

Letter of Intent

on the co-operation between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as “the Partners”),

BEING AWARE of the important role of education and training in society, especially in view of the foreseen accession of Lithuania to the European Union;

EMPHASIZING the importance of further developing international relations in the sphere of education between the Ministries of Education in the so-called Candidate countries and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands;

INTEND AS FOLLOWS:

Paragraph 1

The Partners will effectuate and develop the co-operation to their mutual benefit, aiming at continuity in their co-operative relationships.

Paragraph 2

The Partners will exchange experiences and focus on best practises in any or all of the following areas:

- I. Higher education, in particular policy issues in view of the major developments in Europe,
- II. Secondary and higher vocational education and training, in particular in relation to the labour market,
- III. Information and communication technology in education.

Paragraph 3

The co-operation in any or all of these three areas will be effectuated through seminars and workshops. These will take place in the period 2003 - 2004.

Paragraph 4

In the framework of this Letter of Intent the Participants will co-operate under the following conditions:

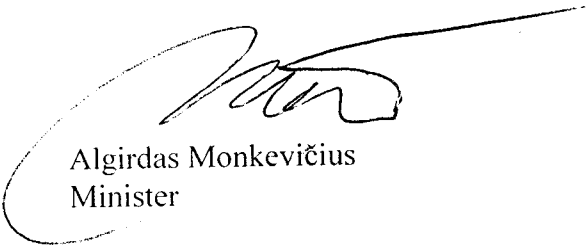
- The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania will determine in which area (s) it wishes to participate;
- The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania will appoint the experts who will participate in the seminars and workshops foreseen in any or all of the three areas in the period 2003 - 2004;
- The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania will facilitate these experts to participate in all activities planned in a certain area, thus guaranteeing continuity.

Paragraph 5

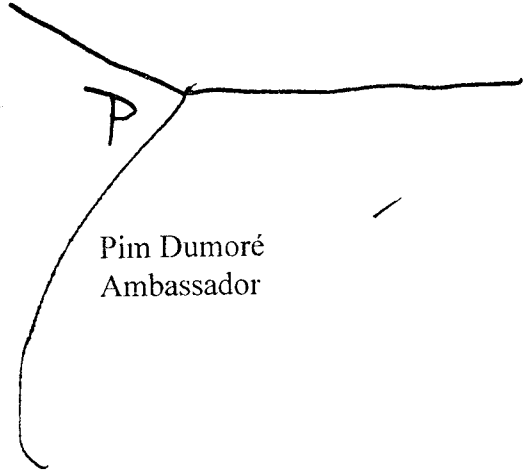
The co-operation will enter into force on the day of undersigning. It will remain effective until 31 December 2004.

Done in Vilnius on *February 12, 2004* in two original copies in the English language.

For the Ministry of Education and Science
of the Republic of Lithuania,


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Minister

For the Ministry of Education,
Culture and Science of the Netherlands,


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Ambassador