



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO AND UNIVERSITY of ELECTRONIC SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGIES of CHINA, CHENGDU

The Rector of the University of Palermo (Italy), Prof. Massimo Midiri, and the Vice President of the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, Chengdu, Prof. Guangchun Luo envisage in cultural and scientific relations among universities a necessary and important tool for mutual understanding of cultures and for the advancement of knowledge and its dissemination. According to this belief and in the areas deemed of mutual interest for prospective cooperations, the parties intend therefore to foster one or more of the following actions, which will be regulated from time to time in separate and more specific agreements. The content of this agreement shall be considered by each party as a declaration of intents, which commits the parties exclusively for those initiatives agreed in the specific agreements.

Among the possible actions, they agree on:

- 1. The co-operation in common research projects, which shall imply:
 - 1.1. the mobility of researchers and teachers of both Institutions;
 - 1.2. the mobility of young researchers, possibly granted, involved in postgraduate programmes;
 - 1.3. the exchange of scientific material.
- 2. The **co-operation in the study programmes** of the students enrolled in both Institutions which shall imply:
 - 2.1. the mobility of student for periods of one semester at least, according to a plan which shall specify the number of students, temporary enrolment procedures and financial conditions, the possible grants, the guarantee of allocation, transfer and recognition of Academic credits;
 - 2.2. the mobility of teachers in the framework of agreed training projects;
 - 2.3. the drawing up of common study programmes aiming at joint degrees.

3. The joint participation:

- 3.1. in programmes promoted by the European Commission or by the Ministry of Science and Technology, National Natural Science Foundation of China, or by other bodies or foundations;
- 3.2. in the co-ordination of proposals directed to the acquisition of funds for the realisation of structures and for the implementation of research and/or training projects.

This agreement shall be in force for five years once signed by both parties. The parties shall notice the intention to withdraw three months before the expiry of the agreement.

The terms and conditions of this agreement, as well as those of the specific agreements related to it, must conform to the laws and statutes regulating both Institutions. The parties will not be obliged to respect those commitments resulting from the specific agreements, which could contravene this principle.

All misinterpretations will be settled by mutual assent.

Specific agreements, although signed by decentralised bodies, shall refer to this framework agreement.

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