

Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
Between
The National Research Council of the Italian Republic (CNR)
and
The Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO)

The National Research Council of the Italian Republic and the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”), highly acknowledging the current level of Italian-Norwegian cooperation in the fields of science and technology, as well as wishing to promote the implementation of cooperative programs in the areas of mutual interest, have agreed upon the following:

Article 1 - Purpose

Within the framework of the present Agreement, the Parties shall foster the cooperation between the scientific communities of both institutions.

The present Agreement aims at developing and strengthening scientific cooperation between the scientists and research groups, enabling the mutual use of equipment.

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of scientific data and information and shall mutually foster basic and applied research.

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of scientific personnel giving priority to young scientists.

Article 2 - Forms of Cooperation

The cooperation between the Parties will be conducted by the following means:

- a) Joint research projects,
- b) Joint workshops, seminars, conferences,
- c) Further cooperation activities that may be included upon approval by the Parties.

The Parties shall coordinate the bilateral funding of joint scientific projects of mutual interest on a case-to-case basis building on the respective funding schemes.

The details and the Cooperative Programme for each form of cooperation, will be decided by the Parties. The Parties will revise each Cooperative Programme at least every two years.

Article 3 - Financial Aspects

The activities foreseen under this Agreement will be implemented by the Parties according to their budget availability without any additional cost for the State budgets of the Italian Republic and the Kingdom of Norway.

Each Party will cover the costs of the participating researchers from its own institution. The number of projects, workshops and any other cooperative activity will be established every two years in the renewed Cooperative Programme, which will be contingent upon each Party's budget availability.

Article 4 - Observance of Regulations

Participating scientists will abide by the laws of the receiving Country and the regulations of the host institutions.

Article 5 - Intellectual Properties

According to the national legislation of the two Countries the Parties shall make the scientific and technical publications, produced during the cooperation period, available to the worldwide scientific community by using the accepted dissemination ways.

The treatment of intellectual property created or furnished in the course of cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be provided in the Cooperative Programme, unless agreed otherwise by the Parties or their designees in writing.

Article 6 - Other Matters

Administrative procedures and implementation details not dealt within this Agreement will be provided separately in the Cooperative Programmes or established via correspondence between the Parties.

Any arguments and disagreements during the interpretation and implementation of the present Agreement shall be settled via negotiations.

This Agreement will be implemented in accordance with the Italian and Norwegian legislations, as well as applicable international law and, as for the Italian Party, the obligations arising from Italy's membership of the European Union.

Article 7 - Entry into Force, Amendments, Termination

This Agreement takes effect on the date of signature and remains valid for a period of six years. Either Party may notify the other of its intention to terminate it at least six months before the expiration date, in which case any existing program will be brought

to an orderly conclusion. This Agreement may be renewed for further periods of six years, in the absence of a termination notice by either Party.

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

Any dispute arising out of the implementation of this Agreement will be settled amicably by means of direct consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

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

For the National Research Council
of the Italian Republic



Prof. Massimo Inguscio

President

Place Rome Date 1 April 2019

For the Norwegian Institute
of Bioeconomy Research



Nils Vagstad

Director General

Place Rome Date 9/04/2019