

I.3. Consejo de Gobierno

I.3.1. Acuerdo Único/CG Extraordinario de 21-05-25 por el que se aprueba la adhesión y firma del Consortium Agreement for Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy (TRACEE), entre las Instituciones de Educación Superior pertenecientes a la Alianza CIVIS.


Elevada a este Consejo de Gobierno por parte de la Vicerrectora de Internacionalización, propuesta de Acuerdo de adhesión y firma del Consortium Agreement for Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy (TRACEE), entre las instituciones de educación superior pertenecientes a la alianza Civis, previo informe favorable de la Comisión de Internacionalización de fecha 8 de abril de 2025 y de la Comisión de Estudios de Posgrado y Formación Continua de fecha 21 de mayo de 2025, al amparo de los artículos 8 y 9.1 de la vigente Normativa sobre acuerdos y convenios internacionales de la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid con universidades o instituciones extranjeras (aprobada en sesión de Consejo de Gobierno de 25 de junio de 2004), de conformidad con el artículo 46.2 h) de la Ley Orgánica 2/2023, de 22 de marzo, del Sistema Universitario; este Consejo de Gobierno, reunido con fecha de 23 de mayo de 2025 en sesión extraordinaria sin convocatoria y a través de correo electrónico, tras la deliberación y aprobación por 37 votos a favor, 0 en contra y 18 abstenciones, (una vez superado el plazo concedido para votación), **ACUERDA** la adhesión y firma del Consortium Agreement for Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy (TRACEE), entre las instituciones de educación superior pertenecientes a la alianza CIVIS, conforme texto literal que como **ANEXO** a continuación se inserta.

Lo que se acuerda y ordena publicar en el Boletín de la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (BOUAM), para su constancia y efectos jurídicos procedentes.

El presente Acuerdo es definitivo y agota la vía administrativa, de conformidad con los artículos 38.4 de la Ley Orgánica 2/2023, de 22 de marzo, del Sistema Universitario y 128.1 de los vigentes Estatutos de la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (aprobados mediante Decreto 214/2003, de 16 de octubre, del Consejo de Gobierno de la Comunidad de Madrid y modificados mediante Decreto 94/2009, de 5 de noviembre, del Consejo de Gobierno), y frente al mismo podrá interponerse:

- a) Con carácter potestativo y en el plazo de un mes contado a partir de su publicación en el BOUAM, recurso de reposición frente a este mismo órgano, de conformidad con el artículo 123 de la Ley 39/2015 de 1 de octubre, del Procedimiento Administrativo Común de las Administraciones Públicas (LPACAP).
- b) Alternativamente al apartado a), podrá ser impugnado directamente ante el orden jurisdiccional contencioso-administrativo, ante los Juzgados de lo Contencioso-administrativo de Madrid, en el plazo de dos meses, contado a partir de su publicación en el BOUAM, de acuerdo con lo establecido en los

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artículos 8, 14.1 y 46 de la Ley 29/1998, de 13 de julio, reguladora de la Jurisdicción Contencioso-Administrativa.

En Cantoblanco, a fecha de la firma. La Presidenta del Consejo de Gobierno. Amaya Mendikoetxea Pelayo

ANEXO I

Consortium Agreement for Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy (TRACEE)

PREAMBLE

CIVIS is a European Civic University Alliance formed by 11 leading research higher education institutions across Europe: Aix-Marseille Université, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Université libre de Bruxelles, University of Bucharest, University of Glasgow, Université de Lausanne, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Sapienza Università di Roma, Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg, Stockholm University and Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen. It brings together a community of more than 470,000 students and 58,000 staff members including 35,000 academics and researchers.

The Mediterranean zone and Africa are at the heart of CIVIS' global strategy. Since 2022, CIVIS entered into an ambitious partnership agreement with six prestigious African universities: Makerere University (Uganda), Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique), Université Hassan II de Casablanca (Morocco), University of Sfax (Tunisia), Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (Sénégal) and University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa). European and African universities in CIVIS commit to a comprehensive cooperation agenda by developing joint programmes and activities in education, research, and societal outreach.

The CIVIS **Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment, and Energy (TRACEE)** was initiated in 2021 by the academics in the CIVIS Hub Council of Climate, Environment and Energy, represented by all CIVIS universities. The initiative has since then come to involve a wide participation of academics, professional staff and senior management within the CIVIS partner universities.

This Agreement formalises a shared commitment to addressing urgent global challenges, including the climate crisis, environmental degradation, and sustainable energy transitions, through innovative and collaborative higher education.

In response to the global call for transformative education, the Programme is rooted in the principles of transdisciplinarity, integrating diverse academic disciplines and fostering collaboration with non-

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academic stakeholders. This approach equips students with the knowledge and skills to design and implement sustainable and impactful solutions to complex societal challenges.

Structured to leverage the strengths of all participating institutions, the Programme combines foundational studies at Stockholm University with thematic specialisations across the partner universities, culminating in a research-driven master's dissertation. By offering students access to varied academic resources, disciplinary perspectives, and multifaceted learning environments, the Programme exemplifies the shared strength and synergy of the partner universities forming the CIVIS Alliance.

Aligned with the objectives of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), the Programme promotes internationalisation, inclusivity, and excellence in higher education. It is designed to foster not only academic innovation but also equity and access, preparing graduates to lead transitions towards global sustainability.

Through this Consortium Agreement, the partner universities reaffirm their shared vision to foster academic excellence, adapt to evolving global needs, and contribute meaningfully to the resolution of environmental challenges. This partnership reflects the institutions' enduring commitment to collaboration, innovation, and the pursuit of a sustainable and equitable future.

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With the following annexes to the main agreement:


- Annex 1. Programme structure – Curriculum
- Annex 2. Consortium Structure, Committees and groups
- Annex 3. Student admission and selection criteria
- Annex 4. Student Agreement
- Annex 5. Degrees and diplomas
- Annex 6. Participation costs and Partner costs
- Annex 7. Data Protection

CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN TRANSDISCIPLINARY STUDIES OF CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY - TRACEE

THE CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED BY AND BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN CIVIS

STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY, hereafter referred to as “**SU**”, having its registered office at Stockholm University, corporate identity number 202100-3062, principal address at SE-106 91 Stockholm, Sweden, represented by **Professor Hans ADOLFSSON**, **President – as COORDINATOR**, hereafter named as “**Coordinating Partner University**” (CPU);

AIX-MARSEILLE UNIVERSITÉ, hereafter referred to as “**AMU**”, Public Higher Education Institution of scientific, cultural and professional character. *SIRET : 130 015 332 00013/ Code APE/NAF 85.42Z Enseignement supérieur*, having its registered office at 58 boulevard Charles Livon, Jardin du Pharo, 13284 Marseille Cedex 7, France. Represented by its **President, Professor Eric BERTON**, duly

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authorized to approve this agreement by the board of the University, on February 1st 2024, in the name and on behalf of the Institute OSU Pythéas, represented by its **Director M. Jean-Luc BEUZIT; NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS**, hereafter referred to as “**NKUA**”, having its registered office at Panepistimiou 30 Street, 10679 Athens, represented by **Professor Gerasimos Siasos, Rector**;

UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES, hereafter referred to as “**ULB**”, having its registered office at Avenue F. D. Roosevelt 50, 1050 Brussels, Belgium, represented by **Professor Annemie SCHAUS, Rector**;

UNIVERSITATEA DIN BUCUREȘTI, hereafter referred to as “**UB**”, having its registered office at 90 Panduri St., sector 5, 050663 Bucharest, Romania, represented by **Professor Marian PREDA, Rector**;

THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW, incorporated under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, hereafter referred to as “**UofG**”, having its principal office at University Avenue, Glasgow G12 8QQ, a registered Scottish Charity (Charity No SC004401, Charity Name "University of Glasgow Court"), represented by **Deputy Vice Chancellor – Operations and Chief Operating Officer and University Secretary**;

UNIVERSITÉ DE LAUSANNE, hereafter referred to as “**UNIL**”, having its registered office at Université de Lausanne, Direction, Bâtiment Unicentre, CH-1015 Lausanne, represented by **Frédéric Herman, Rector of the University of Lausanne**;

UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID, hereafter referred to as “**UAM**”, having its registered office at C/ Einstein 1, Ciudad Universitaria de Cantoblanco, 28049 Madrid, represented by **Amaya Mendikoetxea Pelayo, Rector**;


SAPIENZA UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA, hereafter referred to as “**SUR**”, having its registered office at Piazzale Aldo Moro 5 - 00185 Rome - Italy, represented by **Antonella Polimeni, Rector**;

PARIS LODRON UNIVERSITÄT SALZBURG, hereafter referred to as “**PLUS**”, having its registered office at Kapitelgasse 4, 5020 Salzburg, represented by **Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bernhard Fügenschuh**;

EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN, hereafter referred to as “**UT**”, having its registered office at Geschwister-Scholl-Platz, 72074 Tübingen, represented by **Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. (Dōshisha) Karla POLLMANN, President of the Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen**;

Hereafter each named a “**Partner University**” (PU), and together as “**Partner Universities**” (PUs). The PUs hereby agree on the following:

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Article 1 Definitions and interpretations

1.1. In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following concepts are to be understood and used as follows, when it is needed:

Academic Year means a 12-month period, which normally commences in September / October, during which courses are taught and assessed.

Admission to the Programme means that the student has met the criteria for the Programme agreed by the PUs and prevailed in any competitive admission process.

Agreement means the present agreement, including all its annexes attached to it.

Affiliated Partner University (AFPU) means universities that are not listed in the Agreement but that may contribute to the Programme.

Associated Partner University (APU) means universities that are planning to be degree-awarding in the Programme and are also contributing to the Programme, e.g. with teachers.

Background intellectual property means all and any Intellectual Property (excluding Foreground Intellectual Property) created, developed or otherwise in existence prior to the Commencement Date.

Board means the Programme board, which is the main decision-making body for the Programme, as outlined in Article 6.


Cohort means the group of students admitted and enrolled in the Programme in one intake.

Commencement Date means the date upon which this Agreement enters into force, being the 1st of the month following the final signature, notwithstanding the date of signing.

Confidential Information refers to such information provided by a PU in connection with this Agreement which is clearly marked as confidential or if disclosed verbally is characterised as confidential at the time of disclosure and has been confirmed as such in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days from verbal disclosure by the disclosing PU.

Coordinating Partner University (CPU) means the PU that has primary responsibility for the overall coordination in relation to the Programme.

Curriculum means the elements that make up a degree programme, including the structure, the content to be covered, intended learning outcomes, teaching and examination and assessment methods.

