



## PARTNERSHIP COOPERATION AGREEMENT

FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS, WINTER/SUMMER SCHOOLS AND OTHER TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION, ADAPTIVE REUSE AND VALORISATION, KNOWLEDGE OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND CONTEMPORARY HERITAGE SITES

between

**UNIVERSITY OF BERGAMO** (Bergamo, Italy)

and

**HIGHER TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF 10<sup>TH</sup> RAMADAN CITY** (10<sup>th</sup> Ramadan City, Egypt)

and

**BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMICS, FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE** (Budapest, Hungary)

and

**UNIVERSITY OF ENNA 'KORE'** (Enna, Italy)

between

**Università degli Studi di Bergamo** (henceforth the **University of Bergamo**), based in Bergamo (Italy), Via Salvecchio 19, represented by its *pro tempore* Chancellor, Prof. Remo Morzenti Pellegrini

and

المعهد التكنولوجي العالي بالعاشر من رمضان (henceforth the **Higher Technological Institute of 10<sup>th</sup> Ramadan City**), based in 10<sup>th</sup> Ramadan City (Egypt), 2<sup>nd</sup> Industrial District C2 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan City, 44629, represented by Dean of the School, Prof. Mohammed Abd Elsadek Nour

and

**Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Architecture**, based in Budapest (Hungary), 1111 Budapest, Műegyetem rkp. 3, represented by Dean of the Faculty, Assoc Prof. Csaba Molnár DLA

and

**Università degli Studi di Enna 'Kore'** (henceforth the **'Kore' University of Enna**), based in Enna (Italy), c/o Cittadella Universitaria, represented by the Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Architecture and Vice-Chancellor for Scientific Research, Prof. Giovanni Tesoriere

### Considered that:

- cultural and scientific exchange is indispensable to academic institutions to develop their educational and research activities;
- for the above-stated purpose, it is necessary to promote and encourage direct cultural agreements between institutions of higher education in different countries;
- the Statute of the University of Bergamo (articles 2.3, 2.6, and 2.8) allows the University to promote, organise and manage, in collaboration with other bodies, public or private, at local, national and/or international level, activities of common interest related to the institution's mission and goals;

- that the four institutions wish to cooperate in the fields of research and education in order to pursue activities of common interests in the following areas:
  - 1) Cultural heritage conservation, adaptive reuse and valorisation;
  - 2) Fostering the exchange of Faculties/Departments, researchers and students in the context of excellence-oriented activities in both research and education.

## **AGREE AND STIPULATE AS FOLLOWS**

### **Article 1 – Object of the agreement**

The object of this agreement is the promotion of cooperation in the fields of teaching and research between the University of Bergamo, the Higher Technological Institute of 10<sup>th</sup> Ramadan City, the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, and the ‘Kore’ University of Enna. It foresees the organisation of international workshops, winter/summer schools and other training activities in the fields of cultural heritage conservation, adaptive reuse and valorisation, knowledge of historical buildings and contemporary heritage sites. All Parties shall execute the first research work and training activities according to the modes described in detail in the schedule to this partnership cooperation agreement. For other future activities, in the rules of this agreement, it will be sufficient to add a new schedule approved by departments and faculties.

In particular, the project seeks to foster the relationship between the network of European and Egyptian scholars thanks to the organisation of summer/winter schools and workshops on an annual basis. These meeting opportunities will be hosted by the Universities, which are part of this agreement. Each Faculty/Department can suggest one activity and propose itself as host. Partners can choose to join the initiative by approving the activity program.

These didactic activities aim to:

- Transfer of knowledge from developed to developing countries;
- Encourage the training of Egyptian and European students in foreign countries to improve their knowledge in the fields of architecture, urban planning and engineering;
- Increase cultural wealth and improve the level of education of Egyptian students through the organisation of itinerant summer/winter schools both in European and Egyptian universities;
- Allow the meeting and the cultural exchange between European and Egyptian students in specific topics related to the conservation, reuse and enhancement of cultural heritage.

