

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
ON SCIENCE AND EDUCATION**

BETWEEN

SCUOLA SUPERIORE MERIDIONALE

AND

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY TANDON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

The Scuola Superiore Meridionale, based in via Mezzocannone 4, 80134, Napoli, Italy, represented by its Responsible, Prof. Arturo de Vivo, and New York University Tandon School of Engineering, based in 1 MetroTech Center, Brooklyn 11201, New York, US represented by its Executive Dean, Professor Juan de Pablo, and hereinafter referred to as Parties, intending to strengthen cooperation in the field of science, technology and education, acknowledging importance of partnership based on the principles of voluntary participation, equality, common good and reciprocity, subject to the availability of resources provided to fulfill cooperation between the Parties, agreed on the following:

**Article 1
Goals**

Main goals of this Memorandum are:

- establish a comprehensive framework for cooperation in science, technology, and education between the Parties;
- address global and regional challenges through shared expertise, complementary capabilities, and collaborative solutions;
- generate and disseminate new knowledge while developing innovative products and services in science, technology, and education, contingent upon resources available to the Parties;
- foster strategic partnerships between the Parties in science, technology, and education when mutually beneficial.

**Article 2
Areas of cooperation**

2.1 Main areas of cooperation under this Memorandum include (but are not limited to) the following areas:

- Exchange of information about strategies and programs of the Parties in the field of science, technology and education;
- Visits and exchange of University teaching and administrative staff and students;

- Application of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) to facilitate the exchange of students and the recognition of educational activities carried out in the two Countries;
- Exchange of scientific and teaching materials and publications;
- To explore and promote co-operation and collaboration in the fields of teaching and research;
- Development of programs which are mutually beneficial to both parties;
- Exchange in research: Joint programmes in research and development, including exchange of publications and reports;
- Discussion of other areas of mutual interests, including the possibility of exploring joint programs, double degree agreements and centres of excellence;
- Mutually beneficial collaborative research and development. Any publications resulting from the collaborative research will carry the names of the team members from both institutions.

2.2 Cooperation between the two institutions will be developed in the following fields:

- Urban science
- Urban environment
- Urban health
- Urban infrastructure
- Complex systems and infrastructures
- Risk Evaluation and risk management

2.3 A timetable for progressing developments will be agreed between the two institutions.

2.4 Each party assign a key contact person to be responsible for the execution of this memorandum.

- Key contact person for Scuola Superiore Meridionale :
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Article 3 Mechanisms and forms of cooperation

The main mechanism of cooperation is this Memorandum.

Parties or authorized persons are able to conclude agreements and work programs which are regulated by the articles of this Memorandum.

The following forms of cooperation are applicable under this Memorandum and agreements/work programs concluded under that framework:

- organization of summer schools, practical workshops, symposiums, and conferences based on common interest in the field of science, technology and education;
- exchange programs for scientists, researchers, technical experts and lecturers;
- specialized educational programs to promote human capital in the field of science, technology and education;
- joint scientific guidance for MSc and PhD students;
- exchange of information in the field of science, technology and education;
- development and implementation of joint educational programs, double degree agreements and scientific and research projects.

Any cooperative arrangements set up under the framework of this MOU will be the subject of specific formal agreements mutually agreed by authorized signatories of each party, describing the terms of the arrangement including any financial aspects.

Both parties acknowledge that a visit by students or employees from one institution to the other shall be subject to the entry and visa regulations of their respective countries and shall comply with the policies and procedures of each institution.

University teaching, administrative staff, and students sent by one institution to the other will be required to possess medical, and commercial general liability insurance (or equivalent as agreed between the institutions). This may be provided either by their home institution, according to its own regulations, or it may be directly set up by the interested person, through the stipulation of a policy with an insurance agency guaranteeing the coverage above. Visiting scholars will be required to comply with the regulations regarding occupational health and workplace safety in place at the institution they will be staying at.

Article 4 Mechanisms and forms of financing

Cooperation in the field of science, technology and education in the framework of this Memorandum will be supported by appropriate mechanisms and forms of financing which are agreed on by the Parties in supplementary agreements and work programs.

The Scuola Superiore Meridionale might contribute to the expenses for the mobility of teaching, technical and administrative staff and the mobility of students, in compliance with its regulations.

It is understood that the scope of activities under this MOU will be subject to the availability of funds at each institution for the types of collaboration undertaken and by such other financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources. This MOU does

not provide or guarantee any financial support and does not create any financial liability or commitment for either of the parties. Neither party will have the right to commit the other party to any financial obligation.

Article 5
Control of intellectual property rights

Both parties guarantee appropriate and effective protection and equal distribution of rights on the intellectual property which may arise as a result of joint cooperation in the framework of this Memorandum according to national laws and international agreements of the countries which the Parties belong to.

Conditions of acquisition, maintenance and use of intellectual property rights regarding the possible products and (or) processes which may be a result of this Memorandum should be a subject of supplementary agreements and work programs in the framework of cooperation.

Neither party will use any name, logo, trademark, or other designation of the other party or any of its affiliates for any purpose, including without limitation in any marketing, advertising, or publicity materials, without such party's prior written consent.

Article 6
Conclusion

The Memorandum enters into force from the date of signing and is valid within 5 (five) years and it is renewable, subject to approval by both parties.

Contents of this Memorandum may be changed by the mutual agreement between the Parties.

Any Party at any time may inform another Party about its intention to terminate this Memorandum. In this case the termination shall take effect in 6 (six) months after the date of notification and shall not include ongoing activities in the cooperation framework unless the Parties have mutually decided otherwise.

The Parties shall commit themselves to solving any dispute connected to the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum through direct negotiations.

This Memorandum has been duly signed in 2 copies in English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of disputes on the interpretation of the Protocol, the Parties shall use the text in the English language.

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