MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the
UNIVERSITY OF MINHO, PORTUGAL
and the
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO, ITALY

The University of Minho, hereinafter referred to as UMinho, a public higher education institution of foundational nature, located at Largo do Paço, 4704-553 Braga, Portugal, VAT 502 011 378, represented by its Rector, Professor António M. Cunha, and the Università degli Studi di Palermo, hereinafter referred to as UNIPA, located at Piazza Marina n. 61, 90133 Palermo, Italy, VAT 00605880822, Italy, represented by its Vice-rector, Professor Fabio Mazzola, jointly hereinafter referred to as Parties, recognize their strengths in research and education and their mutual interest in promoting co-operation on multiple levels, in the spirit of contributing to the development of science and knowledge transfer.

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Article 1
Scope of collaborative activities
In accordance to the regulations of both countries, the Parties will initiate, coordinate and cooperate in activities concerning:
  - Exchange of faculty members;
  - Exchange of students;
  - Joint research activities and joint publications;
  - Joint educational programmes;
  - Joint development / supervision of PhD thesis;
  - Joint conferences, workshops, short courses or seminars;
  - Any other collaboration, which may be opportune for both Parties.

Article 2
Additional agreements
The details and specifications for each of the aforementioned collaborations will be established through additional agreements, proposed by individual faculties, schools or research centres from each partner institution. These agreements will also take into consideration the financial framework for the specific cooperation and other details that might be considered important by the Parties.

Article 3
Intellectual property
Both Parties agree to respect each other’s rights to intellectual property. Further, the intellectual property rights that arise as a result of any collaborative research or activity under this Memorandum of Understanding
will be worked out on a case-to-case basis and by each member of each partner institution concerned in a specific agreement.

**Article 4**

**Institutional Coordinator**

For each additional agreement, each institution will appoint a contact person who will act on behalf of the university she/he represents.

**Article 5**

**Validity**

The present Memorandum of Understanding will become legally effective and enforceable as soon as it is signed by both Parties and it will be valid for a period of 5 (five) years, with the possibility to extend it.

**Article 6**

**Termination**

Either Party may terminate this agreement within 6 (six) month prior notice to the other Party.

This Memorandum of Understanding is approved by the respective administrative bodies and signed in two originals in English.

For the University of Minho

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Prof. António M. Cunha
Rector of the University Minho

Braga, 19th November 2017

For the Università degli Studi di Palermo

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Prof. Fabio Mazzola
Vice-rector of the University of Palermo

Palermo, 18th October 2018