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Degree means the award.

Degree Type means the type of master's degree (Master of Arts, Master of Science, International Master etc.) and the level of qualification it confers (according to "EQF" below).

Diploma means the document/parchment presented to the student after successful completion of the programme according to practises and regulations of the awarding university/-ies.

Diploma Supplement means the document that accompanies the diploma and provides the details of the academic programme and academic achievements.

Electronic Signature means data in electronic form which is attached to or logically associated with other data in electronic form and which is used by the signatory to sign.

Enrolment in the Programme means the process of officially registering and becoming a student at a higher education institution in the Programme.

European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) means the "European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System", or any equivalent system used by the PUs. When other credit systems are in place, an equivalence to ECTS is provided in the annexes.

European Qualifications Framework (EQF) refers to the level of learning outcomes for all types of qualifications, serving as a translation tool between different national qualifications frameworks. The EQF is compatible with the Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area and its cycle descriptors are as follows: first cycle (bachelor) corresponds to level 6, second cycle (master) corresponds to level 7, and third cycle (doctorate) corresponds to level 8.

European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes (EA) means the European process approved by the EHEA ministers in May 2015 and developed to ease external quality assurance of joint programmes. The approach defines standards that are based on the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) and the Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area (QF-EHEA).

European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) means the set of standards and guidelines adopted by the EHEA ministers in May 2015 for internal and external quality assurance in higher education. A key goal is to contribute to the common understanding of quality assurance for learning and teaching across borders and among stakeholders.

Foreground intellectual property means all and any Intellectual Property created or developed by a PU or by any Student in the course of and relating to this Agreement.

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Institutional refers to the rules, policies and guidelines established by a PU.

Intake means the intake of Students in each Academic Year as set out in the Programme Structure.

Intellectual Property means copyright works, patents, discoveries, improvements, inventions, trademarks, designs, information, data, formulae, specifications, results of tests and field trials, diagrams, expertise, techniques, technology, know-how, and other Intellectual Property of any nature whatsoever, whether registered or unregistered, including applications and the right to apply for registration, renewal or extension of any of the foregoing rights and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection which subsist or will subsist now or in the future in any part of the world.

Issuing partner university refers to the PU that issues, upon graduation and in respect to the internal and/or national regulations in place, as well as the arrangements set out in this Agreement, the diploma, either on behalf of the respective PU, in case of multiple degrees, or on behalf of other PU(s), in case of a joint degree. The issuing partner universities are mentioned in the degree arrangements agreed through the present Agreement.

Joint Degree means the single degree jointly awarded by the PUs to a Student upon successful completion of a joint programme, as identified in the Programme structure and based on the study tracks choices; these partners jointly develop and deliver a programme that leads to a single award according to their shared regulations and processes. The joint degree must be signed by the competent authorities of two or more of the participating institutions jointly and recognized officially in the countries where those participating institutions are located.

Joint Programmes are here understood as higher education programmes jointly coordinated and offered by two or more higher education institutions. It can be implemented at any higher education cycle and can be national (i.e., when all universities involved are from the same country) or transnational / international (i.e., when at least two different countries are represented among the higher education institutions involved). A joint programme leads to the awarding of either a joint degree or double / multiple degrees.

Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy is the official title (name) of the programme leading to the degree(s) regulated by the present Agreement, the title used in all official contexts, recognized in all EU countries.

Master thesis project means the thesis and all the related work and processes, including the viva (defense).

Multiple Degree means separate degrees awarded by higher education institutions offering the joint programme attesting the successful completion of this programme.

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National refers to the regulations and legislation established and enforced by a country's government within its borders.

Participation cost refers to the financial charges levied on students for their enrolment in the Programme. The participation costs contribute to the Partner costs related to delivering academic instruction, supporting educational resources, and maintaining programme operations. The participation costs are determined based on the financial model agreed upon by the PUs.

Partner university (PU) means a university that awards a degree, as applicable with reference to the relevant format of the awarded degree (joint, double or multiple), as stated in this Agreement.

Partner cost means the cost each PU charges the consortium per taught semester and student at their university.

Programme Director refers to the individual nominated by each PU to oversee their institution's participation in the Programme. This individual, typically an academic, is responsible for representing the respective PU in the Board, if not otherwise decided by the respective PU, including voting and decision-making on behalf of the PU. The Programme Director ensures the effective implementation of the Programme at their university and serves as the primary liaison with the Board, other PUs, and the CPU, as outlined in this Agreement.

Professional adviser refers to the individual designated by a PU or by the CIVIS Alliance to provide specialised advice and guidance related to the programme's administration, implementation, or specific academic components. While not necessarily involved in decision-making processes, the professional adviser contributes to the effective participation of the PU in the Programme as outlined in this Agreement.


Programme refers to the Programme described in Annex 1 consisting of the relevant courses, mobility frames, semesters, and other specific information related to the programme leading to the degree(s).

Programme Structure means how the Programme is set up as outlined in Annex 1 to this Agreement.

Register means the Student registering with each of the PUs to become a Student of that PU in accordance with the procedures and regulations contained in the published regulations of the relevant PU.

Relevant Legal Requirements means all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, and codes relating to anti-bribery and corruption as may be applicable in their respective jurisdictions.

Student is understood as an individual who has been admitted to a PU and enrolled in the Programme covered by this Agreement.

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Student Handbook means a description of the Programme and related information to be communicated to the students interested in applying for the Programme, as well as students enrolled in the Programme.

Teaching Unit means unit of teaching and learning (e.g., courses, lessons, lectures, seminars, modules, etc.).

Thesis / Dissertation means the final piece of research needed for the student(s) to graduate from the Programme leading to the degree(s).

TRACEE is the acronym of the Programme, derived from the Programme title. It shall be used for promotional purposes, such as marketing campaigns, branding materials, and other dissemination and promotional aims and actions.

Transcript of records is an official record or breakdown of a student's progress and achievements. Many credit-based education systems employ detailed transcripts that show the credits and grades for units undertaken (e.g. ECTS Transcript of Records).

Visiting Scholar means a person with outstanding academic and / or professional experience who lectures or conducts research in a recognised higher education institution or a research organisation.

Viva means oral defence of the final thesis/dissertation.

1.2. All references to clauses are references to the relevant Clauses in this document. Headings are for convenience only and shall be ignored in interpreting this Agreement.

1.3. Where there is any conflict or inconsistency between this Agreement and the Programme Structure, then the terms of this Agreement shall prevail, unless expressly stated otherwise in the Programme Structure.

1.4. Words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa.

1.5. As used in this Agreement the word “including” means “including but not limited to” and “include” and “includes” will be interpreted accordingly.

Article 2 Background and area of cooperation

2.1. The present Consortium Agreement regulates the collaboration between the PUs of the TRACEE Consortium in the implementation and delivery of a master level programme called “**Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy**”, hereinafter called “**the Programme**” or “**TRACEE**”.

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2.2. The PUs jointly deliver a two-year master programme resulting in the award of a combination of joint and multiple degrees, based on the various combinations of the PUs.

Study track number and name	Awarding universities	Degree type	Degree Title
ST1: Environmental Humanities and Law	SU	Multiple	Master of Science in Transdisciplinary Environmental Science
	PLUS	Joint	Master in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy
	UB		
ST2: Environmental Social Sciences	SU	Multiple	Master of Science in Transdisciplinary Environmental Science
	UofG	Multiple	International Masters in Environmental Social Science
	UB	Multiple	Master in Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives on Socio-ecological Transformations
ST3: Energy and matter <i>Start autumn 2026</i>	SU	Multiple	Master of Science in Transdisciplinary Environmental Science
	UAM	Multiple (Local 60 ECTS)*	Master in Energy and Fuels for the Future
	UB	Multiple	Master in Nature-centred Approach to Sustainability
ST4: Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology <i>Start autumn 2026</i>	SU	Joint	Master of Science in Transdisciplinary Environmental Science
	UT		Master of Science Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy
	UB		
ST5: Environmental Geoscience	SU	Multiple	Master of Science in Transdisciplinary Environmental Science
	UofG	Multiple	International Masters in Environmental GeoScience
	AMU	Multiple	Master Sciences de la Terre et des planètes, environnement
	SU		Master of Science in Transdisciplinary Environmental Science
	NKUA		Master of Science Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy
	UT		

SU		Master of Science in Transdisciplinary Environmental Science
UNIL		Master of Science (MSc) in Environmental Science
SUR		Master of Science in Sciences and Teaching of Natural Systems
SU		Master of Science in Transdisciplinary Environmental Science
PLUS		Master in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy
ULB		
SU		Master of Science in Transdisciplinary Environmental Science
SUR		Master of Science in Sciences and Teaching of Natural Systems
AMU		Master Biodiversité, Ecologie et Evolution

*ST3 will aim for a joint degree with EMJM for start 2026.

2.3. Degree awarding PUs are listed in their various degree awarding combinations which in turn are dependent on the Study Track choices of the students, as mentioned in Annex 1.

2.4. Students shall work towards a multiple or joint award (as appropriate) from the relevant Degree Awarding PUs in respect of the Programme and stated awards shall be conferred in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PUs awarding mentioned multiple or joint degrees, unless otherwise stated herein.

2.5. Students shall be physically present at each of the PUs in accordance with the timetable set out in the Annex 1.

2.6. Each PU is subject to the rules and jointly agreed regulations set up in this Agreement.

2.7. Academic regulations

2.7.1 Use of Mix of Joint and Multiple Degree Academic Regulations

In relation to the jointly agreed regulations for the joint degrees awarded under this Agreement, as stated in Annex 1, it will be the academic regulations of the issuing PU which

shall apply, unless otherwise stated in Article 13. These regulations may be amended by the same PU.

In relation to the jointly agreed regulations for the multiple degrees awarded – as listed in the table above – it will be the academic regulations of the respective multiple degree PU that apply and which will have been coordinated and agreed so as to meet with the minimum requirements of each of the PUs in that study track degree awarding combination.

