



### FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

#### between

the **Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium** (hereinafter referred to as "**CERIC-ERIC**"), with registered offices at Trieste (Italy), SS. 14 – km 163,5 in AREA Science Park, tax number 90143090323, represented by dr. Jana Kolar, Executive Director,

#### and

**State University "Uzhhorod National University"** (hereinafter referred to as "**UzhNU**"), with registered offices at 46 Pidhirna Str., Uzhhorod, Ukraine, tax number 02070832, represented by prof. Volodymyr Smolanka, Rector of Uzhhorod National University.

Hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as "Party"

#### whereas

- CERIC-ERIC is a European Research Infrastructure Consortium established in compliance with the Regulation (EC) no. 723/2009 by the European Commission upon proposal of six European Countries, the Czech Republic among them, by the European Commission Implementing Decision of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, ref. no. 2014/392/EU
- The founding Members of CERIC-ERIC are the governments of the Czech Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Serbia and Romania. CERIC-ERIC is open to the accession of new members, and the Republics of Croatia, of Hungary and of Poland are Observers in a pre-accession phase.
- The Italian Republic is acting as the host Member State upon indication of the founding Members of CERIC-ERIC, and the legal seat of CERIC-ERIC has been established in Trieste.
- CERIC-ERIC is a distributed research infrastructure based on the multidisciplinary integration of scientific capabilities provided as in-kind contributions to CERIC-ERIC by the Members and Observers who have expressed their interest to support, through their Representing Entities and related Partner Facilities, the activities of CERIC-ERIC. CERIC-ERIC provides open access to microscopic probes for analytical and modification techniques, as well as in sample preparation capabilities, notably for materials preparation and characterisation, structural investigations and imaging in Life Sciences, Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Cultural Heritage, Environment and Materials Sciences.

• Uzhhorod National University is composed of 21 faculties performing student Master and Doctoral degree programs relevant to Solid State Physics including Chemical Physics, Materials Sciences and Life Science.

## **ARTICLE 1 - Scope**

- 1. The aim of the present Framework Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") is to establish a mutual collaboration between CERIC-ERIC and the UzhNU for developing scientific, technological and training/teaching activities.
- 2. In the framework of this collaboration, in-kind contributions may be considered by the Parties in order to promote the joint activities, such as master and doctoral student programs (particularly in the domain of solid state physics), as well as joint developments of training of human resources, communication, data management, joint construction and exploitation of scientific laboratories, etc.
- 3. The present Agreement may be accompanied by specific agreements (SA) agreed upon in due course and defining the financial, human and instrumental resources provided by the Parties for supporting particularly relevant activities agreed between the Parties as well as the operational details for the use of these resources.
- 4. Such proposed activities will be previously examined by a working group composed by experts designated by the Parties.
- 5. Each SA shall be subject to the provisions of this present Agreement, being understood that in case of contradiction or ambiguity, the provisions of the present Agreement and/or of applicable laws shall prevail.
- 6. The SAs referred to in the previous paragraphs will be negotiated by the Executive Director of CERIC-ERIC and the person in charge of the UzhNU and will be undersigned by the respective legal representatives of the Parties.

# ARTICLE 2 - Personnel and collaborators operating in the Parties

- 1. Personnel and collaborators of the UzhNU allocated for the performance of the obligations deriving from the present Agreement shall not be considered employees of the CERIC-ERIC for any purpose and will be subject to the rules, safety, and other regulations currently in effect at the UzhNU. Medical insurance and general social insurance for the staff and employees previously mentioned is conducted in accordance with the requirements of current legislation of Ukraine.
- 2. This Agreement has no financial obligations. Financial issues are governed by concluding a specific agreement additional to present Agreement.
- 3. The implementation of this Agreement is carried out by staff of the Department of solid-state electronics, information security of Faculty of Physics of UzhNU, involved in the execution of the obligations imposed on UzhNU by this Agreement. Such costs shall be evaluated and accounted for in order to credit their value as in-kind contributions to the agreed joint activities.
- 4. Each Party shall bear any and all costs and expenses of its personnel, fellows and collaborators allocated for the performance of the agreed joint activities.

## **ARTICLE 3 - Liabilities and insurances**

1. CERIC-ERIC and the UzhNU agree to regulate the liabilities and insurances related to the common activities with reference to the Internal Regulations of parties and to the legal framework of the country hosting the joint facilities. Any specific issue related to this aspect will be addressed in the specific agreement.

# **ARTICLE 4 - Duration and amendments**

- 1. The present Agreement will come into effect from the date of the signature of the last of the Parties and will remain valid until February 28th 2023. Any modification of this Agreement will require a written consent of both Parties.
- 2. Either Party has, at its own discretion, the right to terminate the validity of this Agreement before the expiration date by giving 1 (one) year prior written notice by registered letter to the other Party.

Trieste, 23/6/2019

**CERIC-ERIC** 

dr Jana Kolar
Executive Director

Trieste, <u>23/06/2016</u>

**Uzhhorod Nation University** 

prof. Volodymyr Smoljanka

Rector