

Let me introduce myself. My name is Nikoloz Bakradze. I am a > Coordinator of International Relations at Georgian Institute of > Public Affairs' (GIPA) main and the oldest college - School of > Government.

With this letter, I dare to ask for your support on the matter, > which, to my viewpoint, might be mutually beneficial for our > countries and universities. In particular, I mean possibility of > establishment bilateral cooperation between the University of > Creteand the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA).

These days GIPA (<https://gipa.ge/eng/page/history/history.html>) is > considered as one of the most authoritative HE institution of > Georgia, offering study Programs in public administration, public > policy, media management, business administration, social sciences, > environmental management, etc. Here worth to be mentioned that > present-day president of Georgia Mr. George Margvelashvili was a > Rector of GIPA for about 7 years period.

GIPA's has already established partnership with foreign vis-à-vis > universities in the USA (George Mason University, Troy University, > Michigan State University, University of Georgia, University of > Wyoming); in Austria (University of Salzburg); in Poland (Wroclaw > University); in Slovak Republic (University of Economics in > Bratislava), in Netherlands (Maastricht School of Management), in > Italy (Bocconi University).

Sill, the top management of GIPA has highlighted the further > strengthening of bilateral cooperation with advanced European HE > institutions as an objective of primary importance.

Therefore, we would be more than happy to open dialog/discussion on > initial steps toward identification possible forms and mechanisms > for partnership between University of Creteand GIPA. __

_Cooperation could include the following priority areas:

- Erasmus + Agreement
- Students and faculty exchange;
- Dual/double degree programs;
- Short-term study courses;

We are also open to discuss any other modes of collaborative > activities and move ahead with preparation of legal basis for > partnership, i.e. to conclude the general cooperation Agreement/MoU.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration and assistance!

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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