2.7.2 Academic Appeals

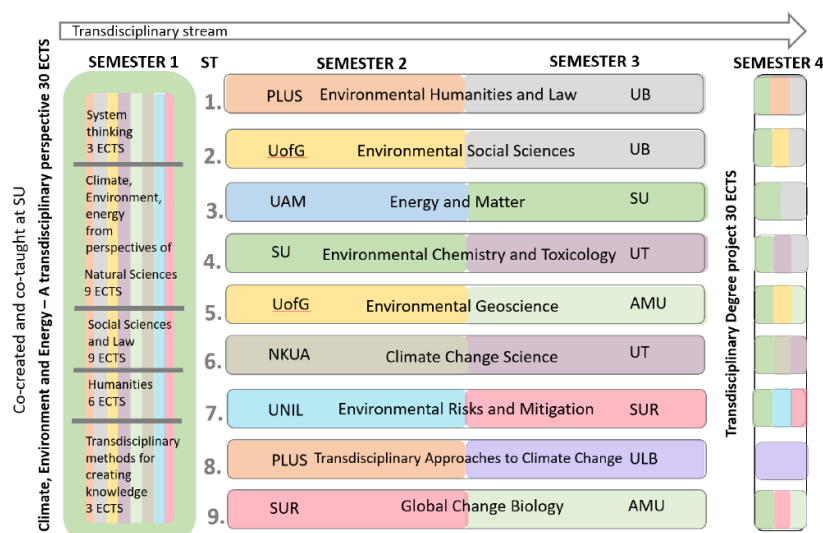
For the multiple degrees, the degree awarding PU's own rules and academic regulations will apply to each of its own awards.

For the Jointly Awarded Degrees, the academic regulations of the issuing PU will apply (assessment and academic appeals) unless otherwise stated in Article 13. These regulations may be amended by the same PU.

2.8. Without affecting the former, the Agreement is also intended to be in accordance with a multi-beneficiary grant agreement with the European Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Grant Agreement”) within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission fund for Erasmus Mundus Joint Master degree (hereinafter referred to as “EMJM”).

Article 3 The Programme

3.1. The Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy (TRACEE) is a two-year programme comprising 120 ECTS credits, evenly distributed across four semesters, each worth 30 ECTS credits. An overview of the Programme is presented below:



3.2. Regarding credit equivalence for institutions not using ECTS, see below and details in Annex 1.

Partner University	AMU	NKUA	ULB	UB	UofG	UNIL	UAM	SUR	PLUS	SU	UT
System	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	SCQF	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS
credits for the degree	120	120	120	120	240	120	120 (60*)	120	120	120	120

*ST3 will aim for a joint degree with EMJM for start 2026. Should the process be delayed, UAM will award a local multiple degree of 60 ECTS.

3.3. Mobility is an integral component of the Programme, and each study track has specific mobility pathways, requiring students to complete their studies at a minimum of two countries different from the country of residence of the student at the enrolment stage (see Annex 1).

3.4. The vision, target groups and learning outcomes of the Programme are presented in Annex 1.

3.5. The Programme is at level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and the second cycle in the Framework for Qualifications of the European Higher Education Area, as well as their equivalents at national level of the countries of the PUs.

3.6. The structure and content of the Programme are stated respectively in Annex 1 of the present Agreement.

3.7. The curriculum, structure and content of the Programme, as well as the Programme revision, are the responsibility of the Board and are subject to the approval of the relevant authorities of the degree-awarding PUs.

3.8. The structure and content of the Programme can be subjected to revisions and updates before the application for each Programme edition opens, changes enacting only for the students enrolled after the approval of the revision(s).

3.9. All Degree-Awarding PUs shall ensure that the Programme is correctly registered, shall ensure or strive for that the Programme is correctly accredited as a joint or multiple Master degree Programme in their national jurisdiction in accordance with national and institutional regulations and shall duly inform each other of any developments regarding the accreditation status.

3.10. The language of the Programme is English, unless otherwise specified.

Article 4 Responsibilities of the Partner Universities

For the attainment of the Programme's visions and intended learning outcomes, the following responsibilities will be carried out by the PUs:

4.1. SU, as CPU, functions as programme coordinator on behalf of the Consortium. The CPU shall have primary responsibility for the overall administration and coordination in relation to the Programme.

4.2. The coordination is carried out in cooperation with the other PUs. For this purpose, each PU shall appoint one lead administrator to ensure a smooth operation of the Programme and Consortium as a whole.

4.3. In addition to the responsibilities assigned to it elsewhere in this Agreement, the CPU

- a) may delegate coordination roles to other PUs as mentioned in the present article,
- b) shall report to the TRACEE Consortium via the Board so that each PU has a full understanding of administrative matters in relation to the Programme,
- c) shall nominate the Administrative Coordinator of the Programme and at least one representative to the Board,
- d) shall administer the admission of students to the Programme on behalf of the Consortium, according to the joint requirements and procedures set out in Annex 3, and
- e) shall support the delivery of the 1st semester in cooperation with all PUs, as per the details outlined in the Programme Structure.

4.4. Responsibilities vis-à-vis third parties 4.4.1 The CPU represents and acts on behalf of the Consortium vis-à-vis any third party that wishes to enter into an agreement, in particular a grant agreement, with the Consortium, subject to prior agreement by all PUs to interact with this particular third party. Any decision in this regard is subject to the Board's approval and subject to separate agreements.

4.4.2 Exception to the Article 4.1: By the decision of the Board, the CPU can delegate to another PU to act on behalf of the Consortium vis-à-vis any third party.

4.4.3 Exception to Article 4.1: It is the responsibility of the PU, where the student is actively registered and physically present studying a specific semester, to enter into agreements with third parties in reference to required degree projects, internships, work placements etc.

4.5. Responsibilities of the PUs, unless otherwise specified in this Agreement 4.5.1 Each PU shall be responsible for the activities assigned to it in the Programme Structure, including delivering the courses and credits, as well as the provisions for teaching and learning materials and assessment of learning outcomes for the relevant course. The procedures which apply to each activity will be outlined in the Programme Structure, unless otherwise stated herein.

4.5.2 Each PU shall appoint a Programme Director for the Board as specified in Article 6.

4.5.3 Each PU will be responsible for ensuring that its share of Student numbers is recognized in its internal planning and budgeting procedures and in any statistical return.


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- 4.5.4 After completion of each semester, each PU will provide all other PUs in the respective study track of the students' results with an official Transcript of Records.
- 4.5.5 Where there is joint responsibility for the delivery of any course in the Programme, the PUs responsible for a specific study track shall jointly develop appropriate teaching and learning materials and shall agree which PU shall be responsible for the provision of joint teaching and learning materials to students.
- 4.5.6 Upon completion of the joint Programme, each PU shall award the degree(s) agreed upon for each specific study track of the Programme, in accordance with the criteria specified in this Agreement with specific rules and regulations in place at the respective PU, unless otherwise stated herein. The degree(s) awarded by each PU for each study track are specified in Annex 1.
- 4.6. In addition to the above, specific responsibilities central to the functioning of the Programme, are distributed as follows
- 4.6.1 SU shall coordinate the process with applications and scholarships, and chair the Applications and Scholarship Selection Committee (ASSC).
- 4.6.2 UB shall coordinate the quality assurance of the Programme, and chair the Quality Assurance Committee, QAC.
- 4.6.3 ULB shall coordinate the marketing and student recruitment of the Programme, and chair the Marketing and Student Recruitment Group, MSRG.
- 4.6.4 AMU will convene and chair the Student Support Group (SSG). SU shall be vice chair of the SSG and coordinate the provision of student information on the content as well as on applicable regulations for the Programme, which will be valid at the date of the opening of the students' application.
- 4.6.5 UNIL shall coordinate the group overseeing the overall transdisciplinarity of the Programme, and chair the Transdisciplinary Stream and Thesis Committee, TSTC.
- 4.6.6 UofG shall chair the Teaching and Learning Committee, TLC.
- 4.7. Each PU will perform the responsibilities assigned to it pursuant this Agreement and the Programme Structure with reasonable skill and care and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations that apply to it.

Article 5 Communication responsibilities of the Partner Universities

- 5.1. PUs shall take all steps necessary to prepare for, perform and correctly manage the Programme set out in this Agreement and its Programme Structure and annexes.
- 5.2. PUs shall promptly notify any delay in performance or any event that may impact the Programme delivery to the Programme Board.

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5.3. PUs shall always act in good faith and in a manner that reflects the good name, goodwill, and reputation of all other PUs, in accordance with scientific and academic ethics and to participate in a cooperative manner at the meetings of the different bodies established under this Agreement.

5.4. In the case of a student who needs longer time to fulfil the requirements of the Programme, the PU where the student is currently present, will involve the other PUs in the specific study track to jointly agree on appropriate measures.

Article 6 Management and administration


6.1. The PUs assemble in a Programme Board, in this Agreement referred to as the Board. The Board has the overall responsibility for the strategy, priorities, and management of the Programme as a whole.

6.2. Within the PUs, the faculties and/or departments listed below, are responsible for the Programme and are tasked with all internal decisions regarding the Programme that are part of their remit according to the rules and regulations at the respective PU. Changes to the list shall be decided by the Board.

FACULTY AND/OR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROGRAMME AT EACH PU			
PU	Name of the faculty and/or department	General contact entry	Chair of Committee or group
SU	Department of Environmental Science Stockholm University 106 91 Stockholm	For academic queries: prefekt@aces.su.se For administrative queries: tracee@aces.su.se	The Applications and Scholarship Selection Committee (ASSC)
AMU	Institute OSU Pythéas	Academic queries: Laurence Vidal vidal@cerege.fr Alexandre Gelabert gelabert@cerege.fr Mobility coordination: dri-campus-marseille-centre-mobilite@univ-amu.fr dri-campus-luminy-mobilite@univ-amu.fr	The Student Support Group (SSG)

NKUA	Department of Chemistry	For academic queries: Christina-Anna Mitsopoulou cmitsop@chem.uoa.gr and Constantinos Kartalis ckartali@phys.uoa.gr For administrative queries: civis@uoa.gr	
ULB	Faculté des Sciences	For academic queries Wouter.Achten@ulb.be For administrative queries: Daf.sciences@ulb.be and Muriel.Constas@ulb.be.	The Marketing and Student Recruitment Group (MSRG)
UB	Faculty of Philosophy - for ST1 Faculty of Sociology and Social Work – for ST2 Faculty of Biology – for ST3 and ST4	For academic queries: Delia-Laura Popescu delia.popescu@chimie.unibuc.ro For administrative queries: Adelina Tudor adelina-elena.tudor@rectorat.unibuc.ro Carina Avram carina-maria.avram@g.unibuc.ro Departament CIVIS: civis@unibuc.ro	The Quality Assurance Committee (QAC)
UofG	School of Geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow...	For academic enquiries: Cristina. Persano@Glasgow.ac.uk For Administrative queries: Anne.Dunlop@Glasgow.ac.uk	The Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC)
UNIL	Faculty of Geosciences and Environment / School of Geosciences and Environment	For academic queries: pietro.deanna@unil.ch For administrative queries: magali.petermann-glaus@unil.ch	The Transdisciplinary Stream and Thesis Committee (TSTC)
UAM	Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid C. Francisco Tomás y Valiente, 7 Ciudad Universitaria de Cantoblanco, 28049 Madrid (Spain)	For academic queries: decanato.ciencias@uam.es For administrative queries: coordinador.master.energias@uam.es	
SUR	Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra Sapienza Università di Roma P.le Aldo Moro 5 00185 Roma (Italy)	For academic queries: Prof. Marta Della Seta marta.dellaseta@uniroma1.it For administrative queries: didattica.dst@uniroma1.it	
PLUS	Faculty of Natural and Life Sciences, Department of Environment and Biodiversity, Hellbrunnerstr. 34, 5020 Salzburg	For academic queries: gudrun.zagel@plus.ac.at or andreas.lang@plus.ac.at For administrative queries: petra.hoepfner@plus.ac.at	

