



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

and

The Federal University of Alagoas – Brazil, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Eurico de Barros Lôbo Filho

hereby “the Parties”;

Considering the fruitful and long-lasting cooperation between the Parties formally set up in 1994 with the adoption of a framework cooperation agreement;

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;

The parties agree as follows:

Art. 1: general aims

The Parties are engaged to promote initiatives aimed at implementing joint research and didactic activities in scientific areas of common interest as set up in the framework cooperation agreement signed on 27th March 2014.

Art.2: general principles

All didactic and research activities are to be jointly planned and managed by the Parties through the cooperation between the scientific coordinators of the agreement.

Mobility of academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students will take place on a reciprocal base and for the duration agreed by the Parties.

The sending Institution shall assume full responsibility in the assessment and selection of qualified candidates to the mobility programme according to the admission requirements of the Host institution.

People involved in the mobility programme will personally look after visa procedures, if required.

Art.3 Cooperation activities

The cooperation between the Parties will consist, among others, in the following activities:

- Mobility of academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students;



- Joint research projects;
- Establishment of School of doctorate;
- Exchange of data, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest;
- Organisation of joint initiatives, such as Conferences, seminars, lectures etc.;
- Access to research equipments and to the facilities of both Institutions;
- Every other joint and coordinated activity the Parties consider suitable for the achievement of the aims of the agreement.

Art.4: academics, researchers, technical and administrative staff mobility

Personal details, date of arrival, didactic and/or research or training plan of activities to be carried out by academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff during the mobility are to be communicated to the Host Institution no later than two months before the date scheduled for the beginning of the mobility.

Hosting Institution will assist people taking part to the mobility programme in all necessary ways to carry out their didactic and/or research activities.

Art.5: students mobility

Students of first, second and third cycle study enrolled in one of the Universities may take part to the mobility activities agreed within the framework of the agreement

Didactic bodies of the course of study in which the student is enrolled will be in charge of students selection procedure.

The sending Institution shall recognise education activities carried out by the student abroad and the ECTS credits gained according to curriculum/working plan agreed in the Learning/training agreement.

Students on the exchange will pay the tuition fees at sending institution and have academic charges waived at the Host Institution. They shall have full access to libraries, labs and other facilities at the Host Institution.

Art.6: organisation of students mobility

Students on the exchange must abide with Host institutions rules and regulations.

Before beginning the mobility, students, in accordance with scientific coordinators of the cooperation agreement, draw up a Learning/training agreement spelling out didactic/training activities to be carried out abroad and the ECTS credits.

In case of mobility for degree thesis activity, the subject of the thesis will be indicated in the learning agreement.

Students are engaged to fulfill the agreed learning/training agreement.

At the end of the exchange, the Host institution will provide an official academic transcript with students' records.

Article 7: other activities

Within the framework of the Protocol and the spirit of the framework cooperation agreement, the Parties may set up other didactic and/or research activities whose implementation will be spelled out in further specific protocols annex to the framework agreement.



Art.8 finance

Within the limits of regulations in force in each country, the Parties are engaged to find the necessary financial means to implement the agreed didactic and research activities. Unless otherwise agreed, academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students on mobility programme will be liable for all expenses, even those regarding visa, travel, board and lodging.

Article 9: Insurance

Academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students on mobility programme must have a suitable health insurance valid for the entire period abroad and must be covered by an accident and liability insurance provided by the Home Institution.

Art.10 Scientific coordinators

The scientific coordinators of the activities implemented within the framework of the present Protocol are the followings:

- for the University of di Messina: prof. Enza Colicchi and prof. Caterina Benelli
 - for the Federal University of Alagoas: prof. Laura Cristina Pizzi Vieira
- Scientific coordinators will jointly decide, coordinate and monitor the implementation of all didactic and/or research activities set up within the present Protocol.

Art. 11: duration and modification of the agreement

The present Protocol is an annex to the framework agreement signed between the Parties in 1994 and it is its integral part.

The present Protocol shall be in force for a period of 3 years from the date of the last signature by the Legal Representative of the Parties.

Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties.

At the end of the period of 5 years, the Protocol will be automatically renewed, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party the decision not to renew it.

Art.12:

The present Protocol agreement includes equivalent texts, in Italian, English, consisting of four original copies (two in Italian, two in English).

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