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FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA



The University of Messina, *Department of Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Physics, and Earth Sciences* - Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Giovanna Spatari;

The University of Malta, Department of Geosciences - Malta, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Alfred J. Vella

hereby “the Parties”;

Considering the interest of the Parties to establish a scientific, educational and cultural cooperation in fields of mutual research interests;

Considering cultural diversity an incentive to innovation and international cooperation;

Agree under the following conditions:

1st Article

The Parties are committed to promote joint educational, research and cultural activities as well as scientific exchanges in the areas of mutual interest, with particular reference to the fields of geophysics, earth sciences, environmental and cultural heritage protection; to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research; to keep up with academic trends and to share innovations.

2nd Article

Cooperation activities among the Parties may consist of activities such as *inter alia*:

- mobility of academics, researchers, technical staff and students;
- mobility of Ph.D. students for thesis co-tutorship whose terms and conditions will be defined in specific agreements;
- joint research projects in areas of common interest;



- exchange of information, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest;
- joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia, etc.;
- access to IT and research equipment and facilities of the Parties.

3rd Article

A major aim of the cooperation among the Parties is of furnishing a qualified support to the activities of the Master Degree Course in *Geophysical Sciences for Seismic Risk* and the *PhD program in Physics* of Messina University. Other major activities are:

- research cooperation in the fields of Geophysics, Earth Sciences, Environment and Cultural Heritage Protection, with particular reference to the application of the most advanced methods to land and resource management;
- mobility of professors, researchers and students in the framework of training, research and teaching activities pertinent to the main field listed in the previous item;
- promotion of joint project activities aimed at stimulating innovation, fostering interdisciplinary research and sharing the outcomes with the community.

The following departments of the Parties are contributing to this proposal: Department of Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Physics and Earth Sciences of Messina University; Department of Geosciences of the University of Malta. Within the limits of rules and regulations in force in each country, the Parties will explore possible financial sources to implement cooperation activities.

4th Article

The present Framework Cooperation Agreement shall be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in writing by the Parties.



At the end of the period of 5 years, the Framework Cooperation Agreement may be renewed in writing for further periods of 5 years each, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party in writing the decision not to renew it.

5th Article

The present Framework Cooperation Agreement includes two equivalent texts in the English language.



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