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UT	Faculty of Science Department of Geosciences University of Tübingen 72076 Tübingen	For academic queries: (will be set up) tracee@uni-tuebingen.de For administrative queries: studiengangsentwicklung@uni-tuebingen.de	
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6.3. Board composition

The Board consists of

- 6.3.1 One member (voting) per PU, including SU. The member should be selected by each university and be able to speak, and decide on behalf of their university. Preferably, the member should be the Programme director or similar for the Programme, i.e. typically an academic teacher with a PhD (or equivalent).
- 6.3.2 One member (non-voting) per APU (Associated Partner University).
- 6.3.3 Two student representatives (one shared vote), selected by the CIVIS Student Council. The CIVIS Student Council has the authority to define and implement the selection procedure and inform the Board accordingly.
- 6.3.4 One chair (non-voting) from the CPU.
- 6.3.5 Two representatives (non-voting) from the Hub 1 Council of the CIVIS Alliance, where at least one is from an affiliated (e.g. African) partner. The Hub 1 Council has the authority to define and implement the selection procedure and inform the Board accordingly.
- 6.3.6 One administrative representative (non-voting) from the CPU shall be permanently adjoined, and act as secretary for the Board.
- 6.3.7 Any other participant (non-voting) adjoined by decision of the Board.

6.4. Board responsibilities and mandate

- 6.4.1 The Board is the main decision-making body for the Consortium. It is responsible for all matters of relevance for the Programme, including financial matters, subject to the approval of the relevant authorities of the degree-awarding PUs.
- 6.4.2 The Board can decide to change the status of an APU to PU. Such a decision has to be taken by formal consensus, and a written confirmation from each voting member is required.
- 6.4.3 The Board will assign the committees and working groups listed in Annex 2 to manage specific tasks. These committees and working groups will report to the Board. The Board may agree to revise the committees and working groups as well as create new committees or working groups. The coordination of the committees is decided by the Board and can be shared among different PUs.
- 6.4.4 The Board may decide to revise the annexes.
- 6.4.5 The Board shall decide on any cooperation with a third party that wishes to enter into an agreement with the Consortium, in particular a grant agreement, as set out in Article 4.4.1.


6.5. The Board shall:

- 6.5.1 Monitor and ensure that the terms and conditions in this Agreement have been, and continue to be met;
- 6.5.2 Provide continuous risk analysis and risk management in relation to the Programme;
- 6.5.3 Oversee the recruitment and admission of Students;
- 6.5.4 Decide on the target number as well as the minimum and maximum number of Students for each study track, to manage a sustainable budget for the Programme;
- 6.5.5 Decide on the number of scholarships for each study track, according to EMJM funding regulations, if case;
- 6.5.6 Oversee the operation of the Programme (e.g. staffing, timetabling, accommodation, student services, PUs facilities);
- 6.5.7 Identify Programme-related resource needs;
- 6.5.8 Oversee the production and maintenance of comprehensive Student course documentation, i.e. the curriculum as set out in Annex 1;
- 6.5.9 Oversee the annual course monitoring report(s) for the Programme;
- 6.5.10 Approve the annual course monitoring/evaluation and EACEA technical report(s) for the EMJM Programme, if case;
- 6.5.11 Present recommendations relating to initial approval and subsequent modification of the Programme and regulations;
- 6.5.12 Set the level of Participation Costs;
- 6.5.13 Oversee the management of Fees, including the allocation, disbursement and monitoring of fee waivers, when applicable, to students and the payment of visiting scholars;
- 6.5.14 Assume financial responsibility for the Programme, including, if relevant, control of EMJM funds, as well as the allocation, disbursement and monitoring of grants to students and scholars within the EMJM funds. The Board will review and amend these scholarship conditions if necessary;
- 6.5.15 Be responsible for the quality assurance of the Programme;
- 6.5.16 Recommend adaptations and updates of the joint curriculum to reflect recent developments and to give final approval to new course proposals and/or amendments;
- 6.5.17 Define common standards for admission, a common application procedure and organise and oversee a joint student selection process, in accordance with relevant legislation;
- 6.5.18 Be responsible for the marketing and sustainability strategies for the Programme;
- 6.5.19 Oversee the information on the content and applicable regulations for the Programme which will be valid at the date of the opening of the student's application;
- 6.5.20 The Board can delegate the management and operative tasks to other PUs, in addition to what is set out in Article 4.

6.6. Terms of Engagement for the Board

- 6.6.1 Each degree-awarding PU shall, at its own expense, compensate their own Board member, Programme Director, teachers and other staff whom it employs for the implementation of the Programme and related tasks, and will assume no responsibility for the compensation of the other PUs' Board members, teachers and other staff.

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6.6.2 Should operational meetings be required in addition to the meetings of the Board, these will be agreed between the members of the Board.

6.6.3 The members of the Board shall keep the Board informed of any relevant operational development or issue related to the remit of the Board.

6.6.4 The Board shall have no power to alter the terms of this Agreement, unless otherwise specified, but may recommend changes to the Programme to the relevant authority of each PU. Any changes to the Programme, including changes to the terms, must be agreed in writing by each PU.

6.6.5 The Board shall keep contact with CIVIS Alliance governance and management bodies of relevance and keep them updated on the Programme, as appropriate.

6.6.6 The main communication channel of the Programme Directors will be via meetings of the Board and via The Applications and Scholarship Selection Committee (ASSC), or its subgroups for the respective study tracks. The Programme Director at each PU shall liaise with their counterpart(s) in the other PUs on all matters concerning the Programme, including curriculum; assessments; students' progress; and quality issues. The Programme Director at each PU shall ensure that the Programme of study at their PU is consistent with the objectives of the Programme curriculum.

6.7. Board meeting structure

6.7.1 The Board should meet at least twice per year, but can decide to meet more often.

6.7.2 The meetings referred to may take place by means of video conference. Where travel is required, all related costs shall be under the responsibility of each PU.

6.7.3 If external funding for the Consortium is granted, travel for Board meetings may be paid by the Consortium.

6.7.4 The CPU prepares the agenda and the relevant documents at least one week prior to the Board meetings. The Board may take decisions via electronic means between regular meetings. In such cases, the CPU will ensure that the documents of all motions to be acted on are circulated to the Programme Board members in a timely manner prior to the deadline for voting.

6.7.5 The CPU is responsible for keeping accurate records of all meetings and decisions of the Board, and for circulating authorised documents and minutes of the meetings and decisions taken to the members in a timely manner. The CPU will follow up on decisions taken by the Board and reports back to the Board on progress made.

6.8. Board decisions

6.8.1 The Board shall seek consensus for its decisions.

6.8.2 If consensus cannot be reached, the Board shall act by a simple majority. Each PU shall have one vote. The student representatives shall have one vote as a group. If there is a draw, the CPU has the deciding vote. The result of a vote shall be noted in the minutes of the Board meeting. Prior to proceeding to a vote, and if a voting member requests it, each voting member can be asked to express its position on the specific matter. Associated and adjoined members, have the right to participate in discussions and express their views, but shall not have a vote.

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6.8.3 For a decision of the Board to be reached, all members of the Board have to be represented in the meeting. If a Board member is unable to participate in the meeting, the Board member can mandate another representative to vote in its place.

6.8.4 For certain Board decisions, specified in the Agreement, formal consensus may be necessary, and a written confirmation from each voting member requested.

Article 7 Consortium structure

7.1. In addition to the Board, the Consortium is also composed of the committees and groups described in Annex 2. These shall report to the Board.

7.2. The Board may decide to reassign and rotate responsibilities for convening the committees and groups among the PUs, as deemed appropriate.

7.3. The Board should aim to have every PU represented in at least one committee or group, unless otherwise specified.

Article 8 Students

8.1. The number of students to be admitted to the Programme is determined by the Board before each intake of the Programme.

8.2. All students admitted to the Programme follow the first semester at SU, based on the Programme structure (Annex 1).

8.3. All students are admitted to the corresponding PUs within the selected study track from the start of the Programme.

8.4. Each PU is required to accept eligible students for the corresponding study track, as decided by the Board.

8.5. The number of students in the respective study track will be decided by the Board for each intake of the Programme taking into account the capacity of each study track, and the overall economy.

A maximum number of students that can be admitted within a study track is presented in the table below and shall be communicated for each intake by the respective PU. The Board will use this reference to specify the number of students for each study track in order to not exceed the maximum number. No minimum number for students within each study track has been set by any PU for their respective courses. For budget reasons, the Board may decide on a minimum number of students for certain study tracks.

<i>Study track</i>	<i>PU</i>	<i>Max Student capacity</i>
<i>ST1: Environmental Humanities and Law</i>	SU/PLUS/UB	No limit
<i>ST2: Environmental Social Sciences</i>	SU/UofG/UB	No limit
<i>ST3: Energy and matter</i>	SU/UAM/UB	5
<i>ST4: Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology</i>	SU/UT/UB	10
<i>ST5: Environmental Geoscience</i>	SU/UofG/AMU	4
<i>ST6: Climate Change Science</i>	SU/NKUA/UT	10

ST7: Environmental Risk and Mitigation

SU/UNIL/SUR 5

ST8: Transdisciplinary Approaches to Climate Change

SU/PLUS/ULB 10

ST9: Global Change Biology

SU/SUR/AMU 4

8.6. In the case of a student who is no longer able to follow the Programme or who must withdraw from the Programme at short notice while at a PU, the relevant PU is responsible for notifying the other PUs immediately.

8.6.1 The student is entitled to a Transcript of Records from each PU in the relevant study track, for passed courses.

8.6.2 If local and institutional regulations allow, a PU may decide on appropriate adaptations to the participation conditions to meet the specific needs of a student taking part in the Programme.

