



Eesti Kirjandusmuuseum



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## AGREEMENT

**for partnership between the Finnish Literature Society (SKS, Helsinki, Finland) and the Estonian Literary Museum (EKM, Tartu, Estonia)**

represented by the Secretary General of the SKS Kati Mikkola, on the one part, and by the Director of the EKM Piret Voolaid, on the other part (hereinafter referred to as the "Partners"),

being independent parties to this Agreement and recognising the growing importance of international cooperation and mutual exchange in the fields of folklore, ethnology, literature, cultural studies, and related disciplines, hereby enter into the present Agreement for Partnership.

### I. SUBJECT OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement establishes a framework for cooperation between the SKS and the EKM, with a focus on the organisation of joint scientific and research activities. It does not impose binding obligations beyond those explicitly agreed.

**1.1.** The Partners shall collaborate in the exchange of knowledge and experience and in organising joint activities, including the mentoring and support of postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers, as well as research in folklore studies, ethnology, literature, history and cultural studies.

**1.2.** The Partners shall engage in joint academic activities, including the preparation and submission of grant applications, the organisation of expeditions, seminars, masterclasses, and conferences, and the publication of monographs and scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals.

**1.3.** The Partners shall organise and promote events aimed at disseminating the results of their cooperation to the wider academic and public audiences.

## **II. TERMS OF PARTNERSHIP**

2.1. The Partners shall jointly develop programmes and plans for collaborative activities within the limits of their resources and research focuses.

2.2. The Partners shall support mutual visits and the integration of visiting staff and researchers into the academic and social environment.

2.3. Financial arrangements related to specific activities shall be agreed upon separately for each initiative. Nothing in this Agreement shall create any financial obligations for either Partner unless separately agreed in writing.

2.4. This Agreement constitutes a framework. Specific projects and events may be governed by separate agreements, which shall form integral parts of this Partnership.

2.5. Each Partner shall designate a contact person responsible for coordinating the implementation of this Agreement and facilitating communication between the Partners.

2.6. The Partners shall pay particular attention to the development of early-career researchers and the sustainability of the field. This includes supporting the involvement of postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers in joint activities, encouraging their participation in international networks, and fostering mentorship and knowledge transfer between generations.

2.7. The Partners shall actively foster innovation as a shared value of the Partnership. This involves not only the development of new research directions and methodologies, but also the willingness to experiment with formats, question established practices, and create collaborative solutions that respond to changing academic and societal environments.

## **III. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PUBLICATIONS**

3.1. The results of joint activities, including publications, databases, and other materials, shall be used and disseminated in accordance with mutually agreed principles.

3.2. Authorship and acknowledgment in joint publications shall reflect the actual contributions of the participants.

3.3. Unless otherwise agreed, each Partner retains the right to use jointly produced materials for academic and non-commercial purposes, with appropriate reference to the other Partner. Commercial use shall require prior written agreement of both Partners.

## **IV. DATA PROTECTION AND ETHICS**

4.1. The Partners shall ensure that all research activities comply with applicable ethical standards and legal requirements, including the protection of personal data.

4.2. Particular care shall be taken in fieldwork and archival research to respect the rights, dignity, and informed consent of participants.

## V. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both Partners and shall remain valid for five (5) years.

5.2. The Agreement shall be automatically extended for successive five-year periods unless either Partner notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement at least one (1) month prior to its expiration.

5.3. Either Partner may terminate this Agreement earlier by providing written notice at least three (3) months in advance.

5.4. Ongoing activities initiated under this Agreement shall, unless otherwise agreed, be allowed to reach completion.

5.5. Neither Partner shall be liable for any indirect or consequential damages arising from activities under this Agreement.



## VI. FINAL PROVISIONS

6.1. This Agreement may be amended only by mutual written consent of the Partners.

6.2. Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably through consultation between the Partners.

6.3. This Agreement is drawn up in two copies of equal legal validity, one for each Partner.

## LEGAL ADDRESSES OF PARTNERS

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