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# FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT

### **BETWEEN**

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA

## AND

# MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY

# FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE

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

and

Maastricht University – The Netherlands, legally represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience, Prof. Dr. Harald Merckelbach

# 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 and joint doctorate degrees 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 other 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.

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

### 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 Parties agree that execution of this Agreement by industry standard electronic signature software and/or by exchanging PDF signatures shall have the same legal force and effect as the exchange of original signatures and that in any proceedings arising under or relating to this Agreement, each Party hereby waives any rights to raise or defense or waiver based upon execution of the Agreement by means of such electronic signatures or maintenance of the executed agreement electronically.





Date 24/05/2021

Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea

Rector of the University of Messina,

Italy

Date 18-05-2021

Prof. Dr. Harald Merckelbach

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