8.6.3 PUs that are able to, may offer the student the possibility to finish their studies and receive a national degree, according to their local and institutional regulations and legislation.

9 Article 9 Student admission and selection criteria

9.1. Student admission is carried out jointly by the PUs in line with the admission requirements and selection criteria set out in Annex 3 to this Agreement.

9.2. The CPU shall manage the admission procedure as described in the Annex 3 of this Agreement acting on behalf of, or jointly with, the PUs depending on the admission procedure steps.

9.3. The admission requirements, selection criteria and admission procedure shall be communicated in the Student Handbook, as appropriate.

9.4. The Board can make adjustment to the admission requirements, selection criteria and admission procedure before the opening of the application of each edition of the Programme with due consideration to national, local and institutional regulations of the PU concerned.

9.5. Selected students should be admitted and registered as Programme students at all universities within a study track.

Article 10 Insurance

10.1. The insurance scheme of the Swedish Agency Kammarkollegiet has been chosen to cover the students participating in the Programme and will be provided by the CPU.

10.2. In addition, PUs can require students to obtain sufficient insurance coverage to comply with the specific requirements of that PU and with national regulations. In such cases, it is the responsibility of each PU to inform the students accordingly in due time.

10.3 Students shall be advised to obtain the European Health Insurance Card, when possible.

10.4. When a teacher of one PU participates in activities at another PU, the teacher shall primarily be covered by the regular insurance arrangements of the sending PU and secondarily be covered by the insurance arrangements of the hosting PU, according to its practise.

Article 11 Mobility

11.1. Mobility for students and teachers is embedded in the Programme structure.

11.2. Students participating in the Programme must fulfil all the mobility requirements according to the study track to which they are admitted, according to the Programme structure (Annex 1). The mobility arrangements ensure that students spend two semesters in two countries different from their country of residence at enrolment.

11.3. PUs shall provide information to students concerning administrative, financial, and pedagogical aspects linked to the mobilities, as appropriate.

11.4. Any compulsory student mobility is self-funded by the student. Students eligible for an Erasmus+ student mobility for studies grant, will be able to apply for such a grant during the first semester of the Programme, for a maximum of two semesters out of semester two, three and four. The CPU will provide those grants from its Erasmus+ funds and will be responsible for the related administration. The number of grants for each coming academic year is to be decided by the CPU and communicated to the Board. In addition, students may receive funding from other sources.

11.5. To support the successful joint delivery of the Programme, the following staff mobility components (which can be virtual) shall be carried out:

- a) participation in each cohort's kick-off;
- b) participation from all consortium partners during the first semester's course of 30 ECTS credits hosted by SU;
- c) creation and implementation of a transdisciplinary stream throughout the Programme, for all students in each cohort, jointly taught and administrated by the Consortium.

11.6. The PUs shall regulate the reception and employment of faculty members and administrative staff participating in mobility under this Agreement, in conformity with the law and the rules in force in the country and institution concerned during the exchange.

11.7. Personnel covered by this Agreement will continue to comply with the contractual obligations with their original PU and will continue to receive their due remuneration and benefit from the rights

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that they are entitled to for their juridical position, according to the legislative norms existing in the country of the sending PU, as well as relevant regulations of that PU.

11.8. In each case, the original PU shall consider the duration of the stay as an ordinary service period for all purposes. The PUs agree that all financial issues will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds provided by European Union programmes, or by potential public or private funding used for this project.

11.9. For the first semester, the level of compensation for teaching is based on the policy of SU, being the host institution for the first semester of the Programme. The compensation will be paid to the university where the CIVIS teacher is employed. The compensation for teaching in the first semester may be adjusted through a decision by the Board, should admitted students to the Programme be significantly lower than 30.

11.10. The staff mobility period may be funded by Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Teaching (STA) or Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Training (STT), according to each PU's locally implemented Erasmus+ regulations.

Article 12 Student matters

12.1. Each student shall enjoy the privileges and access to resources throughout the Programme and be subject to the regulations of each PU during their mobility period where the student is physically present. Students should be registered at all degree awarding PUs in each respective study track, at all times.

12.2. Each PU will clarify all requirements as regards to documentation and student responsibilities for registration procedures, attendance and visa purposes, that students must comply with. The Student Agreement (Annex 4) will serve as a template to be updated for each intake.

12.3. Each PU assumes no responsibility for any personal property or personal belongings which students may bring onto its premises and each PU is expressly released from all liability for any loss or theft of, or any damage to, personal property or personal belongings that may be sustained by students due to the participation in the Programme.

12.4. While at a PU, the local and institutional policies for the resolution of non-academic complaints and appeals will apply and students will be subject to all local laws, statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to them. Students involved in the mobility programme shall be subject to the rules and regulations which are in force in the PU where they spend their mobility period.

12.5. Field work activities may be undertaken during a specific semester of the Programme. If this is the case, local and institutional regulations shall apply.

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12.6. The CPU shall be responsible for maintaining an archive of student results in accordance with its regular practices and regulations. Student results shall be made available to the other PUs. All PUs are in turn responsible for delivering students' study results in official documents/transcripts of records to the CPU no later than two months after the start of the following semester. All PUs will be entitled to include details of successful students in their alumni databases.

Article 13 Degrees and Diplomas

13.1. The degrees are conferred by the Programme by the respective PU according to national, local and institutional regulations, and the arrangements stated in the present Agreement (Article 2.2), after the successful completion following the curriculum as set out in Annex 1 and a minimum of 120 ECTS within a study track.

13.2. The credits achieved within the curriculum at other PUs involved in a study track are recognised by the PU awarding the degree.

13.3. The degrees are conferred by the awarding PUs according to their national, local and institutional regulations for the corresponding study track. In case of joint degree, one PU is mandated to issue the corresponding diploma.

13.4. The awarded degrees for each study track are listed in the Annex 5 of the present Agreement including information if the degree is multiple or joint, the title, the name, the issuing PU, the format, language, signatures (or electronic signatures for digital diplomas) and provided diploma supplement.

13.5. The issued diploma can be digital or physical according to the corresponding PU and may differ in content and languages. A version in English should always be provided by each PU, unless stated otherwise in Annex 5.


Article 14 Award and graduation

14.1. Once a student fulfils all the requirements of the Programme, as well as the specific study track, and is successful in the relevant assessment process, a designated partner as agreed, shall arrange for the jointly awarded degree. The specific arrangements for jointly awarded degrees are set out in Annex 5.

14.2. The relevant degree will be conferred following the successful completion of 120 ECTS as specified by the Programme structure.

14.3. There will be a joint ceremony or conference for each cohort at the end of the Programme.

14.4. The jointly awarded degree diploma will include the signature of all relevant authorities

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of the degree awarding PUs. The degree diploma, grade certificate, diploma supplement and final transcript of records will be produced by a designated partner as agreed.

14.5. All relevant degree award documentation, regardless of the types of the degree(s), will refer to the PUs who have contributed to the delivery of the degree(s), as well as to the Programme.

14.6. Each degree is accompanied by a Diploma Supplement and a full Transcript of Records issued by the PUs presenting the details of the student's academic programme and academic achievement, following the Diploma Supplement template developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES and adapted to any further specifications in national legislation where applicable.

14.7. All relevant degree documentation will refer to the PUs who have contributed to the delivery of the degree(s).


14.8. Each PU shall arrange for the awarded degree or degrees and related documentation, as appropriate and according to relevant regulations, to be issued and delivered to the student on behalf of the respective PU. PUs will coordinate this within each study track.

14.9. In the case of a joint degree, if national legislation or internal university policies and procedures prevent a PU from recognising the degree and/or its supporting documentation as legally delivered by the issuing PU on its behalf or in joint decision, the first PU shall take full responsibility for legally delivering the degree and its supporting documentation on behalf of, or in joint decision with, the PU involved in the Student's course of studies in the Programme.

14.10. Excepting the cases stipulated in Article 2.2 of this Agreement, if a PU does not issue a degree or does not recognise a degree issued in joint decision or on its behalf to a student who has fulfilled all requirements for graduation included in this Agreement, the Student Handbook or any applicable similar rules and regulations as stipulated by this Agreement and related joint agreements, that PU shall be held in breach of this Agreement and will be liable for any damages incurred.

14.11. Upon discovery of such cases, the Board shall investigate the facts and circumstances behind the breach. In the event that the PU could have foreseen and prevented the breach but neglected to act appropriately, the Board shall take appropriate measures, possibly including removal of that PU as a party to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the PU shall be required to limit the consequences for the student involved by resorting to the issuance of an appropriate degree award and supporting documentation alongside the degree and its supporting documentation issued by the PU. This supplementary degree and its supporting documentation shall make explicit reference to the joint Programme and the degree issued by the PU in agreement with national legislation.

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Article 15 Mechanisms for recognition

15.1. Automatic recognition for credits awarded to the students is ensured through the joint provisions of the Programme.

15.2. The standards and procedures according to the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (Lisbon Recognition Convention) apply in full.

15.3. The PUs accept differences in national, local and institutional regulations among the PUs concerning awarding ECTS credits and they recognise the number of ECTS credits awarded by PUs for the Programme without further conversion. All credits obtained at a PU that does not use ECTS, will be converted in conformity with the jointly agreed credit comparison table below (TABLE 1).

15.4. Where required, all grades shall be converted and recognised in conformity with the jointly agreed table as set out below (TABLE 2). In addition to the aforementioned and where required, grades and credits obtained from Associated Partner universities or third parties shall be converted and recognised in agreement with the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (Lisbon Recognition Convention).

TABLE 1

Partner University	AMU	NKUA	ULB	UB	UofG	UNIL	UAM	SUR	PLUS	SU	UT
System	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	SCQF	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS
Necessary credits for the degree	120	120	120	120	240	120	120 (60*)	120	120	120	120

*ST3 will aim for a joint degree with EMJM for start 2026. Should the process be delayed, UAM will award a local multiple degree of 60 ECTS.

