

Protocol of Cooperation

between Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (TURKEY) and Minsk State Linguistic University (BELARUS)

The Faculty of Education of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMÜ) and Minsk State Linguistic University sign the present bilateral Protocol of Cooperation which specifies the procedure and conditions of teaching the Turkish Language and Culture & the Russian Language and Culture at both of these fore-mentioned Universities:

1. Depending on coexistence of high demand for the Turkish Language and of intensive official and commercial relations between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Belarus, teaching the Turkish Language as a first or as a second foreign language will be conducted at Minsk State Linguistic University. In return, teaching the Russian Language will be launched at relevant departments of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University Faculty of Education (Foreign Language Department) and subsequently the Division of Russian Language Education will be opened.

2. The Faculty of Education of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University will provide materials and lecturers for the Turkish Language and Culture Center for teaching the Turkish Language at Minsk State Linguistic University. However the salary of lecturers is paid by Minsk State Linguistics University in accordance with the procedure and conditions established by the legislation of the Republic of Belarus. Moreover the mentioned lecturers will be authorized to work provided that they obtain the license to practice labor activity on the territory of the Republic of Belarus.

3. Master and PhD students of Teaching Turkish as a Foreign Language at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University will visit Minsk State Linguistics University both to teach Turkish and to carry out postgraduate studies for the period of one or two terms on conditions negotiated by the Rectors of the two Universities.

4. Between ÇOMÜ and Minsk State Linguistics University lecturers will be exchanged, and each year the bachelor's degree students (maximum 10) and the postgraduate students (maximum 5) of ÇOMÜ will visit Minsk State Linguistics University and benefit from the hostel of Minsk State Linguistics University free of charge. Equally, the lecturers (maximum 10) and the postgraduate students (maximum 5) of Minsk State Linguistics University will visit Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University and will benefit from the hostel of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University free of charge. For instance, maximum 10 students who are learning Turkish, will have practice in ÇOMÜ summer campus of Dardanos for the period of 1 or 2 months to improve their Turkish and will stay in the hostels of ÇOMÜ free of charge.

5. Turkish Language Education Center (TÖMER) at the Faculty of Education of ÇOMÜ will organize, especially in July and August, two-months Turkish Language courses for free for Minsk State Linguistics University students (maximum 10), within the framework of two-months summer language course; scholarship will be provided by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Turkey for foreign students who want to learn Turkish, as long as the students pay their transportation fee. Equally, maximum 10 students of ÇOMÜ who want to learn the Russian Language will get Russian Language courses for free at the Division of Russian as a Foreign Language at Minsk State Linguistics University (10 academic hours per week). These students will stay in the hostels of Minsk State Linguistics University free of charge.

6. Common projects, symposiums and congress will be organized in the fields of language and education within the scope of cooperation.

