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AGREEMENT FOR THE CREATION OF A DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE “GRADO EN EDIFICACIÓN” OF THE ESCUELA TÉCNICA SUPERIOR DE EDIFICACIÓN OF THE UNIVERSIDAD POLITECNICA DE MADRID AND THE “LAUREA MAGISTRALE A CICLO UNICO IN INGEGNERIA EDILE-ARCHITETTURA” OF THE UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI CATANIA.

The **Universidad Politécnica de Madrid**, (hereinafter as UPM), located at Avda Ramiro de Maeztu 7, 28040 Madrid, Spain, represented by Prof. Óscar García Suárez., appointed Rector by the Madrid Regional Government Council Decree 115/2024 of 26 December (published in Official Journal of the Community of Madrid No. 7 on 9 January), pursuant to the powers conferred upon them by Article 50 of Organic Law 2/2023, of 22 March, on the University System, and Article 70.1 of the Statutes of the aforesaid university, passed by Decree 84/2025 of October 22nd (published in the Official Journal of the Community of Madrid No 254 on 24 October 2025)

AND

the **Università degli Studi di Catania (from now on UNICT)**, with registered office at Piazza dell’Università, 1, 95100 Catania, Italy, represented by the Rector prof. Enrico Foti

STATE

1. That both institutions share cultural, technical, educational, and scientific fields of common interest.
2. That collaboration and the exchange of experience and knowledge, as well as the provision of services between both institutions, are in their greatest interest for social and cultural progress.
3. That they are interested in promoting their international collaboration in the field of higher education and research.

They hereby sign an agreement that regulates the conditions under which students may access and opt for a double degree program from both universities or higher education institutions, subject to compliance with the clauses established in this agreement, and in accordance with the current regulations at each institution.



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Article 1-Purpose of the agreement

The present agreement aims to establish the academic and administrative conditions for the creation of a double degree in the field of Building Engineering and Architecture through the integration of the following academic programs.

For the UPM:

- Grado en Edificación (I cycle degree with professional qualification, 4 years, 240 ECTS) (also called UPM Degree in Building Engineering).

For the UNICT:

- Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico in Ingegneria Edile-Architettura (II cycle degree, 5 year, 300 ECTS) (also called UNICT integrated Master in Building Engineering Architecture).

Article 2 - Students eligibility and admission

A maximum of 15 students per institution may opt for the double degree program every academic year. This number may be modified by mutual agreement between the signatories of this agreement by adding an addendum. The students eligible for the double degree in Building Engineering must meet the following requirements:

- For the UPM students wishing to obtain the Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico in Ingegneria Edile-Architettura, being enrolled at least at the third year of the study program.
- For the UNICT students enrolled in the Laurea Magistrale a Ciclo Unico in Ingegneria Edile-Architettura wishing to obtain the UPM Grado en Edificación being enrolled at least at the fourth year of the study program.

The selection process of the outgoing students will be managed by the home institution according to its own internal regulations and schedule. The selection procedure will be normally started through a "call for participant" issued by the home institution. When deemed appropriate, the institutions may interview the students who apply for admission into the double degree program in order to evaluate skills, motivation or language level. The list of accepted students into the double degree program will be sent by the home institution to the host institution according to a schedule that will be agreed year by year by the partners.

Article 3 - Enrollment and institution

Once the student has been accepted into the double degree program, they must be



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enrolled in the corresponding degree program at the partner institution. The enrollment will be carried out by the administrative official responsible for this agreement (Annex 4), who will inform the student about the necessary documents.

The student will be exempt from paying registration fees for the courses taken at the host institution during the period of the stay.

Article 4 - Stay: obligation and rights of the students

The students participating in the double degree program must take the amount of credits foreseen by the double degree program for the academic period.

- The UPM students wishing to obtain the Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico in Ingegneria Edile-Architettura must stay at least 3 semesters at the hosting institution.
- The UNICT students enrolled in the Laurea Magistrale a Ciclo Unico in Ingegneria Edile-Architettura wishing to obtain the UPM Grado en Edificación must stay at least 3 semesters at the hosting institution.

If a student has to prolong their stay at the host institution in order to complete their curriculum, the extension of their period of study must receive formal approval by both academic institutions. The length of the extension period should not normally exceed 1 semester. The fees corresponding to the extended period of study will be computed according to the home institution regulations.

Transport costs, medical insurance, accommodations, upkeep, and any other expenses arising during the exchange period established in the double degree program will be to students' account. The student must get health insurance that guarantees access to health care in the host country. This insurance must cover medical and health care, death and disability caused by an accident, repatriation assistance for death by any cause, and reimbursement for medical expenses caused by an accident.

The partner institution, through the administrative official responsible for this agreement, pledges to provide assistance in the search for suitable accommodations, although all stay expenses will correspond to the student. Likewise, the partner institution pledges to provide the student with information relating to the host country, visas, required medical insurance, etc., before their arrival. The partner institution must provide students in the double degree program with the same services that they generally provide their own students.