TABLE 2

ECTS Grading Scale	AMU	NKUA	ULB	UB	UofG	UNIL*	UAM	SUR	PLUS	SU*	UT
A	20	9-10	20	10	22 (A1)	6.00	9,5	30+	1	A	1,0-1.3
	19		19		21 (A2)	5.75		30			
	18		18		20 (A3)	5.50		29			
	17		17		19 (A4)			28			
	16		16		18 (A5)	5.25		27			
B	15	8-8,9	15	9	17 (B1)	5.00	8	26	2	B	1,4-2.1
	14		14		16 (B2)	4.75		25			

C	13	7-7,9	13	8	15 (B3)	4.50	7	24	3	C	2,2-2,8
	12		12	7	14 (C1)			23			
D	11	6-6,9	11	6	13 (C2)	4.25	6	22	4	D	2,9-3,6
					12 (C3)			21			
E	10	5-5,9	10	5	11 (D1)	4.0	5	20	4	E	3,7-4,0
					10 (D2)			19			
					9 (D3)			18			
FX	9	0-4,9	9	4	8 (E1)	3.0-3.75	4	16-17	5	FX	4,1- -5,0
	8		8		7 (E2)			14-15			
	7		7		6 (E3)			12-13			
F	6		6	3	5 (F1)	1-2.75	3	10-11		F	
	5		5		4 (F2)			8-9			
	4		4	2	3 (F3)		2	6-7			
	3		3		2 (G1)			3-5			
	0-2		0-2	1	1 (G2)		0-1	0-2			

* UNIL is grading a student with zero only if not showing up at the exam, plagiarism, cheating or attempt to cheat. Zero cannot be counted in an average mark.

** SU does not assign a grade when a student either fails to show up or hands in a blank exam.

ECTS Grading Scale	Definition and Honours
A	Excellent: Outstanding performance without errors
B	Very Good: Above the average standard but with minor errors
C	Good: Generally sound work with some errors
D	Satisfactory: Fair but with significant shortcomings
E	Adequate: Performance meets the minimum criteria
FX	Fail: Some additional work required
F	Fail: Much more work required

Article 16 Rules and regulations on studies

16.1. As stated in Article 4, the CPU will be responsible for the administration of the students' admission to the Programme on behalf of the Consortium. Appeals regarding admission will thereby follow the Swedish Higher Education Act (1992:1434) and the Higher Education Ordinance (1993:100).

16.2. The Higher Education Appeals Board (Överklagandenämnden) is the Swedish Government agency that reviews appeals of specific types of decisions made by universities during the admissions process.

16.3. Students will be provided with the information and procedure to appeal decisions taken regarding eligibility.

16.4. Students are subject to the academic regulations of the PU at which they are registered for attendance while pursuing their studies in the Programme.

Article 17 Examination, assessment and grading of students' academic performance

17.1. The students' academic performance is assessed according to the examination and assessment methods, criteria, and regulations of the PU where the student is physically present and that is formally awarding the credits for the course or part of the Programme.

17.2. When the course or part of the Programme is delivered by more than one PU, the PUs involved shall decide on the examination and assessment method(s) and criteria.

17.3. Information about examination, assessment, and grading shall be included in the Student Handbook and shall be communicated to the students before the beginning of their studies.

17.4. During transfer of credits, grade conversions from one PU's grading system to the other(s), if any, is part of the present Agreement and shall be followed accordingly.

17.5. Thesis supervision is ensured by the PU where the student is physically present and that is formally awarding the credits for the 4th Semester, according to the Programme structure as set out in Annex 1. When possible, a co-supervision can be provided by another PU in the same study track, by specific arrangement between the respective PUs.

17.6. During the second semester, students will be asked to indicate at what PU within their chosen Study Track they wish to carry out the thesis. The Board will be responsible for allocating PUs for the students' thesis work.

17.7. During the course of the third semester, students will be asked to submit a proposal for a thesis project. The TSTC (Transdisciplinary Stream and Thesis Committee) will communicate on the procedure for the submission of proposals and decide on students' project proposals for thesis and degree projects, with particular consideration to the transdisciplinary aspects and in accordance with specific regulations at the PU where the student will carry out the thesis project.

17.8. The PU where the student will perform the thesis project is responsible for supporting the student in finding a suitable thesis project.

17.9. All PUs shall conduct examinations and assessments in accordance with the policies and procedures in force at the PU.

17.10. The Master's thesis project in the Programme, including the thesis and all the related work and processes as well as the viva (defence), shall be valued at 30 ECTS credits, according to the specific regulations in place at the PU providing the main supervision of the thesis.

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17.11. The Master's thesis project shall be written and examined according to the study and examination regulations in force at the PU providing the main supervisor of the thesis. These regulations shall also apply to the co-supervision, if case.

Article 18 Academic appeals, student complaints and conduct

18.1. For academic appeals relating to a course, the academic appeals procedure of the PU delivering that course will apply.

18.2. The academic appeals procedure of the CPU will apply to appeals made by a student against the decisions of the Programme unless otherwise agreed in writing by the PUs.

18.3. For cases of alleged academic misconduct, including plagiarism and unauthorized use of artificial intelligence tools in preparing and writing any assessment, including the thesis, relating to a course or courses delivered by a PU, the code of student conduct (or equivalent) and procedures of the PU delivering the course or courses will apply.

18.4. In the case of academic misconduct relating to the Programme, the laws and regulations of the CPU (Higher Education Ordinance (1993:100)) will apply unless otherwise agreed in writing by the PUs. Concerning matters that have wider implications for the Consortium, the local and institutional examination board or its equivalent should at least consult or otherwise pass the matter on to the Board.


18.5. In cases of non-academic misconduct where it is alleged that an offence has been committed by a student whilst present at a PU, the code of student conduct (or equivalent) and procedures of the PU delivering the course or courses will apply.

18.6. Where it is not clear to a PU which code of student conduct should apply, or if a PU believes that the code of student conduct of another PU should apply, or national/regional regulations/laws should be enforced instead, it shall so notify the other PU and the Board will thereafter discuss and agree on, acting reasonably, a course of action.

18.7. If a student wishes to complain about any general aspect of a course, the complaints or other equivalent procedure of the PU delivering that course will apply.

18.8. If a student wishes to complain about any general aspect of the Programme, the complaints or other equivalent procedure of the CPU will apply unless otherwise agreed in writing by the PUs.

18.9. If a student wishes to complain about any specific service or facility provided by, or a student or member of staff from, a PU, the relevant complaints or other procedure of that PU will apply. The Board should be notified, if case.

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18.10. Each PU will, where the policy or procedure of another PU applies, provide the other PU with reasonable assistance in connection with the administration of academic appeals, student complaints and student conduct procedures, to ensure that all such academic appeals, student complaints and allegations of student misconduct are handled fairly.

Article 19 Financial regulations

19.1. The euro (€) is the official currency used in this Agreement and for all transactions.

19.2. The Consortium applies a combination of different fee models presented below:

- a) Differentiated fee payment model: different fees are charged to groups of students based on their status as EU/EEA students or non-EU/EEA students.
- b) Sponsored fee payment model: external funder can cover a student's fees (scholarship).
- c) Participation cost waiver model: for whatever reason (regional priority, widening participation, promotion/marketing, partner arrangement), the Board may agree to waive a portion, or an entire amount of a student's participation cost. The reason must be detailed in Annex 6 of the present Agreement for each intake of the Programme, before the opening of admission.

19.3. The amount associated to each model is listed in the Annex 6 of the present Agreement. If there is a deficit in the overall budget for a particular intake, the PUs jointly take responsibility by reducing their partner costs.

19.4. The CPU, is in charge of collecting the participation costs throughout the programme and of dispatching the due part per semester to the corresponding PU depending on the number of students admitted in a study track. The financial distribution is presented in the Annex 6 of the present Agreement.

19.5. The financial responsibility for the delivery of parts of the Programme rests with the PUs providing the teaching or supervision.


19.6. The Board is responsible for the administration of possible external funding for the Programme. The use of such funding is carried out according to the rules set by the donor or funding authority.

19.7. The costs related to jointly delivered parts of the Programme are decided on a case-by-case basis by the Board.

19.8. Other cost regulations associated to the Programme are the responsibility of the Board.

19.9. The participation costs should remain stable during the same intake of the Programme and are not indexed to inflation in the countries of the PU.

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19.10. A student shall not be admitted to the Programme, nor be registered to courses nor be awarded the degree if there are unpaid or unrecoverable participation costs. Until the first payment is made, the student may be conditionally admitted for administrative reasons, according to the processes of the CPU. Once the payment is made, the student is fully admitted to the Programme.

19.11. Deficit / unrecoverable outlay / default of third-party funding will be under the decision of the Board as well as the management and regulations of the CPU.

19.12. The CPU will administer and disburse EMJM scholarships to students, if case. The content and format of the corresponding grant agreement will be subject to decision by the Board.

19.13. The responsibility and funding for students' cost of living (accommodation, travel etc.) are presented in the Student Handbook.

19.14. All payments, from students to CPU and from CPU to PUs, are made in EUR, in accordance with procedures for financial transfers in EU-funded projects. The currency conversion, if applicable, (dates of conversion, rate reference, risk assumption, etc), are the one applicable at the day of the decision of the Board, or on the due dates of the payment.

19.15. Reimbursements and interest on late payments are to be paid to the Consortium fund subject to decision of the Board and following the management and regulations of the CPU, if applicable. In cases where students should be refunded for paid participation costs, the CPU will invoice the PU(s) in question to reclaim the partner cost for the student, and thereafter administer the refund to the student.

Article 20 Marketing and publicity

Each PU agrees to work together to market the Programme effectively in line with their regular procedures and in accordance with the following provisions:

20.1. There will be a specific website for the Programme. Initially, the CPU shall set up and embed the Programme website in its existing website structure. All PUs will contribute with content and maintain links for that website from their own websites. The CPU may mandate the responsibility for the Programme website to another PU by decision of the Board. In the case of EMJM, there will be a specific website set up.

20.2. Each PU will maintain their respective web page for the Programme and each PU will maintain links with the relevant web pages of the other PUs.

20.3. Each PU will be responsible for including the Programme in their own prospectuses and publicity materials, as well as their own A-Z Programme web listings and all relevant national study programme listings in their country of residence as much as is technically possible.

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20.4. Each PU will submit all publicity and marketing materials to be used by that PU to market the Programme, and/or which refer to another PU or contain any of the logos, trademarks, or other Intellectual Property of another PU, to the other PUs for prior written approval. All such materials shall be accurate and shall not contain inappropriate or misleading comparisons with other third-party programmes, derogatory statements about third parties, misleading statements, or advice about recognition of awards and/or statements that could reasonably bring either of the PUs into disrepute.

20.5. Each PU shall immediately cease to use in any manner whatsoever all publicity and marketing materials and the logos, trademarks or other Intellectual Property of another PU upon termination or expiry of this Agreement for any reason.

20.6. ULB will organise the common marketing efforts through the Board which will review existing PUs' recruitment strategies and draw upon examples of best practice to develop a coherent, integrated Programme promotion strategy.

