



جامعة بيروت العربية
BEIRUT ARAB UNIVERSITY

**UNIVERSITY COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
LINK CAMPUS UNIVERSITY
AND
BEIRUT ARAB UNIVERSITY**

Link Campus University (C.F. and P. Iva 06160981004) seated in Via Nomentana n. 335, Rome,
represented by its President the Hon. Vincenzo Scotti

and

Beirut Arab University - Beirut Campus, P.O.Box 11 - 50 - 20 Riad El Solh 11072809 - Beirut,
Lebanon, represented by Prof. Dr. Amr Galal El - Adawi;

CONSIDERING THAT:

- The contracting parties expressed an intent and have a mutual interest in contributing to the strengthening of the international integration of university systems by the promotion of joint initiatives in cultural, scientific and didactic areas;
- Within the process of internationalization of Italian university systems, provided in the decree of Ministry of University, Scientific Research and Technology issued on 3. November 1999, n. 509 (art.3, t. 9) and in D.M. 270 issued on 22. October 2004, and followed by conventions between Italian and foreign universities, it has been made possible the activation of study courses which issue a corresponding title of joint studies, respecting the national regulations;
- Both institutions are devoted to realization of joint research projects and joint studies of social sciences, economics, science and technology;
- Link Campus University has been accredited as a seat of foreign university operating in Italy and has been authorized to issue degrees recognized in Italy by the decree of Ministry of Education issued on 4. July 2007 on the basis of Act 148/2002 which ratifies and executes the Lisbon Convention of 11. April 1997.

PARTIES AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING:

Art. 1

With the present agreement Link Campus University and Beirut Arab University agree to:

- Initiate an exchange of professors, administrative and technical personnel, starting from the academic year 2011-2012;
- Develop didactical models with the use of informational technologies, starting from the academic year 2011-2012;
- Encourage student mobility between the two universities for semester, annual or summer course sessions;
- Promote and strengthen the cooperation in the field of scientific research through the realization of joint research projects, starting from the academic year 2011-2012;

- Organize joint study programs in cooperation with other Euro-Mediterranean universities with the intend to develop bachelor courses (of first and second level), master and PhD courses.

Art. 2

The present agreement calls for the following action:

- Exchange of information regarding the program of studies and the didactic and bibliographic material;
- Organizing professor visits for certain period which will give the professors the opportunity to speak on conferences, participate in courses and seminars which are part of the joint teaching programs;
- Organizing student exchanges for semester, annual or summer course sessions;
- Joint realization of study and research programs regarding the topics of mutual interest. Subject to the agreement of both parties, and in special cases, the parties may access the external sources of funds for the development of these studies and projects;
- Collaboration in research and development project carried out by the other party through the exchange of information, professors, researchers, administrative and technical personnel;
- Offering assistance to graduated students with post-graduate, specialization and PhD courses;
- Realization of academic initiatives directed toward students to encourage them to participate in seminars and other complementary education programs;
- Organization of conferences, seminars and courses on issues that are of interest for both universities;
- Development of joint study programs with the aim of offering a double degree program;
- Promotion of all other cooperation activities agreed by the parties.

Art. 3

It is the responsibility of both parties:

- To ensure that professors, researchers, graduates and students have access to academic, scientific, technical and cultural services;
- To offer assistance in the search for accommodation and in establishing contacts with academic staff on the program attended;
- To guarantee to the exchange students the same privileges as those enjoyed by the students of the hosting university;
- Students shall pay a university entrance fee to the host university in compliance with the period of their stay and following the regulations that apply to the local students. Every exception to this rule shall be agreed between the parties in special agreement.

Art. 4

Both institutions agree to include in the exchange all disciplines and areas of study they offer.

Art.5

The nomination of technical, administrative and academic staff by each university for the participation in the above mentioned activities has to be accepted by both parties and follow the strict requirements of professional suitability for the tasks in question.

Art.6

The participants of any exchange mentioned in this agreement shall be nominated by the home institution



and accepted by the host institution and it is the responsibility of each participant to cover the cost incurred in relation to the exchange.

Art.7

Every program or project shall be examined by a specific executive Protocol which determines and examines:

- The origin, nature and the content of the project;
- Names of the responsible persons and the participants on behalf of each universities;
- The duration of the program/project;
- Financial resources provided for covering the costs of the development of the project and the distribution of the funds in question.

Art.8

In the case of joint study programs, student mobility, summer courses, etc., the responsible academic staff shall follow the procedure for the validation of credits and recognition of studies, respecting the current regulations in each of the countries, with the aim to enable the validation of studies done at the host university by the home university.

Art.9

All information obtained from joint activities realized through following this agreement shall be made available to both parties, unless otherwise agreed.

Art.10

Intellectual property right arising from work realized in the fields described by this agreement belong to both parties. Regarding the initiatives which generate economic results, both parties shall preliminarily make rules on the property and protection of the results generated.

Art.11

In the maximum period of three months upon the signing of this agreement, each of the institutions shall nominate a person whose responsibility is to coordinate and control the activities which result from the terms of this agreement.

Art.12

This agreement shall not limit the rights of the parties to sign similar agreements with other institutions. Everything that has not been determined by this agreement shall be jointly agreed by the parties.

Art.13

The terms of this agreement shall be effective for five years beginning from the day of ratification by the competent authority and can be extended in tacit form for annual periods. Any possible termination shall not affect the continuation of projects and programs.

Art.14

Academic disputes which may arise in the interpretation and execution of this agreement shall be analyzed by a commission which includes a member of each contracting party and a third person chosen by mutual consent.





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This agreement is written in two versions, Italian and Beirut Arab University, both having equal legal power.

For the Link Campus University

Prof Vincenzo Scotti

Rome, 20th May 2011

For Beirut Arab University

Prof Dr. Amir Galal El – Adawi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Amir Galal El-Adawi'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the bottom of the name.