



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CRETE, GREECE (UoC)**  
**(Gallos University Campus, 74100 Rethymno Crete - Greece)**  
**Represented by the Rector**  
**Professor Georgios M. Kontakis**

**And**

**THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY (CNR)**  
**(Piazzale Aldo Moro, 7 – 00185, Rome, Italy),**  
**Represented by President,**  
**Professor Maria Chiara Carrozza**

The University of Crete, Greece (UoC) and the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) (hereinafter referred to as the Parties), with the intent to promote their joint activities in the field of science and research, and to strengthen the communication between them, have agreed to the following:

### **ARTICLE 1**

Both Parties shall endeavour to promote:

- 1.1. Joint scientific conferences, seminars, symposia, round tables, and other scientific and bi-and multilateral events;
- 1.2. Exchange of experts:
  - 1.2.1. Exchange of researchers between the parties on the conditions of mutual benefits;
  - 1.2.2. Exchange of researchers, for the following purposes:
    - enhancing group and individual researchers' mobility;
    - elaboration of joint measures aimed at developing distant learning/training based on the innovative computer technologies;
    - applying for joint grants and projects in the framework of the international research programs;
    - engaging in any other related activities that support the objectives of this MoU.
- 1.3. Presentation and publication of results of joint research and activities in international scientific journals.

## **ARTICLE 2**

Details for each specific project according to this Memorandum will be stipulated in a separate agreement.

## **ARTICLE 3**

Any intellectual property and other rights arising from joint research carried out under this Memorandum shall be considered joint property of the Parties unless stated otherwise in the agreements mentioned under article 2 above. If the results of the joint research should be patented, both Parties – in compliance with provisions in force in the two Countries – shall agree upon the conditions to legally regulate the joint invention in their respective territories and in other Countries.

## **ARTICLE 4**

This MoU does not entail any legal and/or financial obligations or commitments from one Party to the other. Any financial support that may be provided for cooperative activities under this MoU will be determined on a case-by-case basis according to the availability of the Parties

## **ARTICLE 5**

The terms of this Memorandum may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties. Each amendment shall be made in writing and shall form an integral part of this Memorandum and shall be annexed to it.

## **ARTICLE 6**

This Memorandum enters into force from the date of its signature by the representatives of the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of 5 (five) years. This MoU may be extended by written consent of both Parties for a further specified period subject to the approval of the relevant authorities of the Parties.

Either Party may terminate this Memorandum by notifying the other Party, in writing, six months in advance.

Termination of this Memorandum shall not incur the cessation of work under the previously agreed upon and approved programs up to their full realization.

## **ARTICLE 7**

The Parties agree that they do not intend to disclose confidential information disclosed to them under this MoU and identified as such by the Party providing the information. In any event, if necessary, a confidentiality agreement will be signed between the Parties, which will supersede this MoU with respect to the matters covered by this MoU.

## ARTICLE 8

Personal data shall be processed by CNR pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and by University of Crete pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679. Any processing of personal data shall be carried out exclusively for the purposes of the execution, management and monitoring of this MoU. As Data controllers, the Parties shall process personal data only in the context of this MoU and thereof exclusively for administrative purposes related to the MoU itself, by following the legal clause of the performance of a Contract. Once personal data are no longer necessary for the purposes of the MoU, or in the event that the data subject exercises the right to erasure, the personal data if not subject to the permanent storage restriction will remain stored solely for the purpose of addressing potential liabilities arising from the processing, during the period of prescription. After this period, the personal data will be deleted. The Parties undertake to comply with Article 89 GDPR which regulates the guarantees and exceptions relating to processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research or statistical purposes. The Parties do not have the right to transfer personal data to third parties. Furthermore, the Parties undertake to enter into a Personal Data Co-ownership Agreement following the conclusion of the MoU, once the project has been jointly defined.

## ARTICLE 9

The Parties shall exert their best efforts to resolve any dispute resulting under this MoU by amicably consultations and negotiations. Disputes will not be referred to third parties, to courts or arbitration.

## ARTICLE 10

The above was agreed and acknowledged by the Representatives of the Parties, namely the Rector of the University of Crete, Professor Georgios M. Kontakis, and the President of the CNR, Professor Maria Chiara Carrozza.

The Memorandum is issued in 2 copies, in English, each of them being equally authentic.

### Signatures

FOR  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CRETE



Prof. Georgios M. Kontakis  
Rector of UoC  
Place: Rethymno  
DATE 16/04/2025

FOR  
CNR OF ITALY

Prof. Maria Chiara Carrozza  
President of CNR  
Place: Rome  
DATE