

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION**

No. SV7-40

**BETWEEN**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA, ITALY**

**through the Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture**

**AND**

**KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, LITHUANIA**

**ART. 1**

**The University of Catania**, having its registered domicile at Piazza Università 2, 95131 Catania, (Italy), legal entity's number 02772010878, duly represented represented by Prof. Francesco Priolo, Rector and

**Kaunas University of Technology**, having its registered domicile at K. Donelaičio St. 73, LT-44249 Kaunas, Lithuania, legal entity's number 111950581, duly represented by Prof. Eugenijus Valatka, Rector, acting in accordance to the Statute of Kaunas University of Technology, wish to promote scientific training and research in both countries.

**ART. 2**

The parties agree to support this collaboration in fields of mutual interest:

- Joint didactical and scientific research projects;
- Joint training courses;
- Exchange of undergraduates, PhD fellows, postgraduates, professors or researchers;
- Joint organisation of seminars, meetings or scientific workshops;
- Mutual use of means for scientific research;
- Joint scientific publications and exchange of information, publications and scientific journals.

**ART.3**

In order to fulfil this agreement, both parties shall prepare Joint Programs of Collaboration through meetings or correspondence of delegates or representatives of both institutions. By mutual consent, such joint programs may include the participation of other scientific groups, either Italian or Lithuanian.

Means of financing will be incurred through research grants or grants donated by outside sources to the two institutions or their respective coordinators or members.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree and understand that this Agreement does not create any financial obligations between them.

#### **ART. 4**

The topics of mutual interest shall be established as specific protocols agreed upon by the parties and must contain the following information:

- The exact nature of the proposed research;
- The names of the colleges, institutions or research centres in which the research will take place, indicating the names of the participants and their positions within the respective institutions;
- The names of the people in charge of the research at both institutions, and their CVs;
- The positions and functions of the participants from both institutions;
- The planned duration and financing of the research.

With regard to the aforementioned, the scientists responsible for the joint projects shall submit an annual report to the academic authorities of their institution.

The report must include the following information:

- Joint publications issued, or a report of the projects in progress;
- Accomplished exchange activities and the results obtained.
- Other activities that were conducted;
- A proposed plan of the projects for the following year.

#### **ART. 5**

Both universities will exchange undergraduates, professors, researchers, postgraduates and PhD fellows, in scientific and academic fields of common interest. The number of exchange people and the fields of interest will be defined within specific programmes established by this agreement.

#### **ART. 6**

The researchers and PhD fellows may be proposed by either party and will be selected by mutual agreement. Candidates proposed by one party will be presented to the other with a reasonable time to allow review and agreement by both parties. The final approval of the proposed candidates will be decided no later than 120 days prior to the start of the visit. The exchange of researches and PhD fellows will be possible only after a separate written agreement of both parties is signed.

#### **ART. 7**

The exchange of undergraduates will be possible only after a separate written agreement of both parties is signed. Undergraduates will demonstrate their knowledge of the foreign language according to the regulations of the host institution. The names of the undergraduates selected, their area of study and their estimated date of arrival will be given to the host institution six months prior to the exchange.

Students are subjected to the academic regulations of the host university. The authorisation of equivalent credit for courses and exams taken at the host university will be granted according to the requirements and regulations of the home university.

#### **ART. 8**

Through their competent authorities, the parties will assure the visiting professors, researchers PhD fellows, postgraduates and students any necessary assistance during their visit in order to guarantee them a profitable and comfortable stay.

Travel, accommodation, living and insurance costs will be defined separately in written agreements for each joint project. Both universities agree to seek financial support of any kind for the participating students and professors.

#### **ART. 9**

This agreement will be in effect from the date of its signing by both parties.

#### **ART. 10**

This agreement will be in effect for a period of five years and may be renewed by mutual decision of both parties.

The agreement may be terminated:

- by a mutual written consent of both Parties;
- upon the initiative of one of the Parties giving the other Party a prior written notice.

A possible termination will not have any effect on the projects or activities in progress unless otherwise agreed by both parties.

#### **ART. 11**

Any controversy on the interpretation and execution of the present agreement will be submitted to an Academic Commission composed of one representative from each party and one chosen by

If the disagreement cannot be settled amicably within 30 days after the start of negotiations, the Parties agree to settle it in accordance with the laws in the courts of the country where the defendant Party has its registered domicile. common consent.

#### **ART. 12**

This agreement has been drawn up in one counterpart in English and shall be signed by electronic signatures by the respective legal representatives of the two universities.

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ITALY

Rector

Prof. Francesco Priolo

Date:

Kaunas University of  
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