial structures without legal personality, according to art. 13 ind. 1 of GO no. 26/2000;
- b) subsidiaries in the country and abroad, according to art. 13 of GO no. 26/2000.

The Board of Directors may sign, on behalf of the Association, partnership agreements, intent protocols and other cooperation documents to promote and develop relations with similar universities in different countries, with research and development institutes in the country and abroad or with similar multinational organizations.

The association may be affiliated in order to achieve its goals to organizations of a compatible nature in the country and abroad.

**Art. 5.** The duration of the association is indefinite, starting with the date of authorization of the operation as a legal person, on the basis of the court decision issued by the court.



**Art. 6.** The association will have a logo and a website. The name and logo of the Association shall be inserted on all documents issued in the name of the Association in a classical or electronic format.

### **Chapter III**

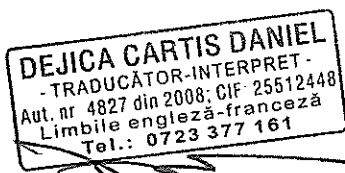
#### **Purpose and objectives of ARUT**

**Art. 7.** The aim of the Association is to develop the collaboration of partner universities in an institutional framework for:

- the unitary representation of their interests in the decision-making and consultative structures of national and European bodies in the field of education, scientific research, technological development and innovation;
- improving the educational process and the level of research scholarship, technological development and innovation in accordance with the European norms in the field and the needs of the current Romanian society;
- promoting engineering sciences, their role and contribution to the economic development of Romania.

**Art.8.** Partner universities cooperate to achieve the following objectives of the Association:

- a) promoting and developing university study programs, for undergraduate, master and doctoral courses in the field of engineering sciences;
- b) initiating proposals for adapting the nomenclature of domains and specializations of undergraduate engineering to the requirements and dynamics of the labor market and for an interdisciplinary approach at the level of master's and doctoral studies;
- c) supporting the improvement and efficiency of the legislative framework of distance education, with a reduced frequency and permanent education;
- d) initiating proposals for the names of the qualifications and titles acquired in the course of graduation of new study programs, as well as revising the existing ones;
- e) initiating proposals for increasing the requirements set by the minimum standards for the authorization and accreditation of study programs;
- f) promoting collaboration in the field of doctoral studies, including the inter-institutional mobility of doctoral students for doctoral research internships;
- g) promoting joint research projects;
- h) identifying the research excellence areas of the partner universities in order to support logistic and financial research centers and research projects resulting for these areas from the conjugation of the resources of the involved institutions;
- i) supporting measures to strengthen the scientific research, to expand and diversify the research fields;



- j) elaboration of a unique student guide at the level of the Association, mentioning the programs / courses that the students can attend for different specializations at any of the partner universities, on the basis of accumulation and transfer of study credits;
- k) facilitating the mobility of teachers and students within the Association;
- l) granting scholarships and other forms of material support to students and other members of the academic community within the universities of the Association;
- m) promoting excellence among students in the field of technical sciences, by organizing competitions, offering scholarships and mobility funding;
- n) supporting the own publications of the members of the Association;
- o) supporting actions and programs initiated by the partners of the Association, as well as in favor of scientific, cultural or humanitarian organizations;
- p) promoting the principle of differentiated funding of universities in Romania based on assessment and hierarchy;
- q) elaboration of common policies for allocation/distribution of places in student dormitories;
- r) supporting measures to improve accommodation and meal conditions for students;
- s) organizing conferences;
- t) activities for the training of teaching and non-teaching staff;
- u) involving the universities in collaborating with the socio-economic environment in defining the structure of the Classification of Occupations in Romania (COR);
- v) involvement in attracting funds and carrying out economic activities in order to obtain income for the support and funding of its activity.

**Art.9.** In order to achieve its purpose and objectives, the Association may initiate and carry out, within the limits established by the Association's Statute and Statute-related regulations, any activities that the Board of Directors or its Chairman, as the person authorized by the General Assembly, deem necessary.

**Art.10.** The Association may cooperate with authorities, institutions, commercial companies, civil societies, organizations and independent persons from the country or from abroad, which have common or related objectives with the association or which undertake legal and compatible programs, projects or initiatives according to the purpose and objectives of the Association.