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During the exchange period, the students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the partner institution and to all the legal and social obligations within the host country. Likewise, they will enjoy the same rights as students enrolled at the partner institution.

Article 5 - Curriculum

The program of studies that each student shall follow in the host institution will be prepared in accordance with the list of subjects presented in the Annexes 1-2 to this Agreement. Any variation in the study programs and in the conversion tables shall be approved by both the partner institutions.

To obtain the degree at the host institutions the students must pass exams for an amount of ECTS according to the following options.

- UPM students enrolled in the Grado en Edificación wishing to obtain the UNICT Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico in Ingegneria Edile-Architettura, shall follow courses and pass exams for at least 94 ECTS at the host institution according to the study program and conversion table outlined in the Annex 1 to the present agreement.
- UNICT students enrolled in the Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico in Ingegneria Edile-Architettura wishing to obtain the UPM Grado en Edificación, shall follow courses and pass exams for at least 90 ECTS at the host institution according to study program and conversion table outlined in the Annex 2 to the present agreement.

The credits corresponding to the exams passed at the host institutions will be recognized as equivalent to the credits that each student should take at the home institutions. Recognition will be based on a Transcript of Records that will be issued by the host institution according to the credit and grading systems reported in the Annexes of this Agreement. The credits to be taken by the students at the home institution before entering the double degree process are detailed in the Annex 1 for the UPM students and in the Annexes 2 for the UNICT students.

The grade will be evaluated on the base of the Annex 3.

The study program for each enrolled student shall be approved by both the partner institutions before the beginning of the semester in the host university. The host institution shall appoint, for each student, an academic tutor that will provide assistance for the whole period of stay.



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Article 6- Final Work and Degree

The completion of the student academic career is marked by the preparation of a "Final work" which is considered, in the two programs, as follows:

- "Proyecto fin de Grado", for an amount of 12 ECTS, in the UPM Grado en Edificación;
- "Prova finale", for an amount of 15 ECTS, in the UNICT Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico in Ingegneria Edile-Architettura;

Normally, the student will carry out the Final work in both the institutions.

The grades will be assigned by each university, respecting their own rules.

After passing the final examination, the double degree students will be awarded the title of "Grado" at the UPM and the title of "Laurea Magistrale" at the UNICT. Each institution must state in the European Diploma supplement that the degree was carried out within the framework of the double degree program between the UPM and UNICT.

In order to obtain the degree, the student must pay the corresponding fees at both institutions.

Article 7- Monitoring Committee

The cooperating universities will establish a Monitoring Committee responsible for the management, supervision and coordination of the Double Degree program.

On the part of the UPM, the Monitoring Committee will be composed of the Academic Coordinator of the Double Degree program at UPM and one representative appointed by the School responsible for the program, with the possibility of appointing an alternate member.

On the part of the UNICT, the Monitoring Committee will be composed of the Academic Coordinator of the Double Degree program at UNICT, the President of the Laurea Magistrale a Ciclo Unico in Ingegneria Edile-Architettura, with the possibility of appointing an alternate member.

The Monitoring Committee will annually discuss all major academic and administrative issues related to the Double Degree program, including any changes made to the program description. All decisions will be subject to final approval by the cooperating universities.

Article 8 - Validity and Duration of the Agreement

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of four (4) years from the date of the



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last signature, beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year. This agreement can be renewed for one (1) additional year by the express agreement of both parties in writing. In this case, the total term of this agreement would be five years. Any amendments or changes to the text of the agreement must be requested in writing by the institution proposing them. In the case one of the two institutions wish to terminate the effects of the Agreement a written communication must be sent to the partner institution 6 months in advance to its expiration. Also in this last case, however, both institutions commit to support the students whose study program completion is still pending.

Article 9 - Use of Logo

The Partners mutually commit not to use the name and logo or any other identifying marks for purposes different than those covered by the agreement, except for specific agreements between the parties that provide, prior explicit approval, forms of communication and divulging of the initiatives covered by the agreement.

Article 10 - Personal data treatment

With respect to the protection of personal data that may be collected and processed to make this agreement effective, the parties undertake to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April, and other regulations that may apply.

Article 11 - Intellectual Property Rights

In the case of intellectual property rights generated as a result of this Double Degree program, the national regulations by which each institution is bound shall be adhered to.

Article 12- Dispute resolution

The cooperating Universities agree to resolve any dispute arising from this Agreement in an amicable fashion. Should this solution not be possible the interpretation and application of the present Agreement arise, Spanish laws and regulations will be applied if disagreement arises in Spain, while Italian laws and regulations will be applied if disagreement arises in Italy.



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As proof of agreement with the foregoing, the present agreement is signed in duplicate.

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