

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMME
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
between
THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY
and
SCIENCE MALTA

In accordance with the provision of Article 2 of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and Science Malta (hereinafter referred to as 'CNR' and 'SM' respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

Article 1.

FORMS OF COOPERATION

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

- a) Joint Research Projects
- b) Other cooperative activities mutually accepted

Each Party will nominate a responsible Contact Point/s to jointly develop the Call documentation and handling the administrative aspects of projects and other cooperative activities in the context of this agreement, who will meet annually.

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:

- Marine and Maritime Technologies;
- Digital Technologies;
- Health;
- Sustainable use of Resources;
- Smart Manufacturing;
- Aerospace, Aviation and Space;
- Cultural Heritage.

The Parties shall support joint research projects with the intention of establishing and fostering strong collaborative relationships between Maltese and Italian researchers.

These projects shall be designed to serve as a foundation for future larger-scale research initiatives, promoting the advancement and expansion of research efforts.

- 2.2 Both parties will support up to five (5) 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 every two years. The first call for proposals will be announced in March 2025 with a deadline of May 2025. 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 by January of the following year of the Call.
- 2.5 Both parties, CNR and SM, will:
 - a) gather all the applications from their respective sides,
 - b) review them separately, and
 - c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of December.
 - 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 programme, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 3.2 For each project, SM will provide up to 6.000,00 € to the Maltese team, and CNR will provide up to 6.000,00 € to the Italian team, for the duration of the project in line with Article 2, point 2.3
- 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 and any other costs outlined in the respective National Rules of each Party.

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-SM Cooperation Programme may be proposed by either CNR or SM. Such amendments will become effective when CNR and SM 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 four years.

This Cooperative Programme is signed in two copies in English.

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**AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAMME
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THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY

and

SCIENCE MALTA

The National Research Council of Italy and Science Malta (hereinafter referred to as 'CNR' and 'SM' respectively), have agreed on the amendment of Article 3, point 3.2 of the Cooperative Programme in accordance with the provision of Article 6.

3.2 For each project, SM will provide up to 12.000,00 € to the Maltese team, and CNR will provide up to 12.000,00 € to the Italian team, for the duration of the project in line with Article 2, point 2.3

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