



**FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA  
AND  
THE HOLY SPIRIT UNIVERSITY OF KASLIK (USEK)**



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

*and*

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK) – Lebanon, legally represented by the President, Fr. Prof. Georges Hobeika

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.;
- access to IT and research equipments and other facilities of both Institutions.



### 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.

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. The financial means needed for each specific cooperation activity will be defined through specific agreements.

### 4th 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.

### 5th Article

The present framework agreement includes equivalent texts, in Italian and English language, consisting of four original copies.

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