



**COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**  
**AND**  
**BEIJING JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY**



The University of Messina Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Pietro Navarra

*and*

The University of Beijing Jiaotong University- P.R. of China, legally represented by the President, Prof. NING Bin

hereby “the Parties”

agree as follows:

**Definitions:**

Home institution refers to the University awarding the degree in which the student is enrolled and/or academic staff is employed.

Host institution refers to the University which has agreed to admit the student/academic staff for a mobility period abroad.

**Art. 1: general aims**

The Parties are engaged to promote international mobility, joint research and didactic activities in the areas of Economics and Management as well as any other are of mutual interest.

**Art.2: general principles**

All activities are to be jointly planned and managed by the Parties through the cooperation between the scientific coordinators of the agreement.

Mobility of academic staff and students will take place on a reciprocal base and for the duration agreed by the Parties.

Each Institution shall assume full responsibility in the assessment and selection of qualified candidates to the mobility programme according to the admission requirements of the Host institution.

People involved in the mobility programme will personally look after visa procedures.

**Art.3 Cooperation activities**

The cooperation between the Parties may consist, among others, in the following activities:

- Mobility of academic staff, researchers and undergraduate, graduate and ph.d. students;
- Joint research projects;
- Establishment of School of doctorate;
- Exchange of data, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest;
- Organisation of joint initiatives, such as Conferences, seminars, lectures etc.;
- Access to research equipments and to the facilities of both Institutions;
- Every other joint and coordinated activity the Parties consider suitable for the achievement of the aims of the agreement.



#### **Art.4: Academic staff mobility**

Both Parties may receive academic staff the other University to carry out joint didactic and/or research activities.

Personal details, date of arrival, didactic and/or research plan of activities are to be communicated to the Host Institution no later than two months before the date scheduled for the beginning of the mobility.

Hosting Institution will assist people taking part to the mobility programme in all necessary ways to carry out their didactic and/or research activities.

#### **Article 5: Student selection procedure**

The Home Institution shall assume full responsibility in the assessment and selection of qualified candidates according to the admission requirements of the Host institution.

The selection process shall take into account student's overall academic records as well as his/her attitude to live in an international academic environment.

#### **Article 6: Balance of exchange**

Each institution shall accept up to n. 3 undergraduate, graduate or Ph.D. students per semester.

In case a student does not complete the exchange programme there might be no replacement.

#### **Art.7 Organization of students mobility**

Before beginning the mobility, students draw up a Learning/training agreement spelling out didactic/training activities to be carried out abroad and the credits.

In case of mobility for degree thesis activity, the subject of the thesis will be indicated in the learning agreement.

Students are engaged to fulfill the agreed learning/training agreement.

At the end of the exchange the Host institution will provide an official academic transcript with students' records.

#### **Article 8: Financial arrangements and accommodation**

Students on the exchange will pay tuition fees at their Home Institution and have academic charges waived at the Host Institution.

The Host institution will assist students and/or academic staff on the exchange with their housing arrangements. Unless otherwise agreed, students and/or academic staff will be liable for accommodation and their normal living expenses at the Home Institution.

#### **Article 9: Health Insurance**

People on exchange programme must have a suitable health insurance valid for the entire period abroad and must be covered by an accident and liability insurance provided by the Home Institution.

#### **Article 10: Scientific coordinators**

The Parties designate the following coordinators to facilitate implementation of the exchange programme.

For UNIME, the Exchange Programme will be coordinated by:

Prof Giuseppe IOPPOLO - Department of Economics



For the University of University of Beijing Jiaotong University the Exchange Programme will be coordinated by:

Prof. ZHOU Huiyu – School of Economics and Management

**Article 11: duration**

The present Protocol shall be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of the last signature by the Legal Representative of the Parties.

Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties.

At the end of the period of 5 years, the Protocol will be automatically renewed, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party the decision not to renew it.

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