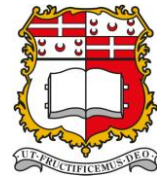


**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**  
**AND**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA**



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

*and*

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

hereby “the Parties”;

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

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

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 mutual interest in order to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research and to keep up with academic trends.

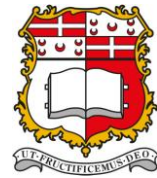
### **2nd Article**

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;
- joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia;
- access to IT and research equipment and other facilities of both Institutions.

### **3rd Article**

Student mobility for study (SMS) and/or traineeship (SMP) activity will be financed within the framework of the Erasmus + Mobility Programme.



Scientific aims, implementation procedures as well as expected results 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.

#### **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 to the other Party the decision not to renew it.

#### **5th Article**

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

Date

Date

**Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea**

**Prof. Alfred J. Vella**

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Rector of the University of Messina,

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