

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

of the EAPTI-GPTIM Network (EGN)

1. Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding arises from a long-standing relational, professional, and human connection among Gestalt psychotherapy institutes across Malta and

- EAPTI-SEB (Serbia)
- EAPTI Gestalt Institute Skopje (FYR Macedonia)
- Psiho- Integrum d.o.o. Sarajevo (Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- EAPTI Psihika (Croatia)
- NGO PGUM (Montenegro)

What began as a field of mutual support, learning, and shared responsibility—particularly in times of social and political fragmentation—has evolved into a network of institutes committed to the development of Gestalt psychotherapy as an ethical, relational, and professionally grounded practice.

The members of the Network recognize that their collaboration has always been based not on commercial interests or formal hierarchy, but on trust, continuity, and a shared responsibility toward students, clients, and the profession.

With the development of accredited programmes and increasing institutional responsibilities, the members now wish to make explicit the spirit and understanding that already guide their cooperation.

Within this field, the educational programme emerges not only as a structure of knowledge, but as an expression of a shared relational understanding—one that is continuously shaped through dialogue, responsibility, and presence.

2. Relationship to the EGN Statute

This Memorandum complements the existing EGN Statute (2018) and its accompanying documents, including the Quality Charter.

It does not replace, override, or contradict the provisions of the Statute, which remains the formal governing document of the Network.

Rather, this Memorandum seeks to articulate the relational, ethical, and collaborative dimension of the Network as it is lived in practice.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum is:

- to affirm the shared understanding among members of the Network,
 - to support the continued development of high-quality education and training,
 - to strengthen dialogue, cooperation, and mutual responsibility,
 - to safeguard the continuity of the Network for future generations.
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4. Members of the Network

This Memorandum is entered into by the member institutes of the EAPTI-GPTIM Network (EGN), including:

- EAPTI-GPTIM (Malta)
- EAPTI-SEB (Serbia)
- EAPTI Gestalt Institute Skopje (FYR Macedonia)
- Psiho-Integrum d.o.o Sarajevo (Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- EAPTI Psihika (Croatia)
- NGO PGUM (Montenegro)

(and any future members admitted in accordance with the EGN Statute)

5. Nature of the Relationship

The Network represents a relational, professional, and transnational partnership grounded in:

- mutual trust,
- long-standing collaboration,
- shared professional and ethical values,
- and respect for the autonomy of each institute.

The Network is:

- not a franchise,
- not a commercial structure,
- and not based on hierarchical control.

At the same time, it is a structured academic and professional collaboration, as defined in the EGN Statute.

6. Autonomy and Shared Responsibility

Each institute within the Network:

- operates as an independent legal and academic entity,
- retains responsibility for its own organisation, finances, and national accreditation,
- develops its own professional identity.

At the same time, all members share responsibility for:

- maintaining agreed professional and ethical standards,
 - contributing to the development of the Network,
 - participating in dialogue and collective processes as defined in the Statute.
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7. Role of EAPTI-GPTIM

EAPTI-GPTIM holds a specific role within the Network, as defined in the EGN Statute:

- as the originating institute of the Network,
- as the coordinating body for accredited programmes

This role is exercised in continuous dialogue with Network partners and in a spirit of collaboration through EGN regular Board meeting.

8. Academic Collaboration and Quality

The members of the Network commit to:

- maintaining standards in line with EAP, European Association for Gestalt Therapy, and NCFHE requirements,
- implementing quality assurance processes as defined in the EGN Statute and Quality Charter,
- contributing to teaching, supervision, and academic exchange,
- engaging in ongoing reflection and development of programmes.

Quality is understood both as compliance with formal standards and as a relational and ethical responsibility.

9. Use of the Programme within the Network

The educational and training programmes originally created by EAPTI SEB and developed within the EAPTI–GPTIM framework represent a structured academic and professional model of Gestalt psychotherapy training, grounded in shared professional principles and aligned with relevant accreditation standards.

The use of these programmes within the Network is based on the same relational principles that define the Network itself.

Accordingly:

- the Programme is shared among member institutes in the spirit of collegial cooperation and professional development,
- it is not established as a commercial franchise or profit-based model,
- its use implies recognition of its origin within the EAPTI–GPTIM framework,
- each institute commits to maintaining the academic, ethical, and professional standards of the Programme,
- adaptations to local contexts are possible, provided that the core structure and integrity of the Programme are preserved.

The Programme is sustained through ongoing dialogue, mutual consultation, and shared responsibility among members of the Network.

Its integrity is understood not only as a formal structure, but as a relational and ethical field.

10. Financial Understanding

The Network is not established for profit.

In alignment with the EGN Statute:

- each institute retains income from its own educational activities,
- each institute is responsible for its own financial sustainability,

All financial operations are conducted through the respective legal and banking structures of each institute.

11. Governance and Dialogue

The governance of the Network is defined in the EGN Statute through its formal bodies, including the Coordinating Board and its committees.

Alongside this structure, the members affirm the importance of:

- ongoing dialogue,
 - mutual consultation,
 - and relational responsibility in decision-making.
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12. Addressing Differences

Differences are understood as a natural and valuable part of collaborative work.

Members commit to:

- addressing tensions through dialogue and openness,
 - respecting established procedures as defined in the Statute,
 - maintaining responsibility toward the integrity of the Network.
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13. Duration and Development

This Memorandum reflects the current shared understanding of the Network.

It may evolve over time and be reviewed or amended through mutual agreement among members.

14. Final Statement

This Memorandum does not seek to impose new rules, but to make visible what already exists:

a field of cooperation grounded in trust, responsibility, and a shared commitment to the development of Gestalt psychotherapy.

15. Signatures

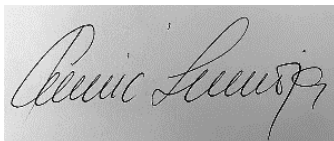
The order of signatories reflects the historical development of the Network.

Signed on 25 May 2018 in recognition of this shared understanding:

For and on behalf of EAPTI-SEB (Serbia)

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Title: Founder, Director, Main Trainer,



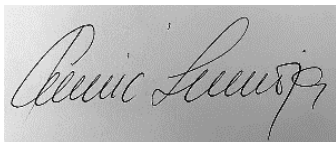
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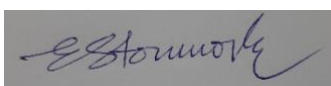
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For and on behalf of EAPTI Gestalt Institute Skopje (FYR Macedonia)

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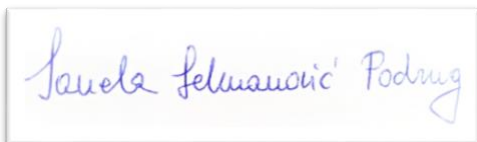
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Name: Valentina Reljkovic

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Signature:

Date: 25 May 2018
