



**FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**  
**AND**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF BAHRAIN POLYTECHNIC**



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

*and*

The University of Bahrain Polytechnic – Kingdom of Bahrain, legally represented by the President/Chancellor, Dr. Jeff Zabudsky

hereby “the Parties”;

*Considering the interest of the Parties to establish a cultural scientific and didactic cooperation in fields of mutual scientific interest;*

*Considering cultural diversity an incentive, rather than an obstacle, to innovation and international cooperation;*

Agree under the following conditions:

### **1st Article**

The Parties are committed to promote joint didactic, research and cultural activities as well as scientific exchanges in the areas of mutual interest; to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research; to keep up with academic trends and to share innovations.

### **2nd Article**

The cooperation between the Parties may consist in cultural and scientific activities such as:

- mobility of academics, researchers, technical-administrative 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.

### **3rd Article**



Scientific aims, implementation procedures as well as expected results of each specific cooperation activity will be defined in specific protocols annex to the present framework cooperation agreement.

#### **4th Article**

Any financial costs made solely for the purpose of this MOU, that are the result of a purchase or use of any resources from or for either party shall be subject to a separate agreement.

The parties agree that any employee that may be borrowed by either party for the purpose of this MOU shall be voluntarily reimbursed for their services by the party that has borrowed, and that neither party shall be held liable for reimbursing their personal employees for any overtime spent for the purpose of this MOU.

No payment shall be made to either party by the other party as a result of this MOU except as may be subsequently agreed as a result of implementing any initiative arising from this MOU and subject to another agreement.

#### **5th Article**

The present framework agreement shall be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties.

At the end of the period of 5 years, the framework cooperation agreement may be renewed in written, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party the decision not to renew it.

#### **6th Article**

All issues of confidentiality related to this MOU shall be respected by both parties. Each party shall at all time use its best endeavours to keep confidential all commercial and technical information and data which it may acquire pursuant to this MOU or in relation to the business or affairs of the other party.

All commercial and technical information and data that are necessarily disclosed to a third party pursuant to this MOU or in relation to the business or affairs of the other party shall also, at all times be kept confidential.



Either party shall not be held liable for the misuse or leakage of any confidential information by any third party member.

### **7th Article**

This MOU may be cancelled or terminated without cause by either party by giving (30) calendar days advance written notice to the other party. Such notification shall state the effective date of termination or cancellation and include any final performance and/or payment invoicing instructions/requirements.

The termination of this MOU shall not affect the ongoing projects, unless otherwise decided and agreed by the parties.

### **8th Article**

If a dispute arises concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement the Parties agree to settle amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation.

The Parties to the Agreement shall observe and comply with all laws, rules, and regulations of each other's country where this Agreement is performed.

### **9th Article**

The present framework agreement is written in English and consists of two original copies.

Date

Date

Prof. Pietro Navarra

Dr. Jeff Zabudsky

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Rector of the University of Messina,  
Italy

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President/Chancellor of the University  
of Bahrain Polytechnic