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## Founding Declaration of ALINCO

### **ALINCO: Alliance for Internationalization and Collaboration in Higher Education**

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**Location:** Brno, Cuenca, Santo Domingo, London, Bakhmut–Dnipro, Salta, Erzincan, Uzhorod

### **Introduction**

We, the undersigned institutions, proudly announce the foundation of the Alliance for Internationalization and Collaboration in Higher Education (ALINCO)—a strategic network dedicated to fostering international cooperation, research excellence, and the exchange of best practices in higher education. In an era of rapid academic transformation, ALINCO serves as a platform for universities to research, collaborate, innovate, and grow together. This initiative reflects our commitment to enhancing the quality and impact of research and higher education internationalisation by means of inter-and-transdisciplinary collaboration teaching through international partnerships and interdisciplinary collaboration.

### **Goals**

ALINCO is founded on the principles of academic excellence, intercultural dialogue, and shared learning. The main aims and objectives are detailed in its Vision, Mission and Objectives Document (for more information [HERE](#)):

- Strengthen internationalization and collaboration in research and higher education.
- Facilitate the exchange of best practices and innovative teaching methods.
- Support plurilingual and pluricultural approaches in academic settings.
- Provide a platform for joint research projects and funding opportunities.
- Foster an inclusive and dynamic network that adapts to global challenges.

### **Founding Universities**

1. Masaryk University, Czech Republic
2. University of Azuay, Ecuador
3. University College, London, Great Britain
4. University Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
5. Catholic University of Salta, Argentina
6. Horlivka Institute for Foreign Languages of State Higher Education Institution “Donbas State Pedagogical University”, Ukraine
7. University of Uzhorod, Ukraine



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8. Erzincan Binali Yıldırım University, Türkiye

### **Implementation and Future Steps**

The establishment of ALINCO marks the beginning of a long-term collaboration that will evolve through joint initiatives, academic exchanges, and interdisciplinary projects. This alliance will serve as a bridge between institutions, facilitating access to international funding opportunities and enhancing the global reach of higher education.

We invite other universities and academic bodies to join ALINCO and contribute to its vision of excellence and cooperation.

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