

**Draft Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation
between the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the
Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic
under the Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor Initiative**

Memorandum, ___ 2023

In accordance with the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program approved by the participating countries at the 10th Ministerial Conference of the CAREC 2020 Long-term Strategy, which provides for the development of economic corridors, as well as in order to implement the initiative to join forces for tourism development, the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan represented by _____, on the one hand, and the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic represented by _____, on the other hand, hereinafter jointly referred to as the Parties, confirming their intention to develop bilateral relations, have agreed as follows:

1. SUBJECT OF THE MEMORANDUM

The subject of this Memorandum is the unification of the efforts of the Parties for effective interaction in the field of:

- 1) development of tourism activities, raising quality standards in the hospitality sector, expanding the possibilities of accommodation facilities, increasing levels of visitor satisfaction and assisting in the creation and development of a successful regional tourism brand;
- 2) coordination of joint activities for the development of a unified classification system for facilities/locations of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Parties shall cooperate in other areas of mutual interest within the framework of this Memorandum.

2. RESULTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM

The result of the implementation of this Memorandum is the fulfillment of the following tasks:

- development and adoption of harmonized national criteria for the classification of places/accommodation facilities in both states;
- creation of a joint advisory council at the level of authorized bodies for tourism of both states to implement the initiatives specified in paragraphs 1)-2) of Article 1 of this Memorandum.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Parties shall independently bear the costs associated with the implementation of this Memorandum within the limits of the funds provided for by the national laws of their states.

By mutual agreement of the Parties, this Memorandum may be amended and supplemented, which are its integral parts and drawn up in separate protocols.

This Memorandum is concluded in Russian, Kazakh, and Kyrgyz languages, each in two copies, having the same legal force. In case of any disagreement in the interpretation of the provisions of this Memorandum, the parties refer to the text in Russian.

Either Party may terminate this Memorandum by sending a written notice of its such intention through diplomatic channels to the other Party.

This Memorandum shall enter into force from the date of signing.
Done in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, "___" _____ 2023.

**For the Ministry of Culture
and sports
of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

**For the Ministry of Culture, Information,
Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz
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