



**Memorandum of Understanding  
for German-Korean Standards Dialogue**

**between**

**KATS Korean Agency for Technology and Standards  
of the Republic of Korea**

**and**

**DIN Deutsches Institut für Normung e. V.  
of the Federal Republic of Germany**

**and**

**VDE Association of Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies  
DKE German Commission for Electrical, Electronic  
& Information Technologies of DIN and VDE  
of the Federal Republic of Germany**

Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) of the Republic of Korea and the German Institute for Standardization (DIN) and VDE Association of Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies German Commission for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies of DIN and VDE (DKE) of the Federal Republic of Germany, hereinafter referred to as "the Sides",

- desiring to promote mutual interests through cooperation in the field of standardization and conformity assessment on the basis of equality and benefit,
- establishing more firm and continuous dialogue platform by means of sharing knowledge and good practices on building standardization strategy and discussing the global standardization issues,
- recognizing that such Standards Dialogue will promote economic cooperation, facilitate trade and support the friendly relations between two countries,

have reached the following understanding:

**Paragraph 1**

The Sides will establish the German-Korean Standards Dialogue (hereinafter referred to as "S-dialogue") in order to facilitate the cooperation between the two countries in the field of standardization and conformity assessment on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

**Paragraph 2**

The S-dialogue will be carried out in all area that are of great interest to the Sides and is intended to take place in the fields as listed below:

- a) Sharing and exchanging standardization strategies and policy between two countries;
- b) Identifying and when applicable/feasible agreeing on technology areas, fields, or items for

- reciprocal standards cooperation;
- c) Discovering and when applicable/feasible agreeing on joint research/study in order to contribute international standardization such as ISO, IEC and other standards development activities;
  - d) Initiating and possibly finding opportunities for cooperation in various ways including personnel exchange and joint training/education programs; and
  - e) Further aspects of cooperation as mutually agreed by the Sides in writing.

### **Paragraph 3**

In order to organize the S-dialogue activities proposed in the paragraph 2, the Sides will agree on a yearly programme including S-dialogue annual meeting and side events. If necessary, side events in the format of forum, workshop, and working group meetings may be held along with annual meeting. Meetings and side events of the S-dialogue will be organized by the host Sides of each year. The scope and extent of the Parties' contributions specific to the respective meeting or side event will be agreed upon and be subject to a separate written agreement for each respective meeting/event.

### **Paragraph 4**

All commitments made in this MoU are subject to the availability of funds and each Party's budget priorities. This MoU is not meant to obligate funds. Unless otherwise agreed in writing in advance, each Party will bear its own costs incurred in carrying out the cooperation activities under this MoU.

### **Paragraph 5**

Any information derived from cooperative activities under this MoU should not be unilaterally disclosed to third parties without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party. Each Party will maintain the confidentiality of all received documents and information, as well as scientific and technical results obtained within the framework of the MoU, unless otherwise required by judicial or legislative authority to which the respective Party is subject.

The confidentiality obligation shall continue after the termination of this Agreement.

### **Paragraph 6**

A partial revision of this MoU may be done with the consent of the Sides at any time in writing and shall be signed by duly authorized representatives of the Sides. Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be settled through consultation between the Sides.

### **Paragraph 7**

This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signing by the Sides. This MoU will remain in effect for five years from the date of signing and will automatically be extended for successive five years periods unless otherwise amended are terminated. This MoU may be terminated at any time by any Side by giving at least six months' prior notice to the other Sides.

### **Paragraph 8**

Except Paragraph 4, 5, 6 and 8 this MoU is not legally binding, it does not constitute any rights or legal obligations, nor is it its purpose. All activities hereunder are carried out voluntarily. This MoU does not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties acquired under any agreements or memorandums in which the Parties are involved.

Nothing contained in this MoU shall be construed or applied to create an agency, partnership, joint venture, or any other form of legal association between any of the Parties.


Neither Party shall assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Parties.


Signed in triplicate at Seoul on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019, in English language.

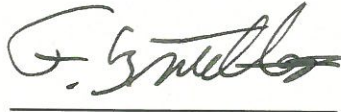
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