20.7. A general marketing policy will be discussed and approved by the Board.

Article 21 Student Handbook

21.1. The Consortium develops and publishes a Student Handbook which details the rules and regulations of the Programme as appropriate. The Student Handbook will include an annex for each study track of the Programme.

21.2. The Board has the responsibility to make sure that the Student Handbook is updated and published on the Programme website before the start of each admission round, in consultation with the SSG.

21.3. Each PU has the responsibility to inform the Board of any necessary updates to the Student Handbook in due time before the start of each admission round.


21.4. If any modification of the Student Handbook must be made by the Board during an intake, it is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that all students participating in that specific intake are informed of the modifications.

21.5. The Student Handbook will serve as an introductory handbook for the Programme.

21.6. All PUs will contribute to the text of the Student Handbook.

21.7. Should translations of the Student Handbook be published, the English version will prevail and should always be referred to in the translated version.

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Article 22 Academic standards and quality

22.1. The PUs agree to follow the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG).

22.2. The PUs agree to follow the Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) as mentioned in the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes (EA).

22.3. The PUs agree to work for inclusiveness in their teaching and learning and student support and actively support students with special needs, and to respect and attend to the diversity of students.

22.4. The maintenance of academic standards and quality as well as the management and enhancement of procedures for quality assurance are the collective responsibility of the relevant PUs, in accordance with their respective calendars, charters, statutes, and regulations.

22.5. Each PU shall, during the term of this Agreement, ensure that the Programme (and each course on the Programme) meets the national, local, and institutional requirements to which each PU is subject. Where relevant, all approval/national degree recognition/accreditation processes must be completed prior to the admission notice is sent to students before the start of the Programme.

22.6. Each PU shall share relevant information for the purposes of facilitating monitoring and review of the collaborative arrangement, including reviewing the other PUs' compliance with this Agreement and maintenance of academic standards. The other PUs shall provide reasonable assistance and information to enable the reviewing PU to conduct any such monitoring process within any reasonable timescales requested by that PU in writing.

22.7. The Programme will be considered and approved in accordance with national and/or institutional procedures. This will include the procedures for new degree Programmes, new pathways within established national degrees and new collaboration arrangements. The approval from the respective authority, where necessary, will be confirmed to the Board.

22.8. Changes to the Programme shall be agreed through revisiting these formal degree approval and national degree recognition/accreditation procedures at each PU.

22.9. If needed, the PUs may adjust this Agreement in accordance with new legislation affecting the implementation of the Programme. The same applies to the national accreditation status as higher education institutions of the PUs, should this occur.

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Article 23 Internal evaluation

23.1. Course work will be marked and moderated in line with each PU's internal quality assurance processes in place.

23.2. Each PU shall carry out evaluations of the courses they provide, included in the Programme, and shall communicate the results of those evaluations with the other PUs, summarized in a semester report submitted by each PU to the Quality Assurance Committee.

23.3. The Board shall agree on how to collect students' feedback, including questions at the end or after the Programme.

23.4. The results of student feedback from PUs will be discussed by the Quality Assurance Committee and concerned consultative and governance bodies at each PU and will be made available to the students in a suitable and transparent manner.

23.5. Student representatives shall be included in committees where changes are proposed for the Programme.

23.6. A quality assurance annual report shall be developed by the Quality Assurance Committee, covering feedback and comments from students and staff, evaluation by academics, associate partners and alumni. The annual report will be made available to the Teaching and Learning Committee, the Board, and other committees, as relevant. The report should summarize identified potential problems that need addressing and good practices to be used as inspiration.

23.7. Based on the quality assurance annual report and other data, the Teaching and Learning Committee and other committees can propose changes to the Programme to the Board.

Article 24 External evaluation


24.1. An external quality assurance or accreditation of the Programme shall be conducted.

24.2. The external evaluation of the Programme will be conducted through the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes (EA), via an EQAR registered Quality Assurance agency, by the decision of the Board, starting with the 2026 intake.

24.3. Until approval via European Approach, the Programme is relying on institutional, local or national accreditations as specified in Article 22.

24.4. The Quality Assurance Committee shall carry out consultations with relevant external stakeholders of the Programme, for example by adjoining external stakeholders to the Quality

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Assurance Committee. These external stakeholders can e.g. come from relevant non-governmental organisations or companies.

Article 25 Intellectual property

25.1. Any Background Intellectual Property shall always remain the sole and exclusive property of the PU, or the PU employee if applicable, to whom that Background Intellectual Property belonged prior to the Commencement Date of this Agreement or is later developed independently from the Programme. To the extent they are lawfully and reasonably able to do so, each of the PUs hereby grants to the other PUs a non-exclusive and non-transferable license to use that first PU's Background Intellectual Property within the Programme to the extent necessary to fulfil the other PUs' obligations under this Agreement and the Programme Schedule, but for no other purpose. In case such a use, the respective PU(s) (or PU employee) will be duly acknowledged in accordance with best scientific practice. In order to fulfil the purpose of this Agreement, each of the PU hereby declare and guarantee that it has acquired or is taking the necessary steps to obtain authorisations from its employees in the case those remain the holders of Intellectual Property Rights.

25.2. Any Foreground Intellectual Property shall be, subject to any written agreement between the PUs to the contrary, the sole and exclusive property of the PU, or the PU employee if applicable, creating or developing it. To the extent they are lawfully and reasonably able to do so, each PU hereby grants to the other PUs a non-exclusive and non-transferable license to use its Foreground Intellectual Property within the Programme to the extent necessary to fulfil their obligations under this Agreement and any Programme Schedule but for no other purpose. In case such a use, the respective PU(s) (or PU employee) will be acknowledged in accordance with best scientific practice. In order to fulfil the purpose of this Agreement, each of the PU hereby declare and guarantee that it has acquired or is taking the necessary steps to obtain authorisations from its employees in the case those remain the holders of Intellectual Property Rights.

25.3. Subject to any written agreement between a PU and a student to the contrary, any Intellectual Property created or developed by a student will be owned by the student. If any PU wishes to use or transfer that Intellectual Property, the PU concerned must obtain the student's prior consent and sign a written agreement to that effect.

25.4. If Foreground Intellectual Property is developed jointly between student(s) and/or a PU or between two or more PUs, and where it is not possible to separate their individual contributions from each other, all right, title and interest in and to Foreground Intellectual Property generated within the Programme shall be owned jointly by the PUs and/or student(s) (as applicable) who have contributed to it. They shall set forth, by separate mutual agreement, their respective rights, duties and responsibilities relating to the joint Foreground Intellectual Property.

25.5. The PUs will ensure that all communications relating to Foreground Intellectual Property are kept strictly confidential, to the extent they are lawfully and reasonably able to do so.

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25.6. The PUs shall not disclose any Intellectual Property to third parties without the prior written consent of the owner of that Intellectual Property, to the extent they are lawfully and reasonably able to do so.

Article 26 Liability and Insurance

26.1. Each PU shall be solely liable for any loss incurred by, or damage or injury to, third parties resulting from actions performed by it or on its behalf in the execution of this Agreement.

26.2. Each PU shall be fully responsible for the performance of any part of its share of the Agreement and for the requirements of Insurance and Social Security for its personnel, involved herein.


26.3. Each PU is solely liable for damage or loss caused to the other PUs through fault, gross negligence or wilful misconduct during the performance of its obligations hereunder. The PUs agree that the liability of each PU under this Agreement shall not in either case exceed the cumulative participation costs payable by students in the preceding twelve (12) month period in relation to the Programme, but no more than €100,000.

26.4. The liability does not comprise compensation for punitive damages, any indirect or consequential loss or damages, including, but not limited to, loss of profit, loss of revenue, loss of contracts, or similar loss or damages. With respect to any injury to any person or any damage to any property of any person occurring at any establishment of any of the PUs in the Programme or arising out of the execution of this Agreement, the PU at whose establishment the injury or damage occurs, shall be solely responsible for the payment of compensation to such extent as this PU shall be under a legal liability in respect of such injury or damage.

Article 27 Force majeure

27.1. None of the PUs shall be responsible to another PU for any delay in performance or non-performance due to Force Majeure (which, for the purpose of this Agreement, means any cause preventing any PU from performing any or all of its obligations which arise from or are attributable to the acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond the reasonable control of the PU so prevented, including without limitation, any strike, lock-out or other form of industrial action, war, riot, civil commotion, terrorism, malicious damage, compliance with law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction (including the exit of a PU country from the European Union), accident, breakdown of plant or machinery, fire, flood, storm or other natural disasters).

27.2. The affected PU shall promptly upon occurrence of any such causes inform the other PUs, stating that such cause has delayed or prevented its performance hereunder and thereafter such PU shall take all action within its power to comply with the terms of this Agreement as fully and promptly as possible.

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27.3. Should the Force Majeure in question prevail for a continuous period more than one (1) month, the PUs shall enter discussion with a view to alleviating its effects or to agreeing upon such alternative arrangements as may be fair and reasonable.

27.4. Throughout the duration of the Force Majeure event(s), the affected PU shall use its reasonable efforts to cure or reduce the effect thereof.

Article 28 Term and termination

28.1. This Agreement shall be effective from the Commencement Date for a period of 6 years (the Term), following which it shall automatically terminate unless otherwise agreed between the PUs, including for reasons such as continuing to deliver the Programme.

28.2. If following any review under Article 22 (academic Standards and Quality) or Article 4 (Responsibilities of the Partner Universities) the collaboration is not operating to the reasonable satisfaction of any PU, or the academic standards of the Programme or any course under the Programme Schedule are not in the reasonable opinion of any PU being maintained by another PU, except for cases of Article 27 (Force majeure) that PU may terminate its involvement in this Agreement immediately without penalty, upon written notice to the other PUs.

28.3. Any PU may terminate or modify its involvement in this Agreement without penalty on twelve (12) months' prior written notice to the other PUs.

28.4. This Agreement may be terminated in respect of any PU in breach of this agreement by the other PUs without penalty by written notice to the PU in breach from the other PUs collectively.

28.5. A PU in breach is a PU that:

- a) Materially breaches this Agreement (and the breach, if capable of remedy, is not remedied within thirty (30) days following the date of notice requiring the breach to be remedied);
- b) Engages in conduct that is prejudicial to the reputations of the PUs serving notice or
- c) Enters insolvency or equivalent proceedings.

28.6. Following the expiry or termination of this Agreement for any reason each PU in respect of which the Agreement has expired or terminated shall return to the other PUs at its own expense all materials in its possession belonging to the other PUs relating to this Agreement or the Programme and shall return or destroy (at the option of the relevant other PU) all confidential Information of the other PUs then in their possession or control provided always that each PU shall be entitled to retain copies of confidential Information as may be required by it in order to comply with any law or regulatory requirement.

