



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

Construction Industry Council (CIC) – United Kingdom

and

The Hellenic Construction Industry Council (HCIC) - Greece

I. Introduction

Construction Industry Council (hereinafter referred to as **CIC**) is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist business associations in the UK construction industry.

CIC occupies a key role within the UK construction industry providing a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and more than 25,000 firms of construction consultants.

CIC is been recognized and respected by government and across the UK construction industry as an effective thought leader, representing the UK built environment professions together and has set the mission to improve the UK construction industry by collectively representing and supporting the built environment professions.

Hellenic Construction Industry Council (hereinafter referred to as **HCIC**) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2019 to promote the single and unified representation of the Construction Industry in Greece.

HCIC Regular Members are professional associations, unions or organizations of economic operators based in Greece, with nationwide coverage and whose primary purpose is the design, study and construction of infrastructural and building projects, the supply and production of construction materials, the development, research, maintenance and management of the built and natural environment.

HCIC also includes as affiliated members public bodies and organizations, legal entities of public and private law, educational, research and other non-profit institutions and bodies which are directly or indirectly involved in infrastructure and construction industry.

Through communication and consultation, both CIC and HCIC have agreed to reach the following memorandum of understanding on cooperation

II. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to strengthen exchanges and cooperation between CIC and HCIC (hereinafter referred to as the Councils) in order to benefit both signatories and each other's members.

III. Areas of Cooperation

The Signatories of this MoU intend to focus their cooperation on, but not limited to, the following areas:

1. Information and Knowledge Exchange

The Signatories will:

- 1.1 exchange information to ensure the sustainable development of the infrastructure and construction industry in both UK and Greece and improve its productivity, competitiveness, and quality for the benefit of society and the environment.
- 1.2 share efforts to promote sound, responsible and quality entrepreneurship in the infrastructure and construction industry, as well as to promote and disseminate the work of its members to the community.
- 1.3 exchange practices to safeguard the fundamental principles of transparency and sound competition in the implementation of public and private works in the country.
- 1.4 exchange information on the construction industry and activities of their members.
- 1.5 exchange information on new developments and/or changes in construction industry technology best practices.
- 1.6 exchange expertise visits in the field of advanced construction technology.
- 1.7 exchange newsletters, project information etc.
- 1.8 share information on related events.
- 1.9 provide friendly links to each other's website and put logos at the proper space of each other's website.
- 1.10 develop working groups, e.g. in the field of Construction Industry 4.0.

2. Events and Visits

The Signatories can:

- 2.1 jointly organize and send delegations to each other's events when mutual interest of member exists and recommend relevant experts/speakers.
- 2.2 pay each other business visits at the proper time and enhance cooperative ties and relations.
- 2.3 establish networking opportunities to develop their members' activities

IV. Focal Persons

To guarantee smooth and efficient communication, the Signatories will appoint focal persons. The focal person from CIC side is the CEO and the focal person from HCIC side is the Executive Director.

V. Settlement of Disputes

This MoU is not intended to create any legal rights and obligations between the Signatories. Any dispute arising out of interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably by consultation between the Signatories.

V. Entry into Force, Duration, Termination and Extension

This MoU will become effective on the date of the signature and shall remain in force until 31 DEC 2023.

This MoU can be further extended by a new agreement of both Signatories.

Signed on (date to be inserted) in two originals in English, both texts equally valid.

For CIC

For HCIC

Agreed by the CIC Board on 22 September 2020 Agreed by the HCIC Board on 08 October 2020



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