



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ

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The University of Messina - Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea,

and

The University of Niš -Serbia, legally represented by the Rector, Dr. Dragan Antić,

hereby "the Parties";

Taking into account the interest of the Parties to enhance the cultural, scientific and didactic cooperation in the fields of Engineering;

Considering academic mobility vital to enhance the competitiveness of the University system and to establish a knowledge-based society;

Considering the ongoing cooperation within the Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Building in Higher Education Project NatRisk "Development of master curricula for natural disasters risk management in Western Balkan countries"

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 area of Engineering and Natural Sciences, in order to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research and to keep up with academic trends.

2nd Article

The cooperation between the Parties may consist in cultural and scientific activities inter alia:

- 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;
- applying to international/European call for fundings;
- joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia;
- access to IT and research equipment and other facilities of both Institutions.





3rd Article

Scientific aims, implementation procedures as well as expected outcomes of other specific cooperation activity will be defined in specific protocols annexed to the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Within the limits of rules and regulations in force in each country, the Parties are engaged to find the necessary financial means to implement each specific cooperation activity.

Academic staff mobility (STA/STT) as well as student mobility for study (SMS) and/or traineeship (SMP) activity might be financed within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme.

4th Article

The present Memorandum 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 Memorandum of Understanding may be renewed in writing, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies the other Party about the decision not to renew it.

5th Article

The present Memorandum of Understanding includes two equivalent texts in the English language.

Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea

Prof. Dragan Antić

Rector of the University of Messina,

Italy

Date

Prof. Dragan Antić

Rector of the University of Messina,

Serbia