



FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION

between

**SAINT-PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY,
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA (ITALY)

Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "Saint-Petersburg State University" (hereinafter referred to as SPbU), duly represented by its Vice-Rector for International Affairs Sergey Andryushin, acting on the basis of proxy dated 31.12.2019 №28-21-506, and the University of Messina (hereinafter referred to as UniME), duly represented by Rector Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea, acting as legal representative, hereinafter together referred to as the "Parties" and solely to as the "Party", enter into this Framework Agreement for Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") and agree to the following:

1 OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT

1.1. This cooperation shall include but not be limited to:

- a) the development of collaborative research projects;
- b) the organisation of joint educational and scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposiums or lectures;
- c) academic and scientific exchange;
- d) student exchange;
- e) the exchange of publications and other information of common interest;
- f) the development of collaborative educational projects including the development and implementation of educational programs.

2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1. In order to carry out the aims of the Agreement, the Parties will work out and sign the annexes to this Agreement.

2.2. Either Party may initiate proposals for activities under this Agreement.

2.3. Specific details of any activity can be set forth in the annexes to this Agreement upon signing by the authorised representatives of each Party.

2.4. The annexes may include such items as exchange conditions of student and staff exchange, budgets and sources of financing, the responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activities and other items necessary for the efficient achievement of the activity.

3 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 3.1. The Parties agree to abide by intellectual property rights of each Party created before the conclusion of the present Agreement.
- 3.2. The intellectual property rights created under the present Agreement will belong to the Party created the intellectual property.
- 3.3. In respect to intellectual property jointly created by the Parties under the present Agreement the Parties agree to conclude a separate agreement on the legal protection, utilization and ensuring of confidentiality of such intellectual property.


4 DURATION AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

- 4.1. The Agreement shall enter into effect on the date of its signature by the Parties and shall be valid for a period of 5 (five) years, but may be renewed by mutual written consent.
- 4.2. Any changes to the Agreement shall be subject to the written consent of both Parties.
- 4.3. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least six months prior to termination.

5 FINAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1. Should any dispute or disagreement arise between the Parties connected with or concerning the Agreement, the Parties shall first try to resolve the dispute by negotiations. If the dispute has not been resolved by such negotiations within 30 days since the dispute arose, the Parties shall be free to submit the dispute to a court of the respondent's place of business. The applicable law is law of the country where the questionable commitment arose.
- 5.2. Both Parties shall not use names and logos of the other Party without its prior consent, if it is not directly related to the performance of obligations under this Agreement except as provided by law.
- 5.3. The Parties agree to post on their websites reciprocally information about the partner university, including reference link to the universities' websites and links to online courses/MOOCs.
- 5.4. Two copies of this Agreement are signed in English; one copy for each Party.

On behalf of
Federal State Budgetary Educational
Institution of Higher Education
"Saint-Petersburg State University"




Sergey Andryushin

Vice Rector for International Affairs

Date: 07.04.2020



On behalf of
the University of Messina (Italy)



Salvatore Cuzzocrea
Rector



Date: _____