



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

In accordance with the provision of Article 2 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation between the **National Research Council of Italy** and the **Chinese Academy of Sciences** (hereinafter referred to as **CNR** and **CAS** respectively, and collectively referred to as “the Parties”), 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, CNR research institutes and CAS institutions through the following forms of cooperation:

- a) Joint research projects
- 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 in the following research areas:

**Chemistry & Materials**  
**Engineering & ICT**  
**Climate Change & Environment**

- 2.2 Both Parties will support up to three (3) joint research projects implemented on specific subjects, as stated in 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 April every three (3) years. The first call for proposals will be announced in April 3, 2023 with a deadline of May 31, 2023. The selected joint research projects will be in place for a duration of three (3) years.
- 2.4 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 1, 2024
- 2.5 Both parties will also:
- a) gather all the applications from their respective sides,



- b) review them separately, and
  - c) exchange prioritized lists by the mid of September.
  - d) jointly select the joint research projects to be funded on the basis of financial availability and the provisions of the Scientific Cooperation 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 3 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 programme, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 3.2 For each project, CAS will provide annually up to ¥ 100,000.00 RMB to the Chinese team, and CNR will provide annually 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, for instance, the costs of international travel, mainly transportation and per-diem expenses.

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

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

The receiving Party will provide the visitor(s) 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 8 of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement.

### **Article 6. Amendments**



Amendments to this CNR-CAS Cooperation Programme may be proposed by either CNR or CAS. Such amendments will become effective when CNR and CAS 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 three (3) years.

Termination of this Cooperative Programme does not affect the validity of the projects approved or in progress.

This Cooperative Programme is signed in two copies in English and both are deemed equally effective.

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