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**FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA,**  
**THE ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI,**  
**THE BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA**



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**The University of Messina**, *Department of Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Physics, and Earth Sciences* - Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea;

**The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, *Department of Geophysics* – Greece, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Pericles A. Mitkas;

**The Boğaziçi University**, *Department of Earthquake Engineering Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute* – Turkey, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Mehmed Özkan,

**The University of Malta**, *Department of Geosciences* – Malta, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Alfred J. Vella

hereby “the Parties”;

*Considering the interest of the Parties to establish a scientific, educational and cultural cooperation in fields of mutual research interests;*

*Considering cultural diversity an incentive to innovation and international cooperation;*

Agree under the following conditions:

### **1st Article**

The Parties are committed to promote joint educational, research and cultural activities as well as scientific exchanges in the areas of mutual interest, with particular reference to the fields of geophysical sciences for seismic risk; to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research; to keep up with academic trends and to share innovations.

### **2nd Article**

Cooperation activities among the Parties may consist of activities such as *inter alia*:

- mobility of academics, researchers, technical 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;



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- exchange of information, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest;
- joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia, etc.;
- access to IT and research equipment and facilities of the Parties.

### **3rd Article**

An application of the cooperation among the Parties is the proposal for the Master Degree Course on *Geophysical Sciences for Seismic Risk* led by the Messina University, in which

- research cooperation in the fields of Geophysics, Seismology, Seismic Hazard and Risk, and Earthquake Engineering is foreseen
- mobility of professors and researchers in the framework of research and teaching activities of the Parties pertinent to the main fields listed in the previous item is planned
- student mobility with specific reference to the above mentioned Master Degree Course will be realized.

The following departments of the Parties are contributing to this proposal: the Department of Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Physics, and Earth Sciences of the Messina University; the Department of Geophysics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; the Department of Earthquake Engineering of Boğaziçi University's Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute; the Department of Geosciences of the University of Malta.

The University of Messina is engaged to search for financial means able to support cooperation activity in the framework of national and international Programmes.

Within the limits of rules and regulations in force in each country, each Party will explore possible financial sources to implement cooperation activities.

### **4th Article**

The present Framework Cooperation Agreement 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 Framework Cooperation Agreement may be renewed in writing for further periods of 5 years each, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party in writing the decision not to renew it.

### **5th Article**



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The present Framework Cooperation Agreement includes four equivalent texts in the English language.

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