



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

**The Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the
Republic of Armenia**

In accordance with the provision of Articles II and VI of the Memorandum of Understanding between the National Research Council of Italy and the Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia (formerly the Ministry of Education and Science) on the 31st of July 2018, both Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote the cooperation between the Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia and Italian researchers and research centres through the following forms of cooperation:

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

Article 2. Joint Research Projects

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

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

- Physics and Astrophysics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Agricultural Sciences
- ICT
- Social Sciences
- The Humanities



- 2.2 Both parties will support up to 10 joint research projects implemented on specific subjects, as stated in the Article 2, point 2.1. with the participation of scientists from each Party.
- 2.3 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced simultaneously by the Parties in March/April every two years. The first call for proposals will be announced in March/April 2022 with a deadline of June 30th, 2022. The selected joint research projects will be in place for a duration of two years.
- 2.4 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 2022.
- 2.5 Both parties, CNR and the Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia will:
- gather all the applications from their respective sides,
 - review them separately, and
 - exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of December.
 - select the joint research projects to be funded on the basis of financial availability and the provisions of the Scientific Collaboration Agreement.
 - finance its own team of researchers.
- 2.6 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, the Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia will provide annually up to 5.000 € to the Armenian team, and CNR will provide up to 5.000 € 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-Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia Cooperation Programme may be proposed by either CNR or the Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia. Such amendments will become effective when CNR and the Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia 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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