28.7. The PUs shall ensure that upon expiry or termination of this Agreement (whether entirely or in respect of any PU), satisfactory arrangements are put in place for all existing students on the

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Programme, or who have accepted a place on the Programme, to complete the Programme. The relevant terms of this Agreement will continue in force to the extent necessary to allow such students to complete the Programme and be assessed for the Jointly Awarded Degree or Multiple Degree, as applicable.

28.8. Subject always to Articles 27 and 28, withdrawal of the Programme during the Term may only be made by written agreement between all PUs and in accordance with the timescales and any other limitations set out in the policies of the CPU.

28.9. Termination of this Agreement will not affect the rights of each PU against the other in respect of the period up to and including the date of termination.

28.10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, articles 1 (Definitions and interpretations), 4 (Responsibilities of PUs), 5 (Communication responsibilities of PUs), 6 (Management and administration), 10 (Insurance), 11 (Student Mobility), 18 (Academic appeals, Student complaints and Conduct), 19 (Financial regulations) (to the extent any fees remain unpaid or reimbursable as at the terminate date), 20 (Marketing and publicity), 25 (Intellectual Property), 26 (Liability and insurance), 27 (Force majeure), 28 (Term and termination), 29 (Confidential information and data protection) 31 (Dispute Resolution) and 32 (General) and 33 (Governing law) shall survive termination and/or expiry of this Agreement.

Article 29 Confidential information and data protection

29.1. Each PU shall not, during the term of this Agreement or at any time, thereafter, disclose to any third party any confidential Information of the other PUs or make use of any such confidential Information except as necessary to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement. This clause shall not apply to any Information which:

29.1.1 Becomes generally known to the public, other than by reason of an act or omission of the recipient;

29.1.2 Is required to be disclosed pursuant to any applicable laws or to any competent governmental, statutory or Supervisory body to which the relevant PU is subject, in particular including all relevant Freedom of Information legislation;


29.1.3 Is required to be disclosed pursuant to any court order; or

29.1.4 Is disclosed by a PU to its professional advisers.

29.2. Each of the PUs shall comply with the obligations set out in Annex 7 (Data Protection).

Article 30 General Provisions

30.1. This Agreement, including annexes represents the complete understanding of the PUs with respect to the subject matter hereto, subject to any additional Information provided in Programme or course handbooks prepared by each PU and agreed by all PUs.

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30.2. This Agreement supersedes all other agreements, statements, representations, or warranties made by or between the PUs in respect of the subject matter.

30.3. Each PU acknowledges that it cannot rely on any remedy, representation or warranty which is not set out in this Agreement.

30.4. The Agreement may only be amended or modified by a document in writing, signed by the duly organization representatives of each of the PUs. The Annexes may be amended by the Board as set out in Article 6.4.4.

30.5. If amendments are made to the Agreement they apply only to Students starting the Programme in the coming Academic Year or later. In any event, changes to the Agreement must not adversely affect Students already in the Programme when the changes take effect.

Article 31 Dispute resolution


31.1. All disputes arising from the interpretation, development, modification, resolution, or execution of the present Agreement, must be settled by joint agreement and through consultation or negotiation between the PUs through the Consortium Management Board or through any other mechanism agreed to by the PUs. If at any time a dispute arises in connection with this Agreement, the PUs agree to use all reasonable efforts to resolve the dispute in good faith, firstly by implementing the following settlement procedure.

31.2. The PU raising the dispute (the “complaining PU”) will submit a detailed written notice formally requesting the other PU(s) to which the dispute relates (the “Concerned PU(s)”) to take steps to remedy or prevent conduct or omission in respect of which the dispute has arisen.

31.3. If within fourteen (14) days (or such other period as may be agreed between the PU(s) of receipt of the notice described in Article 31.2, the Concerned PU(s) fail(s) to agree to perform a course of action which satisfies the Complaining PU (acting reasonably), the latter will convene a meeting at a mutually convenient time but not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the written notice described in Article 31.2. If the Complaining PU convenes such a meeting, appropriate senior representatives of the Complaining PU and the Concerned PU(s) must meet to attempt a resolution of the dispute.

31.4. If the dispute has not been resolved within sixty (60) days of receipt of the notice under Article 31.2, either the Complaining PU or the Concerned PU(s) may take such further steps as it considers appropriate to resolve the dispute, including among others initiating court proceedings in accordance with Article 33 the course of actions being determined by agreement of the Consortium Partner Universities, and/or court proceedings.

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31.5. Nothing in this article shall operate to restrict any PU's rights to apply to a court for the preservation of its legal rights or for the emergency or interlocutory or interim relief (including, for the avoidance of doubt, interim interdict).

Article 32 Other provisions

32.1. Any access and/or use by: (i) staff of any PU; or

(ii) students,

of any resources under this Agreement is subject to the policies and procedures of the PU which granted access to those resources. Resources include IT facilities, library resources, publications, databases, or other material resources. Each PU will ensure that its staff and Students are made aware of all applicable policies and procedures of the PU which granted access to the resources.

32.2. Each PU shall always comply with the Relevant Legal Requirements, shall have, and maintain appropriate policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Relevant Legal Requirements (which it shall enforce where appropriate) and shall immediately notify other PUs of any demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind received by it in connection with the Programme or this Agreement.

32.3. Further cooperation projects, including intensive courses, distance learning, joint research, organization of seminars, symposia, and meetings on common interest topics and all other activities aimed at consolidating the cooperation will be encouraged by all PUs. These projects shall be agreed by the interested PUs and subject to separate agreements.

32.4. None of the PUs discriminate against any Students or any member of staff based on age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, ethnicity, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

32.5. Each PU shall always comply with applicable health and safety and environmental laws in its relevant jurisdiction.

32.6. No failure or delay on the part of any PU to exercise any right or remedy under this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right or remedy preclude the further exercise of such right or remedy.

32.7. No PU shall have the right to assign, delegate, transfer or otherwise dispose of its rights and/or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other PUs. No PU shall subcontract any of its obligations under this Agreement or any aspect of the delivery of the Programme (including without limitation any course) for which it is responsible under the Programme Schedule without the prior written consent of the other PUs.

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32.8. Any notice required to be given under this Agreement shall be served by international courier, with recorded delivery, and addressed to the other PUs at the addresses set out above or such other addresses as notified for this purpose from time to time, marked for the attention of the representative set out above or such other representative as notified for this purpose from time to time.

32.9. Nothing in this Agreement shall create, nor is intended to create a corporate partnership or joint venture between the PUs and nothing in this Agreement is intended to create any joint liability, or joint and several liabilities, between the Coordinating PU and the other PUs or among the PUs. The Coordinating PU and the other PUs shall each be liable only for their own acts and omissions and for performance of (or failure to perform) their own obligations under this Agreement, and none of them shall be liable to any third party for any loss or damage arising out of another PU's acts or omissions including but not limited to any breach of the terms of or failure to perform fully the obligations contained in this Agreement.

32.10. If any PU undergoes a change of control, a change of status or a change in ownership that PU shall inform the other PUs in writing as soon as reasonably practical.


32.11. This Agreement is written in the English language. If this Agreement is translated into any other language, the English language version shall prevail. Any notice given under or in connection with this Agreement will only be effective if it is in the English language.

32.12. This Agreement and its Annexes are drawn up in English with effect for and against all parties involved, which language shall govern all documents, notices, meetings, arbitral proceedings, and processes relative thereto. Should a PU by law or by custom require a translation of this Agreement and its Annexes into a language other than English, including a version of this Agreement signed by all PUs, this translation shall be produced under the aegis and at the cost of the PU requiring it. Any notice given under or in connection with this Agreement will only be effective if it is in the English language. In case this Agreement or any of its Annexes is translated into a language other than English, the English language version shall prevail.

32.13. In the event of the invalidity of one or more articles of this Agreement, the validity of the remaining Agreement shall remain unaffected. Any gaps in the Agreement that may arise will be clarified by mutual agreement by the Programme Board. Decisions of the Programme Board regarding the Agreement shall be made in consideration of the specifics and feasibility of the Programme. The implementation of such decisions shall be the responsibility of the respective competent bodies of the PUs.

32.14. The Annexes to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof; should an Annex contain any provisions that conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, this Agreement shall prevail.

32.15. Sufficient original copies of this Agreement (one for each PU) will be signed by all PUs and each copy is equally valid.

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32.16. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all other agreements, statements, representations or warranties made by or between the Parties in respect of the subject matter. The Parties acknowledge that in entering into this Agreement neither of them has relied on, nor shall have any remedy in relation to, any such statements, representations or warranties not set out in this Agreement.

32.17. Where executed in counterparts:

32.17.1 this Agreement shall not take effect until all the counterparts have been delivered; and

32.17.2 delivery will take place when the date of delivery is agreed between the PUs after execution of this Agreement as evidenced by the date inserted at the start of this Agreement.

Article 33 Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement is to be governed by the Laws of Belgium and the PUs hereby irrevocably agree that the Courts of Belgium shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

Article 34 Signatures

For STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY

Signature

Prof. Hans Adolfsson

President

Date:

For AIX-MARSEILLE UNIVERSITÉ

Signature

Prof. Eric BERTON

President

Date and stamp


For the Institute OSU Pythéas – AMU

Signature

Prof. Jean-Luc BEUZIT

Director

Date

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For the NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

Signature

Signature

Prof. Gerasimos Siasos

NKUA Rector

Date

Prof. Evrikleia Lianidou

President of the Chemistry Department

Date

For the UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

Signature

Prof. Annemie Schaus,

Rector

Date:

For the UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST (Universitatea din București, UB)

Signature

Prof. Marian Preda

Rector

Date:

For The University Court of the UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

Signature

Dr David Duncan

Deputy Vice Chancellor – Operations and Chief Operating Officer and University Secretary)

Date:

For the UNIVERSITÉ DE LAUSANNE

Signature

Prof. Frédéric Herman

Rector

Date:


For the UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID (UAM), Public law institution of the Kingdom of Spain

Signature

Prof. Amaya Mendikoetxea Pelayo

Rector

Date:

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For SAPIENZA UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

Signature

Prof. Antonella Polimeni Rector

Date:

For the PARIS LODRON UNIVERSITÄT SALZBURG

Signature

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bernhard Fügenschuh

Rector

Date:

For EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN

Signature

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. (Döshisha) Karla Pollmann

President of Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen


Date:

Signature

Prof. Dr. Thilo Stehle

Dean of the Faculty of Science of Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Date:

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