

Inter-institutional bilateral agreement

between

Accademia di Belle Arti di Palermo

and

The University of Jordan

in order to improve and ensure high quality to the Higher Education System within the scope of their institutional activities, by recognising the benefits to their respective institutions from the establishment of **Inter-institutional bilateral agreement**,

**Accademia di Belle Arti di Palermo (Palermo Academy of Fine arts
and**

The University of Jordan

(hereinafter: "the Parties")

so conclude this Memorandum of Understanding

(hereinafter: "MoU").

OBJECTIVES

All through the inter-institutional dialogue and the development of specific international cooperation activities within the Mediterranean area, the main purposes of this MoU are:

- to develop academic and educational cooperation and to promote mutual understanding between the two Parties;
- to extend the cooperation towards mobility activities for student academic and administrative staff;
- to ensure a full exchange of competences as an important enrichment for students, academic and administrative staff from both institutions.

By stipulating the following memorandum of understanding, each Party agrees to develop the following collaborative activities in the academic areas of mutual interest, on a basis of equality and reciprocity:

1) Mobility

Mobility of Academic staff and administrative staff (incoming and outgoing from both institutions) for teaching and / or training activities and any activities to be agreed upon with consideration to:

- (a) giving full recognition of mobility in the career of academic, administrative and technical staff;
- (b) acknowledgement on the contribution of staff and teaching mobility towards the internationalisation strategies.

Mobility of students for study, internship and training and any activities to be agreed upon with consideration to:

- (a) giving full recognition to students for satisfactorily completed activities during their mobility period and supporting their right to apply for an academic credit transfer system that is comparable to the ECTS credit system.
- (b) provision of support and integration to incoming students, with tutorial activities and general provision of language facilitations

Students admitted to mobility by the two partner institutions will not have to pay the tuition fees in the hosting institution and will have the same rights as the students of the hosting being able to take advantage of their own advantages also in relation to the use of academic facilities (canteens, libraries, multimedia room, and common areas).

The activities of the MoU will be carried implementing all initiatives to ensure the full integration and equal opportunity for students, teachers and staff during mobility programs.

2) Research activities (artistic / scientific) on projects to be jointly defined.

The two parties undertake to fully recognise the activities carried out by the students, faculty and admin staff from each institution, both incoming and outgoing including:

- Development of common artistic projects. including collaborative research projects, the organisation of lectures, workshop, conference and symposium and the exchange of academic information and materials;
- Endorsement of exhibitions and retrospectives, considering art work donations with awareness to the provision of support and acknowledgement.

Additional activities and collaboration could be carried in fields of mutual interest, fostering any other academic cooperation as mutually agreed.

The development and implementation of additional specific activities based on this MoU will be separately negotiated and agreed between Parties which carry out the specific projects and will be subject to a separate written agreement. Each Party agrees to carry out these activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries after full consultation and approval.

The Parties agree on the application of good practises to:

- ensures full and equitable access to participants from all backgrounds, paying particular attention to the inclusion of those with fewer opportunities;
- guarantee pair opportunity towards all participants (students, academic, member of staff) by setting up clearly defined and transparent selection criteria;
- implement all the initiatives aimed at ensuring the integration of all the necessary initiatives to guarantee the mobility of students, teachers and staff with disability.

Each University nominates a person for the coordination and the execution of the activities mentioned in the present MoU.

- As regards The University of Jordan, the Head of International Affairs Unit is responsible for the coordination and execution of the MOU.
- As regards Academy of Fine Arts in Palermo, the Head of International Relations Office and Erasmus Mobility is responsible for the coordination and execution of the MOU.

The coordinators from both institutions will contact on regular basis in order to ensure the proper execution of the MoU.




Duration of MoU

This MoU is valid for a period of three years from the date of signing by the authorised signatories of each Party.

This three-year validity agreement can be subsequently extended upon expiry, at the initiative of the two contracting institutions.

The period of validity of this MoU may only be extended by the mutual written consent of both Parties.

Signature of representatives of the two partner institutions

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