



# TIASI



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## **Mykolaiv National Agrarian University entered new level of international cooperation**

Following ongoing negotiations throughout the summer, GC and MNAU sealed their strategic partnership by executing the TIASI participation and cooperation agreement in Mykolaiv on October 14 2024.

TIASI is an Innovation and Aerospace Supercluster Initiative which promotes collaboration between Canada, EU, Ukraine and MENA countries. It is a Canadian led international collaboration and investment platform (Meta Cluster) for the Canadian, Ukrainian and Hellenic and even though it is focusing on aerospace, marine industries, advance manufacturing and academic sectors, agro sector is the newest addition to its broad scope in innovation and R&D. MNAU with the Ukrainian, Canadian and EU stakeholder support and participation in TIASI will significantly increase growth in Canada, Ukraine, EU and globally as well increase direct foreign investment to MNAU & TIASI partners by participating in projects in the agro sector.

Scope: to strengthen cooperation and simplify funding access for MNAU / TIASI projects in academia and innovative agro sectors, production of specialty food products, know how transfer etc.

Main objectives of cooperation are as follows:

1. Implementation of joint scientific and technical projects in the field of aerospace technology, mechanical engineering, power engineering, biomedicine, IT, as well as other areas of interest to the Parties;
  2. Commercialization of research results;
  3. Establishment of joint research and development and training laboratories;
  4. Attracting investments for the implementation of scientific, technical and academic projects;
  5. Implementation of joint educational projects and programs, as well as other areas of interest to the Parties, subject to compliance with all requirements of current legislation of the Parties.
  6. Systematic exchange of academic and professional staff and PhD students, post-doctoral students studying in partner institutions, engaged in research, in order to create agreed curricula and other mutually beneficial joint ventures.
  7. Creation common Canadian – Greek – Ukrainian Innovation Technology Centre(s).
  8. Participation in Erasmus programs
  9. Opening joint Programmes for receiving scientific Degrees and academic positions
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**Sotiris Bouzeas, CEO & Founder of TIASI stated:**

"We would like to welcome MNAU to TIASI. The current situation in the world requires acceleration in implementation of innovations in many industries including agro. MNAU represents continuous success for forty years and the capacity and excellence of MNAU's teaching staff as well students would be beneficial for enhancing the competitiveness of all parties. TIASI, partners with such universities, stakeholders and SME's in agro and other innovative industries and allows access to funding through the EU and other sources of financing for implementation of new and well needed innovative projects. Particularly with MNAU, projects which will integrate the great advantages Ukraine is offering in agro sector will be prioritized and implemented with TIASI members in Europe, Canada and/or MENA countries. We would like to thank Rector Shebanin and his Executive Team for their efforts and meaningful input during our negotiations and their support in the values and objectives of TIASI and looking forward to great collaboration"

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**Dr. Vyacheslav Shebanin, Rector of MNAU stated:**

"It is with great pride and optimism that we announce Mykolaiv National Agrarian University's formal partnership with the TIASI Innovation and Aerospace Supercluster Initiative. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in our university's ongoing pursuit of global cooperation and academic excellence. This partnership not only opens doors for our students, faculty, and researchers to participate in meaningful international projects but also attracts vital foreign investment. Through the commercialization of research, the creation of joint R&D laboratories, and the development of innovative curricula, MNAU stands ready to contribute to the global agro sector while fostering academic excellence.

We are deeply grateful to Sotiris Bouzeas and the entire TIASI team for their trust in our university, and we look forward to a fruitful and lasting collaboration that will benefit not only our institution but also the broader academic and industrial communities of Ukraine."

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