

**Letter of Intent**  
**between**  
**The National Research Council of Italy (CNR), European and International Relations Office**  
**and**  
**The Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) Department of Innovation Research**  
**for Cooperation of**  
**Distributed Energy Management System Research**

The National Research Council of Italy (CNR), European and International Relations Office and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) Department of Innovation Research (hereinafter referred to singularly as “party” and collectively as “parties”), have agreed to cooperate in conducting collaborative researches in the field of distributed energy management system.

JST Department of Innovation Research will promote researchers, who are currently funded by the JST research program of “Creation of Fundamental Theory and Technology to Establish a Cooperative Distributed Energy Management System and Integration of Technologies Across Broad Disciplines Toward Social Application” of the Core Research for Evolutional Science and Technology (CREST-EMS)”, to participate in the related joint research program of CNR as collaborators of researchers based in Italy. In accordance with the participation, JST Department of Innovation Research will support additional funding for the CREST-EMS funded researchers who are approved by CNR, only if JST Department of Innovation Research recognizes the collaborative research contributes to CREST-EMS program itself. The additional funding will be determined based on the budget condition of CREST-EMS program.

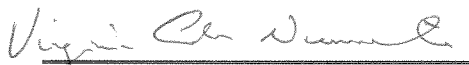
This Letter of Intent shall become effective upon the date of signature of the parties and communications in connection with this Letter of Intent shall be prepared and conducted in English. The cooperative activities are expected to continue until the scheduled end date of each funding program whichever is finished earlier. This Letter of Intent may be amended only by written agreement of the party and can be terminated with 90 days advance written notice of termination by each party, or sooner by mutual written consent of both parties. CREST-EMS funding program will be finished on March 31, 2020, and this Letter of Intent will not be extended beyond the date.

This Letter of Intent does not create binding obligations under either domestic or international law and any collaborative activity contemplated by this Letter is subject to the availability of respective funding programs.

Signed this 1st day of July, 2015, in duplicate.

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