



International Agreement for Cooperation in Research and Development
between

Instituto Politécnico de Setúbal (IPS)

and

University of Foggia

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this agreement is to establish an international cooperation in research and development between Instituto Politécnico de Setúbal, Campus do IPS – Estefanilha, 2910-761 | Setúbal – Portugal, hereby represented by Professor Ângela Maria Gomes Teles de Matos Cremon de Lemos, President of Instituto Politécnico de Setúbal and, University of Foggia, Via Gramsci 89/91, 71121 Foggia, Italy, hereby represented by Professor Lorenzo Lo Muzio, Rector of the University of Foggia

This document proposes to formalize and strengthen the cooperation between the participating institutions, agreeing on the following:

ARTICLE - I

This agreement aims at creating the necessary general conditions for research and development cooperation in the areas of sustainable development of territories, including sustainable economic and management sciences, tourism, urban and regional development, innovation, energy, water and agriculture, and related areas, as well as other areas of mutual interest.

ARTICLE - II

The actions to be developed within the present agreement aim to the following:

- a) cooperate on common research areas and research projects/programs;
- b) promote the exchange of students, lecturers and researchers;
- c) provide information on the development and practice in scientific areas, as well as on the state of ongoing research in these areas in both countries;
- d) establish a knowledge network between the two institutions through the use of information and communication technology;
- e) promote collaborative research, symposia, workshops and conferences;
- f) develop other cooperation activities agreed upon both parties;

ARTICLE – III

The general operation of the agreement will be conducted by designated research program coordinators appointed by both institutions. In particular:

- for the University of Foggia, the research program coordinator is Prof. Caterina De Lucia.
- for the Instituto Politécnico de Setúbal, the research program coordinator is Prof. Teresa Costa.

ARTICLE – IV

Financial arrangements of both institutions shall be coordinated at planning and organization of specific actions. The funding for research and development activities will be subject by the funds available to both institutions and/or funding from external sources. No financial obligation will be incurred upon either institution. Both institutions shall seek external funding individually.

ARTICLE – V

All activities developed under the present agreement, according to ARTICLE - II, shall be governed by separate agreements established the beginning of those activities, which must rule the Parties' Intellectual Property rights.

ARTICLE – VI

All activities developed under the present agreement shall be in full compliance with the law of both countries.

ARTICLE – VII

The agreement produces its effectiveness from the date of signature by the representatives of both institutions and will **last for five years. At the end of every five-year period, the agreement is intended tacitly renewed by both institutions or** until the international cooperation for research and development is terminated by either or both of the parties involved. This agreement may be amended at any time by mutual consent. Anything not covered by this agreement will be negotiated by both parties.

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Instituto Politécnico de Setúbal

(President of Instituto Politécnico de Setúbal)

University of Foggia

(Rector of the University of Foggia)