

**UNIVERSITY COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI "LINK CAMPUS UNIVERSITY"
AND
MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY OF ALBANIA**

Link Campus University (C.F.and P.Iva 11933781004) located at Via Nomentana n. 335, Roma, represented by its President the Hon.Vincenzo Scotti

and

Mediterranean University of Albania located at Blv "Gjergj Fishta" No.52, Tirana, Albania
represented by its President Prof.Dr. Anastas Angjeli

CONSIDERING THAT:

- The contracting parties expressed an intent and have a mutual interest in contributing to the strengthening of the international integration of university systems by the promotion of joint initiatives in cultural, scientific and didactic areas;
- Within the process of internationalization of Italian University Systems, provided in the decree of the Ministry of University, Scientific Research and Technology issued on the 3rd November 1999 n. 509 (Art. 3 Par.9) and in DM 270 issued on the 22nd October 2004, and followed by conventions between Italian and foreign universities, the activation of study courses which issue a corresponding title of joint studies in respect of the national regulations, has been made possible;
- Both institutions are devoted to the realization of joint research projects;
- Link Campus University has been accredited as a seat of the foreign university operation in Italy and has been authorised to issue degrees recognizable in Italy by the decree of the Ministry of Education issued on the 4th July 2007 on the basis of the ACT 148/2002 which ratified and executes the Lisbon Convention of 11th April 1997
- Link Campus University, with decree of the Ministry of Education issued on september 21-st of 2011, has been recognized as University of the Italian University System, authorized to issue degrees legally valid in Italy.

BOTH PARTIES AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING:

Art. 1

With the present agreement Link Campus University (from now on LCU) agree to:

- Organize joint study programmes in the areas of bachelor courses, master courses and PhDs;
- Initiate an exchange of professors, administrative and technical staff, starting from the academic year 2012-2013;
- Develop didactic models with the aid of information technologies, starting from the academic year 2012-2013;
- Encourage student mobility between the two universities for one of more semester;
- Promote and strengthen the cooperation on the field of scientific research through the realization of joint research projects, starting from the academic year 2012-2013;

Art. 2

The present agreement calls for the following action:

- Realization of joint study programmes with the aim of offering a double degree programme;
- Exchange of information regarding the programme of studies, and the didactic and bibliographic material;
- Exchange of visiting professors for certain periods during the academic year, giving them the opportunity of speaking in conferences, participating in courses and seminars which are part of the joint teaching programmes;
- Organize students exchange for one or more semesters;
- Joint realization of study and research programmes regarding topics of mutual interest, with the possibility, in special cases, of accessing to external funds for the development of studies and projects;
- Offering assistance to graduated students in post-graduate, specialization courses and PhDs;
- Realization of academic initiatives directed towards students in order to encourage them to participate in seminars and other complementary educational programmes;
- Offering academic assistance to students with the aim of enhancing them to participate in seminars and elective programmes;
- Organization of conferences, seminars and courses on issues that are of interest for both universities;
- Promotion of all other cooperative activities as settled by both parties.

Art. 3

It is the responsibility of both parties:

- To ensure that professors, researchers, graduates and students have access to academic, scientific, technical and logistic services;
- To offer accommodation assistance and to establish contacts with the rest of the academic staff;
- To guarantee the same privileges to exchange students as those benefited by the students of the host university;
- To agree on the fact that students shall pay enrollment fee at the host university in compliance with the duration of their stay and will abide by the same rules and regulations of the host university. All exceptions to this rule will be settled between the parties in a specific agreement.

Art. 4

Both institutions agree to limit the areas of interchange to the areas and fields of studies which each university offers.

Art. 5

The nomination of technical, administrative and academic staff by each university for the participation in the above-mentioned activities must be accepted by both parties and must follow strict requirements of professional suitability for the tasks required.

Art.6

The participants involved in the exchange visits hereby mentioned shall be nominated by the home institution and accepted by the host institution: each participant will cover the costs of insurances, etc.

Art. 7

Each programme or project shall be governed by a specific executive Protocol, which shall describe and regulate:

- Origin, nature and content of project
- Designation of programme leaders for each institution
- Duration of project/programme
- Financial resources forecasted for developmental costs and elaboration of project, and distribution of funds.

Art. 8

In the case of joint study programmes, student mobility, summer schools etc, the academic staff shall coordinate the procedures by which credits can be transferred from one institution to the other, in respect of the current regulations set in each country, with the final objective of validating studies completed at the host university by the home university.

Art. 9

All information obtained from the joint activities as a result of this agreement shall be made available to both parties unless agreed otherwise.

Art. 10

Intellectual property rights which shall arise from this agreement belong to both parties. With regards to any ventures which generate economic results, both parties will regulate property and secure the results generated.

Art. 11

Three months upon signing the present agreement each institution shall nominate a coordinator who will be responsible of examining and following all activities which result from the present agreement.

Art. 12

This agreement shall not limit the rights of the parties to sign similar agreement with other institutions. All items which are not foreseen in this agreement will be determined jointly by the parties.

Art. 13

The present agreement shall be effective for five years as from the date of confirmation by the competent authorities, and can be extended in tacit form for annual periods. Any possible termination of the agreement shall not affect any ongoing projects.

Art.14

Academic disputes which may rise in the interpretation and execution of this agreement shall be analyzed by a Commission which includes a member of each contracting party and a third person chosen by mutual consent.

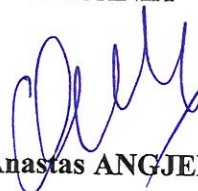
This agreement is available in two versions, Italian and one in English, both having equal legal power.

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