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ALADIN - ALpe ADria INitiative Universities' Network: Cooperation in e-Integration Research & Teaching in the Region

Letter of Intent

Karl-Franzens University Graz (Austria), University of Rijeka (Croatia), University BW München (Germany), Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), University of Trieste (Italy), Novi Sad Business School (Serbia & Montenegro), Technical University of Košice (Slovakia) and University of Maribor (Slovenia), desiring to strengthen the friendship and cooperation between them, recognising the importance of developments in e-Integration, particularly in e-Business, e-Geomatics, e-Government, e-Health, e-Learning and e-Logistics, and in all the applications of the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) for the benefits of the European Citizens, have reached the following understandings:

- ALADIN – the “ALpe ADria INitiative” Universities' Network,
- created in Ljubljana the 23rd October 2002 by Karl-Franzens University Graz (Austria), University of Rijeka (Croatia), University of Trieste (Italy) and University of Maribor (Slovenia) as an international network working at regional level to share common ideas and knowledge in teaching and research activities in the field of e-Commerce and to cooperate creating mobility of students and professors, offering common lectures, creating virtual teams of students from different Universities and professors lecturing at different Universities, in order to harmonize with global and international activities of e-Commerce,
- extended in Bled the 8th June 2003 to Novi Sad Business School (Serbia & Montenegro) and to the cooperation fields of e-Geomatics, e-Logistics and e-Medicine,
- recognized in Bled the 20th June of 2004 by the Medical University of Graz, created from the Medical Faculty of the Karl-Franzens University,
- will extend to University BW München (Germany), Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary) and Technical University of Košice (Slovakia), to cooperate in the ICT fields which are crucial for the development of the Enlarged Europe, particularly e-Business, e-Geomatics, e-Government, e-Health, e-Learning and e-Logistics and the interactions among them (e-Integration).

As already successfully experimented in the ALADIN network, common ideas and knowledge in teaching and research activities will be shared, cooperating to create mobility of students and professors, offering common lectures and educational programmes, creating virtual teams of students from different Universities and professors lecturing at different Universities, promoting research cooperation with SMEs and Governments, in order to harmonize with global and international activities of ICT in the Enlarged Europe.

In order to coordinate the cooperating activities, each University will designate an ALADIN delegate to be part of the ALADIN Coordinating Committee. Each Delegate will also designate up to two members of the Steering Committee for each branch (e-Business, E-Health, etc.) activated by his/her University.

In Bled, 5th June 2005