



**COOPERATION PROTOCOL**  
between  
**ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY**  
And  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**

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Istanbul Aydin University (Turkey) and The University of Messina (Italy) believing that the process of the university education can be enriched and international understanding strengthened, and wishing to establish relations between the two institutions, hereby agree to cooperate with each other in areas of common interest as follows:

- 1) The participating institutions shall endeavor to promote collaboration through a broad range of activities such as:
  - a. Student exchanges;
  - b. Student admission procedures and conditions;
  - c. Acceptance of the approved coursework and credits;
  - d. Summer Study Abroad Programs;
  - e. Faculty exchange for short-term and, as funding and other circumstances permit, long-term visits;
  - f. Collaboration on research projects; organizing joint seminars, conferences;
  - g. Joint and dual degree projects in regard with associate/undergraduate/graduate programs, and curriculum articulation and development projects to this end.
- 2) The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Cooperation Protocol shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing both parties in a separate agreement, prior to the initiation of that activity. Any such implementation agreements will form appendices to this Cooperation Protocol.
- 3) Financial and/or funding consideration shall become the subject of specific discussion and agreement within the framework of separate implementation agreement. No financial commitment whatsoever, on the part of either signatory to this general document, is intended and implemented.
- 4) The Cooperation Protocol shall remain in force for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by the appropriate authorities of either party in writing, unless an earlier termination date is mutually agreed upon. The Cooperation Protocol may be amended or extended by mutually written consent of the authorities of the two parties.
- 5) The Cooperation Protocol as outlined in this document is meant to describe the nature and cooperative intentions of those institutions involved and suggest guidelines for cooperation. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may constraints be imposed by either upon the other.

**ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**

Dr. Mustafa Aydin

Prof. Francesco Tomasello

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