In addition to the above, in general terms, the agreement intends to promote the organisation of seminars, lectures, conferences and talks; to carry out joint research; exchanges of students for the attendance of courses, internships, specialisations or other educational activities; exchanges of teaching staff and researchers and to promote joint research initiatives; the participation in international research networks or programmes.

### **Article 2 – Application of the agreement**

The cooperation specified in Art. 1 shall be inspired by the principle of reciprocity and developed jointly by the Parties involved. The present Agreement does not imply any legal or financial obligation on the part of the signees.

### **Article 3 – Supervision of the agreement**

The scientific aspects and the implementation of this agreement shall be supervised by:

- for the University of Bergamo: Prof. Alessio Cardaci;
- for the Higher Technological Institute of 10<sup>th</sup> Ramadan City: Dr. Ahmed Nabih Elmenshawy, T.A. Ghada Assal and T.A. Muhammad Eldaidamony;
- for the Budapest University of Technology and Economics: Assoc. Prof. Zsolt Vasáros DLA
- for the ‘Kore’ University of Enna: Prof. Antonella Versaci.

### **Article 4 – Duration and termination of the agreement**

The present agreement will become effective from the date of the last signature and be valid for three years unless notice of termination of the agreement is given by one of the four parties at least six months in advance. In such cases, ongoing activities will have to be concluded anyway. Parties may also terminate the agreement if one of them fails to fulfil any obligations mentioned in the agreement; in such cases termination will become effective thirty (30) days after a specific message is sent, in which complaints are filed in

relation to unsolved issues, unless in the meantime such issues have been solved or the party who did not fulfil the obligations proves that this was due to *force majeure* circumstances.  
This agreement shall be valid for 3 years. Moreover it may be revised or amended by mutual written consent.

**Article 5 – Funding**

For the activities regulated by this agreement, the Faculties/Departments involved will make available:

- the knowledge and experience of the professors and technicians responsible for the convention;
- the use of the common structures of the Faculties/Departments and the availability of a classroom equipped for the implementation of seminars and didactic activities.

No other commitment is due to universities and individual departments. All other logistical and organisational aspects that will involve Egyptian students (accommodation, food, transportation, etc.), as well as event management costs and eventual teacher remuneration, will be fully incurred by Knowledge Transfer Network Egypt (KTN Egypt) and funded on a private basis by the participants.

**Article 6 – Insurance Coverage**

Participants in activities under the present Agreement must have medical, accident and liability insurance. Such insurance may be provided either by their home institution, according to its own regulations, or may be obtained directly by the interested person, by stipulating a policy with an insurance agency covering the above-mentioned risks. The host university is released from any duty to provide medical, accident or liability insurance to its foreign guests.

**Article 7 – Specific provisions**

In compliance with its statutes and regulations and within their capacities, each party shall ensure that visiting staff from the other Partner University specified in this agreement are given full assistance and support in the host’s country during the performance of their agreed duties.

- The present agreement is drafted only in English as agreed upon by the parties.
- Any controversies shall be referred to a panel of arbitrators consisting of one member appointed by each of the three parties and by two appointed jointly.

<p>for <b>University of Bergamo</b></p> <p><i>The Chancellor</i></p> <p>Prof. Remo Morzenti Pellegrini</p> <p>Date</p>	<p>for <b>Higher Technological Institute of 10th Ramadan City</b></p> <p><i>Dean of the School</i></p> <p>Prof. Mohammed Abd Elsadek Nour</p> <p>Date</p>	<p>for <b>Budapest University of Technology and Economics Faculty of Architecture</b></p> <p><i>Dean of the Faculty</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Csaba Molnár DLA</p> <p>Date</p>	<p>for <b>‘Kore’ University of Enna</b></p> <p><i>The Vice Chancellor</i></p> <p>Prof. Giovanni Tesoriere</p> <p>Date</p>
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