



ALBANIAN

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF LARGE DAMS

GREEK

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF LARGE DAMS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

Albanian National Committee on Large Dams, (ALBCOLD)

AND

Greek National Committee of Large Dams, (GCOLD)

THE UNDERSIGNED

Part A:

Albanian National Committee of Large Dams (ALBCOLD)

Hereafter referred to as "ALBCOLD".

Official address:

Rr. "Abdi Toptani", No.1, Tirana, Albania

Legal representative:

Mr. Arjan JOVANI

Title:

Chairman of ALBCOLD

and:

Part B:

Greek National Committee of Large Dams, (GCOLD)

Hereafter referred to as "GCOLD".

Official address:

Agiou Konstantinou 11 & Geraniou, Athens, Greece

Legal representative:

Mrs. Chara Rea Papachatzaki

Title:

President of GCOLD

WHEREAS:

ALBCOLD and GCOLD take into consideration that,

- ALBCOLD has knowledge and experience in the fields of Dam engineering, Dam safety and public awareness, particularly in the Albanian large dams sector,
- GCOLD has extensive knowledge and experience in the field of Dam Engineering, Seismic Engineering, Dam Safety; Management and Monitoring of Dam Structures, and public awareness for water flooding,
- Both parties maintain close relationships with Universities and the Academia in its own country,

Both Parties maintain close relationships with Dam Owners and Operators in its own country,

- Both Parties support Young Engineers forums in its own country,
- Both Parties explicitly express their common interest to exchange experience and knowledge on Dam and Seismic Engineering and particularly with regard to Dam Safety, Management and Monitoring, Civil Protection from water Flooding, Evaluation of Dam assets, certification of Dam Safety, etc.,
- Both Parties wish to investigate the possibility to form a type of alliance between the two
 parties, in order to form a strategic combination enabling a deepening of insight, a widening
 of knowledge transfer.

PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Scope

This Agreement aims to create and regulate the institutional conditions of cooperation between the Parties, as well as to determine the basic regulatory priorities of this cooperation, based on the institutional autonomy, mutual respect, universally accepted principles and common interests.

The agreement aims to preserve and develop the most successful traditions of cooperation to date between the two Parties.

Both parties shall endeavor to investigate the opportunities to exchange experience and knowledge with respect to the Dam Engineering sector.

Furthermore, Both Parties have the intention:

At a later stage to enter into a cooperation agreement, to exchange experience and knowledge, to involve both parties in research projects, training, and education, and to use in the basis of good and honest co-operation each other's facilities.

The intended co-operation between the Parties focuses on:

- Exchange of field experience among Engineers with respect to Dam Safety, Maintenance,
 Monitoring, Risk Management, Evaluation of Dam assets, Dam Safety certification;
- Exchange of experience and support for engineering students through cooperation with universities of both countries;
- Organization of exhibitions for large dams and site visits in both countries;
- Formulation of proposals on updating the legal and institutional frameworks in the dam sector of their respective countries;
- Updating and improving of the Technical Guidelines for design, monitoring and safety of large dams in accordance with the ICOLD Recommendations and with the experience gained in both countries;
- Developing and incorporating new Dam Engineering technology, especially for Rock Fill and concrete Dams;
- Promoting young engineers through their forums and facilitating their participation in international seminars and courses;
- Exchanging information facilitating the evaluation of Seismic Risk for the large dams;
- any other form agreed upon between the Parties.

2. Contact

Each Party shall appoint a contact person who will act as liaison to the other Party to coordinate and/or communicate any activities in relation to this MOU.

3. Project opportunities

When one Party becomes aware of a project opportunity that falls within the scope of the Statutes of both committees, and is of relevance in terms of expertise to either Party, it will contact the other

Party to decide and agree on a common approach and on responsibilities of each Party. When the Parties agree to submit a joint proposal to an organization, a specific agreement between the Parties shall be entered into force for the execution of the project. The responsibilities and roles of each Party shall be agreed upon according to the nature and content of each project.

4. Costs

Both Parties shall bear their own costs in relation to the activities stemming from this MOU, unless otherwise agreed. Parties will be compensated for their participation in specific engineering activities based on mutual respect and according to agreements signed beforehand between the parties.

5. Administration

All commitments, obligations and expenditures related to programmers and projects stemming from this MOU shall be administered in accordance with each Party's normal practices and policies and the specific terms and conditions of the funding agencies.

6. Duration

This MOU shall be in force for a period of three years from the date of signature after which the MOU shall be renewed automatically for a similar period unless either of the Parties notifies in writing the other Party, three months in advance, of its desire to terminate this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned has signed this MOU.

For ALBCOLD (Part A)

For GCOLD (Part B)

Mr. Arjan Jovani

Mrs. Chara Rea Papachatzaki

ALBCOLD Chairman

GCOLD President

Arta, Gregi 12.04.2024