

**Cooperative Programme  
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation  
between  
the National Research Council of Italy (CNR)  
and  
the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST)**

In accordance with the provision of Article I of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as CNR and MOST respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

**Article 1. Forms of Cooperation**

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Chinese 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:

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

**Biodiversity (including Polar Science studies)**  
**Health medical treatments and devices**

- 2.2 Both Parties will support up to four (4) joint research projects implemented on specific subjects, as stated in the Article 2, point 2.1. with the participation of scientists from each Party. This support will be distributed as follows: two (2) projects in the first sector and two (2) projects in the second sector.
- 2.3 Both Parties will announce the call for proposals of joint research projects every two years. In terms of the call date in 2025, the two sides will announce the call for proposals between April and May, 2025. Every applicant from one side must keep himself/herself updated with the opening and closing date of the call from the other side, by getting in contact with his/her counterparts. The selected joint research projects will be in place for a duration of two years.
- 2.4 The joint research projects are expected to start on January 1, 2026.
- 2.5 Both Parties, CNR and MOST, will:
- a) gather all the applications from their respective sides,

- b) review them separately, and
  - c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of October.
  - d) select the joint research projects to be funded on the basis of financial availability and the provisions of the Scientific Collaboration Agreement.
  - e) 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, MOST will provide annually up to ¥ 200,000 (two hundred thousand) RMB to the Chinese team, and CNR will provide annually up to 25.000,00 € (twenty five thousand euro) 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-MOST Cooperation Programme may be proposed by either CNR or MOST. Such amendments will become effective when CNR and MOST have mutually agreed upon them.

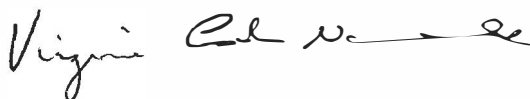
### **Article 7. Duration and Termination**

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

This Cooperative Programme is signed in two copies in English.

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