

General Partnership

Between the undersigned institutions:

Sarala Birla University
Birla Knowledge City,
Mahilong, Ranchi, India

and

Network "n+i" – engineering institutes

Non Profit Association registered under SIRET n°452 644 255 00039

hereunder referred to as **Network "n+i"**

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France

represented by Dr. Georges SANTINI, Executive Director

1. Preamble

Network "n+i" is a France based not-for-profit association which links together French 50 higher education institutions in all areas of engineering. Network "n+i" represents more than 30 000 student engineers and 250 research laboratories spread over 40 cities and 13 regions of France. It is also currently the largest engineering network in France that strives to help science and engineering students and young engineers from foreign institutions wishing to pursue their Masters or PhD education in France.

Description of "SBU"

Sarala Birla University is a self-financed private unitary university established under the University Act, 2017 (Jharkhand Act. 13, 2017). As per the Act the Management of the university is carried out by a Board of Governors headed by Smt. Jayashree Mohta, Honorable Chairperson, Bharat Arogya & Gyan Mandir and the first Chancellor of Sarala Birla University.

SBU and Network "n+i" recognize:

- their mutual interest in training engineers and managers with an international vocation,
- the importance of the role of higher education institutions in the promotion of relations and their contribution to social development.

The term partner institutions used in this MOU refers to **SBU** and Network "n+i".

Network "n+i" shall serve as the exclusive coordinator on behalf of its member institutions.

2. General principles

Cooperation that might be explored and developed between the partner institutions concerns higher education training programs and student and faculty mobility in any field related to science, engineering, technology and management.

The partner institutions agree to promote, to their students, study opportunities with their partner institution and encourage students to enroll in double Master's degree and double degree (Bachelor and Master) programs offered by **SBU** and Network "n+i" member institutions.

Cooperation in the areas of research, learning programs, short exchanges, invitation of academics, etc will be subject of specific and separate agreements.

Partner institutions agree to inform their competent and relevant constituencies and ministries about their arrangement in order to obtain their approval whenever needed.

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Whenever a specific agreement between any member institution of Network "n+i" and **SBU**, which enters within the scope of the present MOU, is contemplated, these institutions will sign, together with Network "n+i", an Associate MOU (A-MOU) which will display all the specific aspects of the collaboration.

The signature of each A-MOU will be under the coordination of the Network "n+i".

3. Promotion of training programs

- 4.1 **SBU** commits to inform its students about the existence of this MOU and Network "n+i" training programs offer.
- 4.2 Network "n+i" commits to inform its member institutions about **SBU** training programs offer.
- 4.3 The training programs offered within the Network "n+i" member Institutions concern Bachelor, Master or Doctorate students in sciences, engineering, technology and management. One or more of these programs will be offered to **SBU** students to allow them to achieve their study abroad project. The Network "n+i" programs are indicated here:
 - *An Undergraduate research internship program (two months),*
 - *Foundation year programs (leading to Bachelor or Master programs),*
 - *Masters programs (two, three or five years),*
 - *Bachelor programs (three years)(under development)*
 - *Post Masters programs (one year),*
 - *A discovery of culture and technology short term program "Rendez-Vous" (two - three weeks).*
- 4.4 The training programs offered by **Sarala Birla University** are
 - B. Tech: Civil, Mechanical, Computer Science, ECE, EEE
 - MBA
 - BBA
 - B.Com
 - B A English (Hons.)
 - BCA
- 4.5 The partner institutions agree to broadly publicize in particular, but with no limitation to, through their respective web sites, media and networks, printed documentation and relevant events, the partnership subject to the present MOU.
- 4.6 The partner institutions agree to commonly and periodically review their promotion programs, their results and to identify and implement new action plans in order to improve their efficiency. Understanding that the efficiency of the programs is evaluated in particular, but not limited to, by the number of exchange students participating to the programs.

4. Student mobility

- 5.1 Each institution will select, among their students, highly motivated candidates for studies abroad. **SBU** will select candidates from **Ranchi, India** wishing to go to France. French Engineering Institutes from Network "n+i" will select French candidates for study mobility in **SBU**.
- 5.2 Students from both partner institutions will apply through the Network "n+i" website.
- 5.3 Only students with validated application forms could be selected.
- 5.4 **SBU** and Network "n+i" institutions welcoming students for any duration commit to inform exchange students about the precise nature of the qualification and degree they will obtain after completion of the mobility period.
- 5.5 Students involved in a mobility program will receive a certificate, a degree and/or credits corresponding to the validated training program achieved in the host institution.
- 5.6 Partner institutions commit to respect the national regulations in force regarding personal data protection.
- 5.7 Students of either institution, who wish to undertake a Network "n+i" program, will be assisted by the host institution for administrative registration and daily requirements including, but not limited to, accommodation, transport, office, library and laboratory facilities...
- 5.8 The partner institutions will commit to offer logistic support and assistance to student mobility

5. Double degree agreements

- 6.1 The 2 partner institutions agree to study the possibility of awarding a Master's degree with "experience abroad" or a double Master's degree for well selected students willing to complete their engineering training in **India** and in France.
- 6.2 The 2 partner institutions agree to study the possibility of implementing a Bachelor and Master's program. A specific attention will be given to programs built along the 3+1+2 or 3+1+1 schemes allowing students to get a Bachelor in **India** and a Master in France.
- 6.3 In both cases mentioned hereabove, a special Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for such schemes will be signed separately. In this case the MOA will be signed between **SBU**, one Network "n+i" member institution and Network "n+i".

6. Student mobility financing

- 7.1 For each program selected from the list in § 4.2 and 4.3, specific mention of student mobility financial conditions will be made.
- 7.2 Partner institutions commit to facilitate access to students participating to mobility programs to scholarships programs by interacting as much as possible with scholarships organizations they have contact with.

7. Special benefits associated with the Network "n+i" partnership

SBU will be offered, as a partner institution to "n+i", the following benefits:

- 8.1 Application file opening fees relative to student application from **SBU** are waived.
- 8.2 Possibility to enter, as partner, when applicable and relevant, in Network "n+i" Erasmus Plus programs.
- 8.3 Special support for applications to scholarships programs for which Network "n+i" has preferred access to, with no guarantee to success.

8. Management of the MOU and administration

- 9.1 Negotiation, implementation and coordination of this MOU fall under the responsibility of:

Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh
Registrar
Sarla Birla University

Dr. Georges SANTINI
Executive Director
Network "n+i" - engineering institutes

- 9.2 Contact persons mentioned above can nominate an academic member staff within their institutions to coordinate the activities.
- 9.3 This MOU shall have a duration of 4 years, renewable under request unless party gives notice of termination not later than 6 months prior to expiration.
- 9.4 This agreement will enter into force upon ratification by **SBU** and Network "n+i".

for
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Network "n+i" - Engineering Institutes

Prof.(Dr.) V.K Singh

Registrar

Place: Ranchi,
Date:



Dr. Georges SANTINI

Executive Director

Place: Paris, France

Date: 07/01/2020