**Art.11.** The activity of the Association is carried out on the basis of the Statute and the Constitutive Act, elaborated by the founding members, through the persons empowered in this respect. After approval of the constitutive acts by the Senates of the partner universities, the parties will take the necessary steps to register the Association, according to the provisions of GO no. 26/2000.

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## Chapter IV Patrimony

**Art.12.** The initial patrimony of the Association is of 10,000 lei, made up of the contribution of 2,000 lei from each partner university, deposited in its account and at the service of the Association.

**Art.13.** The patrimony of the Association may be increased, in accordance with the law, by donations, sponsorships, other contributions in cash or in goods of the founding members or income from the activities of the Association that do not contradict its purpose.

**Art.14.** Other sources of income for the association may come from:

- a) the annual contribution of the Association members;
- b) budget allowances;
- c) donations, grants and sponsorships;
- d) income from statutory activities, especially from funds accessed through national and international research and development programs, conference fees, copyrights on books or other publications, other contributions;
- e) income generated by the joint activities of the partner universities in accordance with the purpose of the Association;
- f) income from the carrying out of economic activities and attracting funds for the support and funding of its activity;
- g) fees for organizing conferences;
- h) fees for the organization of training programs for teaching and non-teaching staff;
- i) other income stipulated by law.

Donations may consist of amounts of money, movable or immovable property, shares, obligations or claims, under the law.

**Art.15.** All the amounts of money listed above will be used exclusively for the purpose pursued by the Association. The use of the Association funds for personal purposes is sanctioned by exclusion from the Association on the basis of the Decision of the Board of Directors.

**Art.16.** To carry out its specific activity, the Association will use the following resources:

- material resources consisting of computers, printers, stationery, spaces for archiving, furniture etc.;
- human resources - technical and administrative staff;
- financial resources to cover the costs of administration and operation, consisting of a part of the Alliance's budget.

**Art. 17.**

(1) The expenses of the Association may be.

- expenditures with salaries, allowances, prizes and meal vouchers for the staff employed by the Association;
- expenditures with printers, stationery, printing;
- postage rates, telephone, internet;
- rents, electricity, heating, natural gas;
- travel and transportation expenses in the interest of the Association;
- advertising expenses;
- the purchase of movable and immovable goods to serve the purpose of the Association;
- ensuring the running costs of the Association;
- expenditures on organizing meetings at national and international level;
- other expenditures, established in the budget of the Association and approved by the General Assembly/Board of Directors.

(2) The financial exercise of the first year shall run from the date of its establishment and shall end on December 31, after which it shall coincide with the calendar year. The accounting records shall be kept according to the specific legal regulations in force.

**Chapter V**

**Members of the Association**

**Management, administration and control bodies**

**Members of the Association**

**Art. 18.** The Association consists of the following categories of members:

- a) founding members - those who participated in the founding of the Association and contributed materially and morally to its founding and to the establishment of the initial social patrimony;
- b) associate members - those who associate themselves after the founding of the Association and contribute morally and materially to the enhancement of its heritage;
- c) honorary members - natural and legal persons who bring special services to the Association in a professional, moral and material way.

**Art. 19.** The quality of associate and honorary member are granted on the basis of a Regulation drawn up by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly;

**Art. 20.** Membership is lost by:

- a) withdrawal;
- b) removal;
- c) death (for individuals);

d) liquidation (for legal entities).

**Art.21.** The status of member associate shall be lost by withdrawal if the decision of withdrawal is notified in writing to the Association's headquarters at least 30 days before the date of the first General Assembly, or by exclusion for acts or deeds incompatible with the purpose, objectives, status or decisions of the Association's governing bodies.

**Art.22.** The members of the Association who withdraw or are excluded do not have any right over its social patrimony in case of dissolution.

**Art.23.** Any member may be excluded for non-compliance with the provisions of the Association's statute and regulations or in any other cases provided by the Statute and the Association's regulations, with the secret vote of the simple majority of the General Assembly.

**Art.24.** The rights and obligations of the members of the Association are as follows:

(I) Rights:

- a) to designate the representatives to be elected for the Board of Directors;
- b) to elect the governing bodies of the Association;
- c) to express by vote on the draft decisions of the General Assembly;
- d) to participate in the activities organized by the Association;
- e) to make proposals in the General Assembly;
- f) to benefit from the programs initiated by the Association;
- g) to participate in the programs developed by the Association;
- h) to benefit from the services and results of the programs initiated by the Association;
- i) to have access to the premises and facilities of the Association for the organization of events and activities in the areas of interest of the Association;
- j) other rights provided by the Association's regulations.

