

Education Sector

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Dear Professor Bogdanov,

Reference is made to the request to renew the Agreement between UNESCO and Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia concerning the UNESCO Chair in Sciences of Education established in December 1993.

Based on the information provided, and in light of the satisfactory results achieved by the above-mentioned Chair, confirmed by the positive evaluation of its activities, I am pleased to inform you that UNESCO agrees to renew the above-mentioned Agreement for a further period of four years, until December 2023. I am confident that the UNESCO Chair will continue to promote teaching trainer and sciences of education through its research, training, and documentation, and to contribute together with its partners to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, notably SDG4 to "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all".

The Chair is invited to provide objective evidence when reporting on issues of quality effectiveness of its activities, and to disseminate its publications and documentation in English as possible. The Chair is also encouraged to interact with other UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks working in the same fields.

This UNESCO Chair is renewed for a period of four years. Should the University wish to pursue the activities of the Chair beyond this renewed period, a formal request to renew the validity of the Agreement must be addressed to UNESCO six months before the expiry date of the current Agreement. The decision to renew a Chair's Agreement is based, among others, on the positive evaluation of the reports on the activities carried out by the Chair.

The progress report is due two years after the renewal of the Agreement, followed by a final report two years later. Reports should follow the UNESCO template available at http://www.unesco.org/en/university-twinning-and-networking/application-and-forms/progress-report-form/.

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Finally, I invite Professor Valerii Monakhov, the Chairholder and the Chair's team to contact Ms Sonia Guerriero, Programme Specialist, Section of Teacher Development in Education Sector of UNESCO (tel.:+33 1 45 68 16 66; e-mail: s.guerriero@unesco.org), who has been identified as the focal point for this Chair to explore further possible cooperation.

For all other matters, I kindly invite you to contact Ms Liliana Simionescu, Programme Specialist in charge of the UNITWIN Programme, Section for Higher Education of the Education Sector (tel: +33 1 45 68 11 82; e-mail: l.simionescu@unesco.org).

Looking forward to our continued cooperation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Wells Chief Section of Higher Education