

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE "NORAVANK" FOUNDATION

AND

**THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF EUROPEAN UNION OF EXILED AND
EXPULSED PEOPLE**

ON

**CULTURAL PROGRAMS AIMED AT
DEVELOPING THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AS PART OF
EUROPEAN CIVIL SOCIETY HERITAGE**

PREAMBLE

The “Noravank” Foundation, represented by Mr. Gagik Harutyunyan, Executive Director, and the General Secretariat of the European Union of Exiled and Expelled People /EUEEP/, represented by Mr. Massimiliano Lacota, Secretary-General (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”);

UNITED by the consciousness that historical legacy of the mass persecutions, forcible transfer of population and genocides committed in Europe during the twentieth century must set an example and a reference in the creation of civic and historical awareness of the new generations of Europeans, as a part of the historical and moral heritage of the continent;

CONVINCED that the development of programs, and cultural transformation contacts based on apposite agreements, involving the authorities at regional, national and European level, and the Armenian diaspora organizations and its cultural institutions, could contribute significantly to the process of enrichment of the historical heritage in the continent, even through the affirmation and the consolidation of the principles of justice, truth and memory;

INTENDING to start cooperation with international organizations specialized in deepening and promotion of historical-cultural topics, through the realization of transnational projects at European level aimed to the diffusion in the European country’s civil society of the Armenian Genocide;

EXPRESSING the mutual interest in developing programs for co-operation in the fields of cultural and didactical projects, finalized to a European level knowledge of the ethnic cleansing and massacres committed as crimes against humanity;

RECOGNIZING the fact that EUEEP has among its purposes to represent and to defend the dignity of the exiled, expelled and forcibly transferred citizens in Europe and to promote the perpetuation of the remembrance of the events which led to their exile or displacement;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION that EUEEP is promoting, according to the principles announced in the Convention on Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the recognition and the sharing of the Genocide of all people who, scattered around the world, also in perpetual exile and expulsion, have lost their own cultural, linguistic, religious identity as well as their age-old traditions:

ACKNOWLEDGING the uniqueness of the structure and the aims and principles of the EUEEP, to cooperate to deepen and share throughout determined projects in developing the knowledge of Armenian Genocide and its International Recognition as integrant part of European Civil Society’s heritage.

HAVE AGREED as follows:

MANNER OF COOPERATION

The Parties shall, within their means, cooperate by:

- a) establishing the network for stable relationship among “Noravank” Foundation, EUEEP, Armenian diaspora organizations and the Government of the Republic of

- Armenia to open operative channels with cultural institutions, aimed at spreading the knowledge of the Armenian Genocide;
- b) establishing the working groups with the European Commission and with the major international organizations to promote educational programs for the new generations with particular reference to the development of historical knowledge, education and student mobility;
 - c) initiating the coordinated actions with the European Commission with the Council of Europe for the establishment of programs to spread the history and to preserve the traditional, artistic and architectural heritage of exiled and expelled people on their historical lands;

FINAL CLAUSES

The terms and conditions of implementation of each program that will be undertaken under this Agreement as part of cooperation will be agreed to by the Parties in separate agreements.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the signature thereof.

This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by either Party giving six month's written notice in advance to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

The Parties, by mutual consent, may make alternations and amendments to this Agreement which shall be fixed by separate Protocols. The Protocols will enter into force in accordance with the procedures established herein and will be the integral part of this Agreement.

This Agreement is signed in two originals in the Armenian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

DONE at the RA Ministry of Diaspora, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia on this 26 day of April in the year 2011.

FOR "NORAVANK" FOUNDATION

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Gagik Harutyunyan
The Executive Director

**FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION OF
EXILED AND EXPELLED PEOPLE**

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Massimiliano Lacota
The Secretary-General