

# UAntwerp's collaborations with organisations in Israel

## 1. Agreements for academic exchange

### 1.1. UAntwerp- UBar-Ilan

With **Bar-Ilan University**, UAntwerp has the following contracts:

- Ongoing but not active: **Memorandum of Understanding**, signed in 2013  
This is an institution-wide MoU with only an intention to cooperate without coordination with faculties and no end date. As part of UAntwerp partner management - phasing out institution-wide MoUs and dormant contracts - this MoU will no longer be used for activities.
- Ongoing: **cooperation agreement**, signed in February 2023  
This cooperation agreement concerns only activities with the Faculty of Law. The agreement was concluded at the request of the Faculty of Law to continue the inbound and outbound mobility as started under the past Erasmus+ project (2018-2020). The agreement was concluded for 5 years and can be terminated unilaterally subject to a 6-month notice period.

The current cooperation agreement aims to promote academic exchange between Bar-Ilan University and Antwerp University, Faculty of Law through exchange of students, lecturers, researchers and administrative staff. For the time being, activities were limited to student exchange. In academic year 23-24, 1 student came to UAntwerp, she returned to Israel after the 7 October violence outbreak. The study stay of 1 UAntwerp student at Bar-Ilan University with departure after 7 October did not take place due to a negative advice from the UAntwerp Risk Areas Committee.

No activities have been planned in academic year 24-25 to date. Implementation of the agreement has been suspended by the law faculty. The agreement is being considered by the Ethics Committee on Misuse, Human Rights & Security (EC MiHRS). The EC MiHRS gave an interim opinion on the cooperation agreement. This opinion will be further taken up by the policy team and the committee so that the committee can reach a final opinion. UAntwerp – UTel Aviv

With **Tel-Aviv University**, UAntwerp has two registered contracts:

- Ongoing but not active: **Memorandum of Understanding**, signed in 2013  
This is an institutional MoU with only an intention to cooperate without alignment with concrete faculties and no end date. In academic years 2014-15 and 2021-22, 1 UAntwerp student (FLW, History) each went to Tel-Aviv University, under this MoU (2013). In the context of UAntwerp partner management - phasing out institution-wide MoUs and dormant contracts - this MoU is considered inoperative as there are no annexes specifying activities as mentioned in the MoU.
- Ongoing: **cooperation agreement**, signed in February 2021  
An assessment was made in 2020 to see which faculties were interested in entering into a cooperation agreement with this partner in place of the non-working MoU. FSW and FLW responded, a cooperation agreement was concluded for them, separate from the existing but non-working MoU. This cooperation agreement concerns only activities with the Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Arts and Philosophy. The agreement is concluded for five years and can be unilaterally terminated subject to a six-month notice period. It aims to 'promote

interest in teaching and research activities' and 'deepen mutual understanding of the economic, social and cultural issues and traditions of our respective countries'.  
In academic year 2022-23, 3 UAntwerp (FSW) students went to TAU for a study stay.  
The agreement is before the Misuse, Human Rights & Security Ethics Committee for its opinion.

### 1.1. UAntwerp – UBen Gurion

With **Ben-Gurion University**, UAntwerp no longer has an active contract. A new cooperation agreement that was up for signature in 2023 was withdrawn after consultations between the faculty and the office of the Misuse, Human Rights & Security Ethics Committee.

- Ongoing but not active: **Memorandum of Understanding**, signed in 2010

This is an institutional MoU with an intention to cooperate without coordination with concrete faculties and no end date. The last nomination of students under the MoU occurred in spring '23. In academic year 22-23 and academic year 23-24, 2 students each from Ben-Gurion University came to UAntwerp (FSW and FBE) in the framework of the MoU. These students returned to Israel.

Within the framework of UAntwerp partner management - winding down institution-wide MoUs and dormant contracts - it was checked which faculties were interested in entering into a cooperation agreement with this partner. After all, the MoU will no longer be used as a basis for cooperation after spring 23.

FBE indicated its willingness to respond to this (in summer 23).

Given recent developments, the cooperation agreement was submitted to the MiHRS Ethics Committee before signing. During the EC MiHRS proceedings, viz. after discussion between Dean FBE and EC MiHRS office, the faculty decided not to pursue the contract further at present.

### 1.2. Atlas network membership

University of Antwerp is a member of the Atlas network - Association of Transnational Law Schools, a network with 7 international partners, including UBar-Ilan is also part of this network which organises an annual summer school for doctoral students (for the last time in 2023).

## 2. Research collaboration

UAntwerp often carries out research in collaboration with foreign institutions. In cooperation with international partners, funding is applied for from various organisations, including the Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek Vlaanderen and the European Commission and under various calls.

There are currently 17 ongoing research projects in which UAntwerp participates, in which one or more Israeli universities, government agencies or companies are also involved. The total number of partners in a project ranges from 3 to 66.

The table below gives the title, Israeli partner(s) involved, funding source and start and end date for each of the ongoing research projects. Note that projects are listed on multiple lines if multiple Israeli partners are involved.

Project Titel Eng	Partner in Israel	Financieringsprogramma	startdatum	einddatum
Refining the efficacy of systemic administration of bioactive molecules for Parkinson's Disease (RePark)	Tel Aviv University	FWO - ERA-net - Fundamenteel Onderzoek	01/09/2022	31/08/2025
Literatures Without Borders. A Historical-Comparative Study of Premodern Literary Transnationalism	Open University of Israel	FWO Wetenschappelijke onderzoeksgemeenschappen	01/01/2021	31/12/2025
Identifying best available technologies for decentralized wastewater treatment and resource recovery for India (Saraswati 2.0).	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	H2020 - Klimaat acties, efficiëntie van grondstoffen en ruwe materialen	01/08/2019	31/07/2024
Meniscal functionalised scaffold to prevent knee Osteoarthritis onset after meniscectomy (MEFISTO)	Active Implants bv*	H2020: Industrial Leadership	01/04/2019	30/11/2024
The value of diagnostics to combat antimicrobial resistance by optimising antibiotic use (VALUE-Dx).	Rambam Health Care Campus (Rambam Hospital)	H2020: Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI)	01/04/2019	30/09/2024
INnovation in Safety Pharmacology for Integrated cardiovascular safety assessment to REduce adverse events and late stage drug attrition (INSPIRE)	Weizmann Institute of Science	H2020: Marie Curie - Projecten - Europese trainingsnetwerken	01/01/2020	31/05/2024
Sustainable Management of Industrial Heritage as a Resource for Urban Development (CONSIDER)	Haifa Municipality	H2020: Marie Curie - Projecten - Uitwisseling van personeel voor onderzoek en innovatie (RISE)	25/04/2023	30/09/2025
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Bridging the Gaps in Evidence, Regulation and Impact of Anticorruption Policies (BRIDGEGAP)	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Horizon Europe - Culture, creativity and inclusive society	01/01/2024	31/12/2027
Intermediation and Trust in the Regulatory State: More Regulation, Less Trust? (RegTrust)	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Horizon Europe - European Research Council (ERC)	01/09/2023	31/08/2028
SARS-coV2 variants Evaluation in pRegnancy and paeDiatrics cohorts (VERDI)	Mor Research Applications Ltd	Horizon Europe - Gezondheid	01/11/2021	31/10/2025
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Integrated Research Infrastructure Services for Climate Change risks (IRISCC)	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	Horizon Europe Onderzoeksinfrastructuur	01/04/2024	30/09/2028
Integrated Services supporting a sustainable agroecological transition (AgroServ).	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Horizon Europe Onderzoeksinfrastructuur	01/09/2022	31/08/2027
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