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GENERAL PROTOCOL OF ACTION BETWEEN SCUOLA SUPERIORE MERIDIONALE (ITALY) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MURCIA (KINGDOM OF SPAIN)

On the one hand, prof. Arturo De Vivo, Acting Rector, of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Italy, a public higher education institution established by the Decree by the Ministry of University and Research n. 141 of January 27, 2022. Scuola Superiore Meridionale registered office is located at via Mezzocannone 4, Napoli 80138. Prof. Arturo De Vivo intervenes on behalf of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale in his capacity as Acting Rector, by virtue of the faculties and in accordance with the powers inherent to his position under the provisions of the Statute of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale (published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic of March 18th, 2022) and in accordance with the Resolution of the Steering Committee of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale n. 4 of March 16, 2022.

And on the other hand, Mr. José Luján Alcaraz, Rector of the University of Murcia, Kingdom of Spain, a public higher education institution affiliated with the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia and ruled by the Organic Law 2/2023 of 22 March on the University System. The University of Murcia's registered office is located at Ave. Teniente Flomesta 5, Convalecencia Hall, 30003 Murcia, Spain. Mr. Luján Alcaraz intervenes on behalf of the University of Murcia in his capacity as rector, with current appointment that was verified by Agreement of the Governing Council of the Autonomous Community of Murcia of March 10th, 2022, published in the Official Gazette of Murcia of March 17th, 2022, and in accordance with the powers inherent to his position under the provisions of Article 50 of Organic Law 2/2023 of 22 March on the University System and Article 29.q of the Statutes of the University of Murcia passed by Decree 7/2026, of 19 February.

Prof. Arturo De Vivo and Mr. José Luján Alcaraz hereby intervene exercising the powers awarded to their respective positions to agree on behalf of the institutions they represent and they **DECLARE:**

1. That the present Protocol has been promoted by both Universities with the goal of establish a framework for cooperation in science, technology, and education between them.

2. That both institutions pursue common academic, scientific, educational and cultural goals.
3. That universities, in their very essence, are institutions which promote the exchange of academic and cultural knowledge.
4. That Scuola Superiore Meridionale and the University of Murcia share common goals with regard to the fostering of research and training and the dissemination of culture.
5. That both universities are institutions with legal personality and capacity according to their respective national regulations, which entitle them to enter into protocols of this kind in order to more effectively fulfil the aims with which they are charged.
6. That under the terms of this protocol, both Universities express their commitment to the aims of fostering the exchange of teaching staff, researchers and students belonging to the institutions involved.

Based on the aforementioned statements, the parties involved hereby endorse the General Protocol of Action, which will be governed by the following conditions:

First. The Scuola Superiore Meridionale and the University of Murcia, both represented in this act by the respective competent authorities, agree to subscribe this general protocol of action, with the aim of establishing the adequate channel for the common fulfilment of activities which shall benefit their public service goals and will include the general academic scope which covers teaching, research and cultural activities.

Second. The general agreed collaboration shall be developed in accordance with specific collaboration agreements approved and signed by the respective competent bodies of Scuola Superiore Meridionale and the University of Murcia.

The specific agreements by which the collaboration programs are defined may consider the following aspects:

a) The exchange of teaching staff, researchers, students and, when appropriate, administrative staff within the framework of existing provisions in both countries and the internal procedures of the institutions involved, albeit with

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the firm intention of removing any academic obstacles, both physical and formal, that impede the free exchange of individuals between both institutions.

b) The production of joint editions of monographs, whether historical, linguistic or of whatever nature, reflecting the common interests of both institutions.

c) The joint or collaborative completion of research projects in any of the branches of knowledge common to both institutions, with the respective financial resources available.

d) The promotion, organization and development of coordinated teaching activities.

e) The promotion, organization and development of any international academic activity, be it conferences, colloquia or any other event of similar nature.

Third. The specific collaboration agreements shall detail the activities to be carried out, the venue and presentation conditions, departments and participants involved, the duration of the program, the required fundings for its completion, as well as any necessary aspects for its completion, including the respective commitments regime.

Fourth. With a view to fulfilling and monitoring the present Protocol, each of the institutions involved shall appoint a person or Department that will take the joint responsibility for the coordination between both institutions. For the University of Murcia, the Protocol shall be coordinated by the Vice-Rector responsible for International Relations. From Scuola Superiore Meridionale shall be coordinated by Prof.ssa Barbara Salvatore.

Fifth. Both parties will work in good faith towards the goals expressed in this General Protocol of Action.

Sixth. The present General Protocol of Action shall come into force on the date of signing and shall be effective for a duration of four (4) years. The Protocol may be extended for the same periods of time by mutual agreement of the parties expressed prior to the end of the term of this General Protocol of Action or any of its extensions.

In the same way, both parties may terminate the present protocol with at least three (3) months formal written notice.

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Seventh. The present general protocol of action does not entail any legal obligation, nor due commitments for the signatories and it is not subject to international law.

In proof of conformity, the parties hereto sign this protocol, on the dates of electronic signature, the date of the last signatory being taken as the date of formalization of this document.

BY SCUOLA SUPERIORE MERIDIONALE

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