



**Cooperative Programme
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
the National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
and
The National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)**

In accordance with the provision of Article 1 of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the National Research Foundation of Korea (hereinafter referred to as CNR and NRF respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Korean researchers and Italian researchers and research centres through the following forms of cooperation:

- a) Joint research programs
- b) Visits and exchange of research staff
- c) Other cooperative activities mutually accepted

Article 2. Joint Research Projects

For the joint research projects the cooperation will be conducted as follows:

The Parties shall promote scientific collaboration on the following research areas:

**Chemistry
Environment
Engineering & ICT**

Both parties will support up to three (3) joint research projects, prioritizing the selection of one project per thematic area proposed above. These projects will be implemented on specific subjects, as stated in Article 2, point 2.1, with the participation of scientists from both parties.

The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced simultaneously by the Parties in April every two years. The first call for proposals will be **announced in April 9, 2025 with a deadline of June 27, 2025**. The selected joint research projects will be in place for a duration of two years.

The joint research projects will be expected to start January 1st, 2026.

Both parties, CNR and NRF, will:

1. gather all the applications from their respective sides,
2. review them separately, and
3. exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of October.
4. select the joint research projects to be funded on the basis of financial availability and the provisions of the Scientific Collaboration Agreement.
5. finance its own team of researchers.

The list of joint research projects mutually approved will be made public once available.

Article 3. Financial Support

In accordance with the provision of Article II of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement, the approved joint research projects shall be financed as follows:

- 3.1 The Parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the program, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 3.2 For each project, NRF will provide annually up to 10,000,000 KRW to the Korean team, and CNR will provide up to 10.000 € to the Italian team.
- 3.3 The support given by the Parties to the research teams shall complement the proper resources of each team, and is intended to subsidize the general costs linked to the international nature of the projects, the costs of international travel, mainly transportation and per-diem expenses.

Article 4. Medical insurance

The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country.

The receiving Party will provide the visitor with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.

Article 5. Protection of Personal Data

Concerning the protection of personal data deriving from this Cooperative Programme, refer to article 4 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation.

Article 6. Amendments

Amendments to this CNR-NRF Cooperation Programme may be proposed by either CNR or NRF. Such amendments will become effective when CNR and NRF have mutually agreed upon them.


Article 7. Duration and Termination

This Cooperative Programme shall come into force on the date of its signature from both Parties and remain valid during for a period of two years.

This Cooperative Programme is signed in two copies in English.

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