



BILATERAL AGREEMENT

for teaching activity, research, education and training programs with foreign Universities and Institutions

Between

University of Foggia, whose registered office is located at Via Antonio Gramsci, 89, 71122 Foggia FG, Italy, legally represented by its Rector, **Professor Lorenzo Lo Muzio**,

and

Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche Pluridisciplinaire (CIREP), a multidisciplinary interuniversity research center established within the Université de Lisala (UNILIS), Democratic Republic of Congo, legally represented by the Rector of the Université de Lisala, **Professor Abbé Donat Tebakabe Alomo**, acting as Coordinator of CIREP. CIREP has an interuniversity and international vocation and operates as a platform for multidisciplinary research, doctoral and postdoctoral training, scientific publishing, and academic mobility. CIREP actively promotes cooperation with foreign universities and research institutions in order to strengthen research capacity, academic excellence and international visibility.

Considering the development of cultural and scientific cooperation to be of mutual advantage to both institutions, and aiming at reinforcing such cooperation, the Parties agree upon the following:

Art. 1 – Objectives

Both institutions agree to explore the development of various academic activities within a Framework Agreement and generally establish the intent to collaborate broadly across all academic disciplines.

The two Parties recognize that the implementation of any agreed-upon activity will depend on the interests and expertise of the individuals involved, as well as on the availability of financial resources and further means. Accordingly, the implementation of any exchange and cooperation programme based on this Agreement shall be negotiated separately and defined by the two institutions.

Art. 2 – Scientific and Administrative Coordinators

Each Party will appoint a scientific coordinator (“Coordinator”) and an administrative coordinator to facilitate the collaborative activity at their respective home institutions.

University of Foggia Coordinators

Scientific Coordinator:

Prof. Tommaso Cassano **University of Foggia,**

Administrative Coordinator:

Dott. Giovanni Lovallo **University of Foggia,**

CIREP Coordinators

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Each institution reserves the right to change its Coordinators, in which case it will promptly notify the other institution.

Art. 3 – Field of Cooperation

Both contracting parties foresee active cooperation in the following fields, without limitation:

- Health and Life Sciences
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Law and Governance
- Engineering, Technology and Innovation

Other academic fields may be included upon mutual agreement.

Art. 4 – Sharing of Expenses

The expenses necessary for the exchange of students, PhD students, trainees, teaching staff and administrative staff involved in the realization of the objectives set out in this Agreement shall be borne by the Institution of origin, in accordance with the internal regulations of each Party, upon verification of its available funds. Specific financial arrangements may be defined in separate implementing agreements.

Art. 5 – Insurance

Each Party must provide liability and health insurance coverage for its own academic staff, technical and administrative staff, undergraduate and postgraduate students undertaking mobility activities under this Agreement.

Art. 6 – Exemption from Payment of University Fees or Contributions

The Parties state that undergraduate students, interns and graduate students involved in the Agreement may be exempt from paying tuition fees at the host institution, subject to the consent of the respective competent bodies of each Party.

Art. 7 – Services and Support

The Parties shall ensure the exchange of all relevant information on the structure and organization of each other's institutions in order to increase mutual understanding.

Each Party, in accordance with its laws and regulations, shall ensure that guests hosted under this Agreement receive appropriate assistance and institutional support for the fulfillment of the agreed academic activities.

Art. 8 – Arbitration Clause

The resolution of any disputes concerning the interpretation and/or execution of this Agreement and/or project activities related to it, if it is not possible to define them amicably, shall be referred to an arbitration panel composed of one member designated by each Party and one chosen jointly.

Art. 9 – Duration of the Agreement

This Agreement shall have a term of **five (5) years** from the date of the last signature.

Upon expiry, it shall be considered automatically renewed for the same period unless either Party objects in writing at least six (6) months before expiration.

Termination shall not affect ongoing programs initiated before the termination date.

Art. 10 – Effectiveness

The present Agreement shall be effective and enforceable from the date of the last signature.

The Agreement is drawn up in **two original copies in English**, each having equal legal validity.

Signatures

University of Foggia

The Rector

Professor Lorenzo Lo Muzio,

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche Pluridisciplinaire (CIREP), Université de Lisala

The Rector / Coordinator of CIREP

Professor Abbé Donat Tebakabe Alomo

Signature: _____

Date: _____