

**Cooperative Programme  
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation  
between  
The National Research Council of Italy (CNR)  
and  
The Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO)**

In accordance with the provision of Article 2 of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (hereinafter referred to as the Parties), the Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

**Article 1. Forms of Cooperation**

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Italian and Norwegian researchers and research centres through the following form of cooperation in the field of Bioeconomy:

- Joint research projects

The joint research projects will represent the actions of the CNR-NIBIO Cooperation Programme based on the following clusters:

- Technology, innovation and digitalization of the Bioeconomy
- Value chain of agriculture and forestry and Farming Systems
- Green biology and chemistry for new renewables in the agro-industrial value chain
- Climate change impacts and interactions with the Bioeconomy

**Article 2. Joint Projects**

This mode of cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 Both parties will support up to 2 joint research projects every two years targeting specific actions agreed in advance by both sides in the frame of the areas mentioned in Art. 1. Scientists from each institution must participate. The duration of a joint research project will be two years.
- 2.2 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced by each party by the end of March every two years. The first call for proposals will be announced in March 2019 with deadline on June 28 2019.
- 2.3 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 1, 2020.

2.4 The parties will:

- a) gather all the applications from their respective sides,
- b) review them separately,
- c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of November every two years.

2.5 The list of joint research projects mutually approved (those best evaluated by each party) shall be annexed to this Cooperation Programme once the projects are awarded.

### **Article 3. Financial Support**

The financial conditions for the approved joint research projects shall be as follows:

- 3.1 The Parties agree to contribute to the financing of the program, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 3.2 Travel (international and domestic) and accommodation expenses for participants shall be borne by the sending party.
- 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). Each research team may apply for complementary support from other institutions.
- 3.4 For the project implementation, CNR will provide annually up to 50.000,00 € to its teams and NIBIO will provide annually up to 60.000,00 € to its teams to cover the research activities (see art. 3.2) while the personnel cost amounting at ca. 60.000,00 € will be covered by the other internal funds.
- 3.5 Both Parties shall re-evaluate the amount of the allowances in relation to inflation and in accordance with the provisions existing in each country.

### **Article 4. Medical insurance**

The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country. The responsibility for the provision of adequate insurance against accidents that may occur during the stay in the host country will rest with the sending party.

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

### **Article 5. Entry into Force, Amendments**

This Agreement takes effect on the date of signature and remains valid during the effective duration of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation signed by the Parties.

The provisions of this Agreement may be amended in writing by mutual consent between the Parties.

This agreement is signed in two originals, in English language.

For the National Research Council  
of the Italian Republic



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Place Rome Date 6 April 2019

For the Norwegian Institute  
of Bioeconomy Research



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