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**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE DOUBLE DEGREE
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA, ITALY
AND
THE INSTITUTO SUPERIOR TÉCNICO, LISBOA, PORTUGAL**

Introduction

In accordance with the general agreement between the Instituto Superior Técnico (hereinafter referred to as IST) of the Universidade Técnica de Lisboa (UTL), and the Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy (hereinafter referred to as UniPD), and in the general philosophy of the principles set out by the statutes of the TIME (Top Industrial Managers for Europe), the institutions signing the present agreement express their common desire to establish and develop exchanges in the spirit of cooperation which unites the member states of the European Union.

The joint mission of teaching and research allows this cooperation to come within the scope of the present and future programmes implemented by the European Union Commission (in mobility, research, etc.).

Consequently,

The Instituto Superior Técnico of the Universidade Técnica de Lisboa, with legal address on Av. Rovisco Pais, 1049-001 Lisboa (Portugal), represented by its President, Prof. Carlos Renato Matos Ferreira, and the Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, with legal address on via VIII Febbraio 1848,2, 35122 Padova-Italia represented by its Delegate of Rector for International Mobility Programmes Professor, Luigi Filippo Donà dalle Rose, have decided to implement international student exchanges leading to the attainment of the Masters of the Università degli Studi di Padova and the degree of "Mestrado" of the Instituto Superior Técnico, according to the following conditions:

Article I – Student exchange plan

- a) Co-selected students, who have successfully completed the first three years of studies (equivalent to the first cycle of a two-cycle programme) at the home institution, may apply to pursue their studies in the Double Degree programme.
- b) The studies leading to the Double Degree will have duration of three years, totalling 180 ECTS credits in the second cycle.
- c) The three years of studies will be divided as follows: one year spent in the home institution and two years in the host institution, according to a plan defined jointly by the home and host institutions.
- d) The student must prepare, present and defend a final dissertation.
- e) The host Institution will appoint a tutor for each student for the duration of the study period.
- f) The two parties will produce the transcripts of records of the exchange students reporting the marks according to the ECTS scale.

Article 2 – Student selection process

The selection of exchange students is based on shared responsibility between both parties, as follows:

- a) The home Institution makes an initial selection of candidates, followed by an interview, whenever possible.
- b) The final decision regarding the acceptance of the exchange students is taken by the host institution. Whenever possible, this process will be done in agreement between the two parties.
- c) The criteria for selection will be based on academic records. Knowledge of the language of the country of the host Institution may be considered an advantage.
- d) Care will be taken by the commissions and juries to select only those students who shall presumably complete their Double Degree studies.
- e) The syllabus for each student participating in the programme, including all the courses to be followed at both institutions, the administrative structure, course work, examinations to be taken and length of the dissertation must be approved by prior agreement between both institutions.

Article 3 – General conditions

- a) The maximum number of exchange students per institution shall be defined every year.
- b) The persons responsible for the exchange programme at each institution must indicate the expected number of outgoing students to the host Institution before March 1st.
- c) A student from the Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, wishing to apply to IST as a TIME student /Double Degree Student must simultaneously be admitted as a regular IST 2nd cycle student. For that purpose, the student must fill in an application form and annex the required documents. The application is submitted to the International Relations Office of the IST in June.

Article 4 – Dissertation

With the purpose of strengthening the scientific cooperation between both institutions, the dissertations will address, whenever possible, problems in areas of common interest to the two institutions and organized as follows:

- a) Desirably, the dissertation shall be co-supervised by professors or researchers of both institutions.
- b) The thesis defense can take place at any or both of the partner universities, according to the national rules. The defense will follow the local rules of evaluation and the result of the defense will be fully and automatically recognized by the partner institutions, as has been agreed with the creation of the consortium. The dissertation shall be written in English, or in the original language of the institution where it is submitted. In addition, the dissertation must include a summary (abstract) in the official languages of both institutions
- c) Whenever possible, the thesis committee shall include members from both institutions.

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Article 5 – Award of Double Degree

Upon successful completion of the three years programme, the students shall be awarded the Double Degree:

- “Mestrado” by IST
- Laurea Specialistica/Magistrale

Article 6 – Tuition fees, grants and insurance

- a) The home Institution shall ensure that students have the necessary valid insurance policies before their departure.
- b) Students are responsible for all their travel and accommodation expenses.
- c) Students participating in the Double Degree programme shall only pay tuition fees to their home institution.
- d) The host Institution undertakes to facilitate the arrival of the students and to put at their disposal all the existing services and study grants, if available.
- e) Only supplementary fees and expenses (e.g. lecture notes, social security, etc.) shall be paid to the host institution.

Article 7 - Governance

The parties shall make all the possible efforts, namely before national and European institutions and companies, to obtain the maximum financial support for the programme.

In addition, the persons responsible for the programme in each institution will meet on a regular basis in order to:

- Assess the pertinence of the teaching programmes in both institutions.
- Report on the co-operation and the academic results of the students.
- Propose new initiatives.

Article 8 – Contract validity

The present contract shall come into effect upon signature by both contracting parties.

Either party may terminate the present agreement with a notice of one hundred and eighty days. In the event of the agreement being terminated, any activities in progress shall be allowed to run to completion.

Article 9 – Conflict Resolution

The parties agree to resolve any controversy arising from the interpretation of the present agreement amicably. Each party will appoint one arbitrator and a third arbitrator will be appointed by mutual consent.

Article 10 – General Cooperation

In their desire to develop more communal actions undertaken in the framework of education and research, the parties will favour:

- The exchange of students, academic staff and researchers.
- Study groups and seminars on previously agreed topics.
- The exchange of information, documentation and scientific publications.
- The exchange of students for visits to companies and internships therein.

Article 11

No financial obligations shall arise out of this agreement for either party.

Article 12

Two originals of the present agreement shall be signed, one for each of the signatories of the contract. Each original shall have equal validity.

October 1st, 2007



For the Università degli Studi di Padova,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luigi Donà dalle Rose".

The Delegate of Rector for
International Mobility Programmes,
Prof. Luigi Filippo Donà dalle Rose

For the Instituto Superior Técnico

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos Renato Matos Ferreira".

The President
Prof. Carlos Renato Matos Ferreira