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Saxony Egypt University Signs MoU with Germany's Cooperative State University of Saxony to Strengthen Academic Cooperation and Dual Study Programmes



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CIRA Education, Egypt's largest integrated private education provider, today announced that Saxony Egypt University for Applied Science and Technology ("**SEU**") has signed a memorandum of understanding ("**MoU**") with the Cooperative State University of Saxony ("**DHSN**") in Germany. The MoU sets out a framework for developing joint education and preparation pathways in dual studies, a model that combines academic study with practical training at partner companies. The agreement was concluded during a visit by a high-level delegation from the Saxon State Government and forms part of SEU's broader drive to deepen international academic cooperation and expand cross-border education.

The MoU, represented by Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel-Rahman Hassan, President of Saxony Egypt University, and Prof. Dr.-Ing. Markus Krabbes, President of DHSN, seeks to provide Egyptian students with access to high-quality international education opportunities, equipping them with the academic and language skills required to pursue dual study programmes in Germany.

Under the proposed cooperation framework, the two universities will explore several educational pathways, including opportunities for students holding Egyptian secondary school certificates or international qualifications to enroll at DHSN upon completing the relevant preparatory programmes. The agreement will also explore opportunities for SEU students to transfer to DHSN after completing two or more academic semesters, alongside the potential recognition of academic credits and the development of double-degree programmes.

The MoU also envisages the establishment of an International Dual Office at SEU's campus, serving as a central point of contact for students interested in studying in Germany. The office would provide information and guidance to prospective students while facilitating coordination and cooperation between the two institutions.

In addition, the partners will consider joint pilot projects, among them "Highway Cairo–Saxony", an initiative focused on the automotive industry, automotive management and mobility, named after the Saxon city where DHSN is headquartered.

This collaboration reflects Saxony Egypt University's commitment to delivering internationally benchmarked applied education and strengthening the integration of academic learning, practical training and labour market requirements. It widens access for Egyptian students to international academic and career opportunities, and helps develop a qualified talent pool equipped to compete in European and global job markets.

"Our ambition for Saxony Egypt University has always been to offer Egyptian students an applied education built on German standards, and this agreement takes that a step further by opening a direct route into Germany's dual study system," **said Mohamed El Kalla, CEO of CIRA Education.** "Dual study is one of the most effective models anywhere for turning graduates into job-ready professionals, and partnering with DHSN brings that expertise into our ecosystem. I am grateful to the Saxon State Government and to DHSN for their confidence in SEU, and I see this as the start of a deeper relationship with Saxony that will create meaningful opportunities for our students for years to come."

"For our students, the value of this partnership lies in making international study more accessible and better structured," **said Dr. Mohamed Abdel-Rahman, President of SEU.** "This MoU gives our students clear pathways into dual study in Germany, whether they join DHSN after a preparatory programme or transfer after completing part of their studies with us. The International Dual Office will be central to making these pathways accessible, guiding students and their families at every stage, from choosing a programme to preparing for life and study in Germany."

"Saxony's economy depends on a steady supply of well-qualified specialists, and international partnerships in education are an important part of how we secure that talent," **said Dr. Nils Geißler, Director General of the Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour, Energy and Climate Protection.** "This agreement between SEU and DHSN builds a bridge between Egypt and Saxony that benefits both sides. Egyptian students gain access to first-class practical training, while Saxon companies gain access to motivated, well-prepared young talent. We look forward to developing this dialogue with SEU and exploring what we can achieve together."

"At DHSN, theory meets practice: our students divide their time between the lecture hall and our partner companies, graduating with both an academic degree and genuine professional experience," **said Prof. Dr.-Ing. Markus Krabbes, President of the Cooperative State University of Saxony.** "We are delighted to welcome SEU as a partner and to open this model to talented young people from Egypt. Initiatives such as Highway Cairo–Saxony show the practical potential of our cooperation, connecting students with the automotive and mobility sector that is central to Saxony's industrial strength."

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About CIRA Education

Founded in 1992, CIRA Education is the largest fully integrated education service provider in Egypt's private sector, delivering a broad ecosystem of learning that spans nurseries, K–12 schools, universities, and professional training. With more than 84,000 students in 33 schools and 3 universities across 15 governorates, CIRA continues to make world-class education accessible to the Egyptian market through a strong network of partnerships with leading international and regional institutions. CIRA's K–12 platform offers multiple education tracks, including British, American, Canadian, French, German, and National curricula, with students consistently achieving top national and district rankings. Its higher education platform comprises 33 faculties across three universities - Badr University in Cairo, Badr University in Assiut, and Saxony Egypt University - delivering world-class academic instruction and practical experience to more than 45,000 students for the 2026/27 academic year. CIRA's nurseries platform, the latest addition to the Group's offering, includes 13 nurseries under 2 brands - Steamulation Hub and KidzGround - each catering to different income segments. Through its integrated platform and strong international partnerships, CIRA remains committed to developing future-ready graduates and advancing education standards across Egypt.

About Saxony Egypt University (SEU)

SEU is a private international university established in partnership with the German state of Saxony to deliver world-class German education in Egypt. Positioned as a hub for applied sciences and technology, SEU offers academic programs that combine rigorous German standards with curricula tailored to Egypt's development priorities and the evolving global economy. The university focuses on high-demand fields such as engineering, natural sciences, healthcare, and digital innovation, with a strong emphasis on practical learning, applied research, and collaboration with industry leaders. Through its strategic partnership with Saxony, SEU provides students with access to renowned German expertise, opportunities for exchange and dual degrees, and a learning environment that bridges European and Egyptian educational excellence. By fostering innovation, critical thinking, and hands-on skills, SEU aims to equip graduates with the knowledge and capabilities to excel in their careers and contribute meaningfully to society both locally and internationally.

About Cooperative State University of Saxony (DHSN)

Cooperative State University of Saxony (DHSN) is a public university in Germany specialising in dual study programmes that combine academic education with practical training at partner companies and institutions. Established in January 2025 as the successor to Berufsakademie Sachsen, DHSN operates across seven campuses in the German state of Saxony, offering more than 60 practice-oriented study programmes spanning business, technology, social sciences and healthcare. Through its close collaboration with industry partners, the university aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and professional experience, equipping graduates with the knowledge and practical skills required to meet evolving labour market needs.