

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA

AND

THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL

UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL, a federal public university registered with CNPJ under # 92.969.856/0001-98, hereinafter referred to as UFRGS, with its main campus located at Av. Paulo Gama, 110, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil, herein represented by its President Professor Dr. Márcia Cristina Bernardes Barbosa, and the University of Foggia, hereinafter referred to as Foggia, with its main campus located at Foggia, Italy, herein represented by Professor Dr. Lorenzo Lo Muzio,

- considering the funding for proposals dedicated to "Transnational Initiatives (TNE) in the field of education" by the Ministry of University and Research as part of the Mission 4 "Education and Research" of the PNR-National Recovery and Resilience Plan;
- given the funded project TNE *"Green & Pink for Sustainable Education"* – GPS^{Education};
- believing the extension and strengthening of scientific exchange and cooperation to be of mutual value to their institutions and to the development of understanding between our peoples;

hereby record their intentions to promote academic and educational exchanges between their institutions through the following activities.

1 – ACADEMIC UNITS

This agreement includes the following schools/colleges/institutes, departments or centers:

1.1 At UFRGS:

School of Economic Sciences
Postgraduation Program in Agribusiness

1.2 At Foggia:

Department of Economics

2 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to foster researcher and student exchange and provide an international academic experience that enables mutual cultural enrichment.

3 – TERMINOLOGY

- 3.1 According to this Agreement, participating students will be referred to as exchange students.
- 3.2 The University in which the exchange student is regularly enrolled will be referred to as the *Home institution*.
- 3.3 The institution in which the student is temporarily exchanging will be referred to as the *Host institution*.

4- STAFF EXCHANGE

4-1 Exchange of Academic Staff

Foggia and appropriate academic and research units within the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul may participate to the exchange and interaction of staff for academic purposes mutually beneficial to both institutions. Where appropriate the host institution will provide faculty appointment, library and research facilities and other assistance. However, the host University assists with obtaining visa.

4-2 Visiting Academic Staff

In addition to exchanges, Foggia and appropriate academic and research units within the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul may agree to provide for visiting academic staff. The terms and conditions for visiting academic staff will be determined by the units involved within the framework of institutional policy.

4-3 Visiting Research Fellows

Foggia and appropriate academic and research units within the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul may enter agreements providing that either institution may nominate one or more of its faculty to visit the other University for the purpose of advanced study or research. When this occurs the host institution will provide institutional courtesies, libraries and research facilities and an appropriate appointment. Visiting research fellows will not receive compensation from the host institution except by express agreement.

4-4 Exchange of Administrative Staff

For the purpose of encouraging the exchange of administrative experience and knowledge in fields of common interests, the institutions may select members of their technical-administrative staff to take part in the exchange program. Administrative Staff exchanging within this Agreement is limited to two staff months per year.

According to the project fundings, participants are responsible for covering their expenses and making all necessary arrangements. However, the host University assists with obtaining visa.

Health and accident insurance coverage must be arranged by the staff member in his/her country of origin. Salaries shall be paid by the institution of origin.

The activities conducted during the exchange period shall be consistent with the professional activities of the staff member at his/her institution of origin, in line with the project's objectives, and shall generate a report, to be submitted to the host institution and to the institution of origin.

5- STUDENT EXCHANGES

In the interests of expanding educational opportunities and furthering of international understanding, the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul and the University of Foggia agree to facilitate the educational exchange of students.

1) Duration of Exchanges

Each institution agrees to exchange individual students for a defined period, semester or an academic year.

2) Number of Students to be Exchanged

According to project and internal available funding, a certain students number will be accepted by each host institution by dates mutually agreed.

3) Student Program Fees/Benefits at Host Institution

Each student will pay his/her regular tuition and fees to the home institution. The host institution agrees to make every effort to make a place available for the exchange student in its residence halls during the normal semester or term period on the understanding that the student will pay for all accommodation costs. If no accommodation is available the host university will assist the student in finding accommodation off campus subject to the student meeting the costs of such accommodation.

All travel costs will be the responsibility of the individual students according to scholarships and project funding available. Miscellaneous fees such as special course fees, key deposits, books, etc., will be paid directly by each student participant.

4) Insurance

Each participant will pay for his/her own health and accident insurance. Both Institutions will require students to purchase the insurance policy to ensure adequate coverage. Proof of adequate insurance coverage must be provided to the international office of each institution.

5) Dependents

The obligations of each institution under this agreement are limited to the exchange of students and do not extend to spouses or dependents. Expenses of accompanying spouses and dependents are the responsibility of the exchange student.

6) Student Eligibility

It is understood that both institutions will strive to designate only well-qualified individuals for participation in the program and that academic backgrounds as well as letters of recommendation will be provided to the host institution. Students must meet language proficiency requirements as established by the host institution.

7) **Balancing the Exchange**

Parity in numbers of exchange students is the objective of the agreement. However, each party should be prepared to consider a disparity in any given semester or year during the period of the agreement. Any and all imbalances shall be resolved by the end of the period of agreement.

8) **Academic Status of Students**

All students will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at the home institution and will not be enrolled as candidates for degrees at the host institution. Credits toward the student's degree are to be awarded by the home institution. Students are expected to maintain the equivalent of a full course load at the host institution. Students enrolled in the host institution will be subject to the same rules and regulations as local students.

6- OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION

In addition to the afore-cited forms of cooperation, Universities take part in:

- a) supporting joint methodological and technological research process, developing handbooks, materials for distant learning, creating and adapting teaching plans;
- b) arranging mutual scientific, practical conferences, seminars, schools, etc;
- c) exchanging methodic documents, publications, handbooks and other materials.

7- EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

Each party to the agreement will appoint an officer who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the exchange, including counseling to assist exchange participants.

8- EFFECTIVE DATA AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be in effect for 3 years from the date of the official signing by both parties. At the annual anniversary of the agreement, each institution will submit a brief report indicating any imbalances in student numbers and/or other issues or problems. This agreement may be extended by mutual consent of both institutions for a period beyond its original date of expiry. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by serving written notice to the other party. Such termination will take effect six months from the date of that written notice.

Agreement

**For the Federal University of Rio
Grande do Sul**

For the University of Foggia

Name and Title

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Prof. Marcia Cristina Bernardes Barbosa
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Date

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Date