



Mediterranean and Middle East University Network Agreement (MUNA)

Foreword

The Mediterranean and Middle East University Network Agreement (MUNA) was established in Naples on 19 June 2015 and renewing on 23th of March 2021 between the following adhering Universities:

- 1. *University Mohammed V of Rabat (Kingdom of Morocco),***
- 2. *University Moulay Ismail of Meknés (Kingdom of Morocco),***
- 3. *University Hassan II of Casablanca (Kingdom of Morocco)***
- 4. *University of Sultan Moulay Slimane, Béni-Mellal (Morocco)***
- 5. *Université Internationale de Rabat (Morocco)***
- 6. *University of Sfax (Tunisia)***
- 7. *University of Monastir (Republic of Tunisi)***
- 8. *Alexandria Pharos University (Arab Republic of Egypt)***
- 9. *Future University (Egypt)***
- 10. *National Research Centre of Giza (Egypt)***
- 11. *Saint Joseph University of Beirut (Lebanese Republic)***
- 12. *Albanian University in Tirana (Republic of Albania)***
- 13. *University Badji Mokhtar of Annaba (Algeria)***
- 14. *University Mohamed Cherif Messaadia, Souk Ahras (Algeria)***
- 15. *El Tarf University (Algeria)***
- 16. *Koleji AAB (Kosovo)***
- 17. *Birzeit University, Ramallah (Palestine)***
- 18. *University of Nablus (Palestina)***
- 19. *Sirte Univesity (Lybia)***

20. Yarmouk University (Giordania)

21. University of Naples Federico II (Italy)

This Agreement is the basis to establish possibilities of cooperation in the field of the Education (pre and post graduate) as in multicentric Research.

Given the current areas of specialization and expertise at the participating Universities, the following general forms of cooperation may be appropriate.

Article 1.

All the parties shall work to establish relationships between them enabling:

- Exchange of teachers, researchers and students,
- Organization of high-level scientific visits for doctoral researchers,
- Organization of long-term visits for training teachers and research in the areas of common interest,
- Joint research activities,
- Participation in seminars and symposia,
- Co-graduation, joint degrees (degree courses, Phd courses...)
- Libraries development cooperation,
- Organization of joint doctoral research theses in different areas;
- Homogenization of the degree programs
- Included Erasmus program (KA-107)

Article 2

All the parties shall every year exchange visiting professors to give lectures on topics of common interest.

Article 3

In this protocol case, costs arising from exchanges of researchers, experts and university professors, are supported in accordance with the following conditions, unless objection of either party if funds will be available

Article 4

All the Parties shall encourage the participation of researchers and university professors to scientific meetings organized in all the countries at the level of universities and other scientific institutions.

Article 5

All the parties shall work to create partnerships between academic institutions and accredited Top university research Companies.

Article 6

The organization of joint scientific meetings conducted in the framework of this agreement will be financially supported according to the availability of funds by each institution involved, other than sponsor's support.

Every institution is committed in raising funds for the implementation of the activities object of this agreement.

Article 7

The results and information relating to scientific research projects and academic development carried out under this agreement are announced, distributed and commercially used by mutual agreement and in accordance with international laws relating to copyright in force in the respective countries.

Article 8

The creation of joint degrees is subject to prior agreement between the different parties which defines the objectives, curriculum, evaluation methods, the value of the degree and modes of financing and the management of teaching cycles thereto. This agreement must be submitted for the approval, if necessary, of the official Institution in charge, before signing it.

Article 9

All participants in any of the activities specified by the agreement have to abide by the laws and regulations applied in the hosting University. This does not affect their rights at their home country

Article 10

Each party agrees to appoint an overall Board of Coordination for the administration of the agreement, which consists in a committee of three representatives for each university that named one representative in the Board of Coordination. This Board elects a General Coordinator and a General Secretary of the Agreement. The Board shall optimize all the activities, shall decide the venue of the annual Congress and the topics to discuss. Each country's University Coordinator shall serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place, and for the general welfare of exchange personnel.

Article 11

Any disagreement concerning the interpretation or application of this agreement shall be settled by all the parties amicably.

Article 12

1. This cooperation agreement comes into force on the date of receipt of the second of the two notifications with which either party informs the others of the accomplishment of the internal procedures.
2. The duration of this agreement is five years starting from its signing by all the parties. It may be renewed by mutual consent of all the parties.
3. The end of application of this agreement has no effect on projects and programs already initiated prior to its cancellation.
4. Any modification of the agreement requires the written approval of all the Universities.
5. Each part reserves the right to terminate this Agreement by a six months written previous notice.

Signed on 23 March 2021

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