

**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO  
AND  
MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY**

2007-09

The Rector of the Università degli Studi di Palermo, Prof. Giuseppe Silvestri, and the Rector of Mykolas Romeris University, Prof. Alvydas Pumputis, 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 co-operations, 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 agreed:

**ARTICLE I**

The **co-operation in common research projects**, which shall imply:

1. the mobility of researchers and teachers of both Institutions;
2. the mobility of young researchers, eventually granted, involved in post-graduated programmes;
3. the exchange of scientific material.

**ARTICLE II**

The **co-operation in the study programmes** of the students enrolled in both Institutions, which shall imply:

1. the mobility of students 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 the recognition of academic credits;
2. the mobility of teachers in the framework of agreed training projects;
3. the drawing up of common study programmes aiming at joint degrees.

**ARTICLE III**

The **joint participation**:

1. in programmes promoted by States or by bodies or foundations;
2. in the co-ordination of proposals directed to the acquisition of funds for the realization of structures and for the implementation of research and/or training projects.

The co-operation between the parties shall be implemented on the principle of parity. The hosting party shall pay the accommodation expenses of researchers and other administrative staff, as well as meals within the constraints of their existing financial resources. The sending party will cover the travel costs.

This agreement shall be in force for three years once signed by both parties. It will be automatically renewed for three years more on the basis of a general evaluation of the agreement. 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.

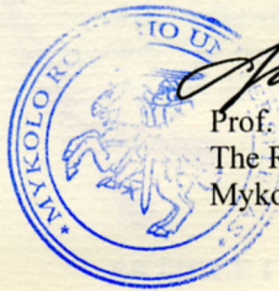
This agreement is written in English. All misinterpretations will be settled by mutual assent.

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



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