(II) Obligations:

- a) to respect the statute, regulations and decisions of the General Assembly and those of the Board of Directors;
- b) to comply with their financial and material obligations, in accordance with the commitments they have made;
- c) to contribute through their activity to the achievement of the purpose and objectives of the Association;
- d) not to undertake actions which, by their nature, may damage the interests of the Association;
- e) not to engage in political or religious activities in the Association;
- f) to fulfill the other obligations stipulated in the Regulations adopted by the Association.

**Art. 25.** The Association has the following management, administration and control bodies:

- a) the General Assembly of the Association;
- b) the Board of Directors.

**Art. 26.** Each member, a legal entity, shall appoint one representative both in the General Assembly and in the Board of Directors.

**Art. 27.** In order to achieve the purpose and objectives of the Association, it may have in its structure departments subordinated to the Board of Directors, their number and areas of interest being established by the General Assembly of the Association. The departments will operate on the basis of an internal regulation, proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly.

## **The General Assembly of the Association**

### **Art. 28.**

(1) The General Assembly represents the governing body of the Association. It consists of all the associated members. The representative of Universities in the General Assembly is the Rector of each institution.

(2) The General Assembly shall be convened at least once a year, in writing, by any form of communication, at least seven days before the scheduled date, at the address previously indicated to that effect by each associate member. On convocation, the date, time and venue of the meeting, as well as the agenda proposed by the Board of Directors, shall be communicated. The materials under discussion are for consultation with Associate members at the Association's premises and/or by e-mail/fax.

(3) The General Assembly may take place in the presence of at least half plus one of its members. If the first quorum fails to meet the statutory quorum, a new convocation will be held for a later date, not earlier than seven days and no later than thirty days after the date of the first convocation. The General Assembly convened under these conditions takes place regardless of the number of members present.

If an associate member cannot be present, he may be replaced by a notarial proxy specifying his vote for each item on the agenda.

(4) Each member shall be entitled to one vote. The decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a favorable vote of at least 50% + 1 of the members present.

(5) The General Assembly shall be convened and chaired by the President of the Association.

(6) All the decisions of the General Assembly shall be communicated to all the members of the Association in writing.

(7) The member who, in a particular matter subject to the General Assembly's decision, is interested, shall not be able to take part in deliberation or vote.

(8) The member who violates the provisions of the preceding paragraph is liable for the damage caused to the Association if, without its vote, the required majority could not have been obtained.

(9) The decisions of the General Assembly, contrary to the law, the constitutive act or the provisions of the statute, may be appealed by any of the members of the Association who did not take part in the General Assembly or who voted against and have asked for this to be inserted in the minutes of the meeting within 15 days of the date of the hearing of the decision or the date of the hearing, as the case may be.



**Art. 29.** The attributions of the General Assembly of the Association are:

- a) establishing the strategy and general objectives of the Association;
- b) approving of the revenue and expenditure budget and the balance sheet;
- c) approving of the members appointed in the Board of Directors;
- d) electing from among the members appointed in the Board of Directors of a president thereof;
- e) setting up subsidiaries;
- f) setting up of own departments;
- g) modification of the constitutive act and statute;
- h) dissolution and liquidation of the association, as well as determination of the destination of the remaining goods after liquidation;
- i) approving of the registration in the Association of other universities or research and development institutions;
- j) establishing the amounts of the annual contributions of the partners and registration fees of other universities or research-development units accepted as partners in the Association;
- k) elaborating the Association's Activity Regulation;
- l) approving of the logo and content of the Association's website;
- m) any other duties provided by law or statute.

The change of headquarters may also be decided by the Board of Directors.

### **The Board of Directors**

**Art. 30.** The executive management of the Association is ensured by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Association consists of 5 members, designated by the person empowered by each university.

**For the first term, the Board of Directors has the following composition:**

- Prof.dr.ing. Viorel-Aurel ȘERBAN – President (Politehnica University of Timișoara);
- Prof.dr.ing. Tudor PRISECARU – member (POLITEHNICA University of Bucharest);
- Prof.dr.ing. Dan PITICA- member (The Technical University of Cluj-Napoca,);
- Prof.dr.ing. Dumitru Marcel ISTRATE- member ("Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași);
- Prof.dr.ing. Radu SÂRGHIUȚĂ - member (The Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest).

**Art.31.** The Board of Directors has the following competencies:

- a) making decisions on the executive management of the Association;

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- b) development of joint strategies and partnership cooperation plans;
- c) proposing joint educational and research programs for partners;
- d) elaboration of studies, prognoses and strategies underlying the ARUT educational policies or those proposed by the Association to the national organizations that ensure the management of higher education;
- e) initiating proposals in line with the objectives of the association;
- f) exercising other competencies, established by the Association's Rules of Procedure.

**Art.32.** The Board of Directors meets on a quarterly basis in ordinary sessions, at the Association's headquarters - and whenever necessary in extraordinary sessions.

The session is chaired by the Chairman of the Board. For the sessions of the Board of Directors, the appointed secretary shall draw up the minutes of the meeting and the decisions of the Board of Directors.

**Art.33.** The decisions of the Board of Directors shall be adopted by the majority vote of the associate members.

### **President of the Board of Directors**

**Art. 34.** The Board of Directors is headed by a President elected by the General Assembly of the five founding members of the General Assembly. The President of the Board of Directors is also the President of the Association.

**Art.35.** The position of President of the Board of Directors shall be held for one year (term), starting with the date of establishment of the Association.

**Art.36.** The President of the Board of Directors is Prof.dr.ing. Viorel-Aurel Șerban, Rector of the Politehnica University of Timișoara. After the end of the term, the president of the Board of Directors will be appointed by the General Assembly's decision of the members of the Association.

**Art.37.** The President of the Association has the following duties:

- a) representing the Association in relations with third parties;
- b) coordinating the activity of the Association;
- c) performs any other duties established by the Board of Directors or delegated by the General Assembly;
- d) performs any other duties given in its competence by the Association's Activity Regulations or by decision of the Association's Council.

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## Chapter V

### Dissolution and liquidation of the Association

**Art.38.** The dissolution and liquidation of the Association shall be done under the conditions provided by law.

**Art.39.**

(1) In the case of joint investments made within the Association, the investment contracts will provide, for each partner, the contribution to the investment, the usage rights, the splitting of the access time, the share of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the objective, the share of any revenue generated by the use of the investment.

(2) The common goods resulting from the activities carried out within the Association shall be included in the Association's patrimony and shall be at its service throughout its running duration.

(3) If the Association is dissolved or a partner withdraws from the Association, the arrangements for regulating the situation of the goods or other resulting rights are those established by the decision of the General Assembly of the Association, taken by a majority of its members.

**Art.40.** Any misunderstanding or dispute that arises between the partners of the Association during the course of this Partnership Agreement is amicably settled, and if this is not possible, the jurisdiction to solve them lies with the competent courts.

## Chapter VI

### Final provisions

**Art. 41.** The provisions of the present Statute shall be supplemented by the legal norms contained in the legislation in force.

**Art. 42.** In order to open the Association's bank accounts, Ms. Milea Marta-Gabriela is empowered, Romanian citizen, domiciled in Bucharest, sector 4, Constantin Brâncoveanu Blvs., No. 57-63, bl. 30, sc. B, 3rd floor, ap. 51, identified with the ID series RT no. 792511, PIN 2760229090022, who will have a signature specimen in the bank, along with the President of the Board of Directors.

In order to carry out the procedure of acquiring legal personality, Ms. Cojocaru Elena Emilia is empowered, Romanian citizen, domiciled in

Bucharest, Valea Furcii Road, no. 66, 1st floor, apartment 13, sector 6, identified with the CI series RR no. 725921, issued by SPCEP Sector 6 on March 8, 2011, PIN 2750406182760.

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This statute was drafted and signed by the parties, today ..... the date of attestation, in 10 (ten) copies, all of them with value of original, of which 9 (nine) were released to the parties.

Founding members:

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The undersigned, Daniel DEJICA-CARTIS, sworn translator, authorized by the Romanian Ministry of Justice, License no. 4827/2008, do hereby certify the accuracy of the translation and its conformity with the original.

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