

## **ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM**

between

### **Politecnico di Bari**

Represented by the Rector, Professor Francesco Cupertino

and

### **Université Côte d'Azur (UniCA)**

Represented by the President, Professor Jeanick BRISSWALTER

According to the general agreement of cooperation signed between Politecnico di Bari and Université Côte d'Azur, on .....

According to the willingness of all two institutions to consolidate their existing cooperations and to enhance their relationships through the implementation of a high-level international degree course in Computer Science, the two parties hereby agree and stipulate as follows.

### **Article 1 - Aim of the Agreement**

Politecnico di Bari, Université Côte d'Azur (UniCA), set up, by means of this agreement, a double degree program in Computer Science.

Students enrolled in this program will receive, after successful completion:

- A diploma "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria Informatica" (Master Degree in Computer Science Engineering) or "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria delle Telecomunicazioni" (Master Degree in Telecommunication Engineering) from Politecnico di Bari.
- A Master Diploma in Computer Science from Université Côte d'Azur ("Master Informatique").

### **Article 2 - Program Management**

Management of this program is performed by:

- For Université Côte d'Azur:
  - Full Professor Andrea Tettamanzi (coordinator of the Computer Science Master)
  - Assoc. Professor Ramon Aparicio Pardo (coordinator of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the international version of the Computer Science Master, and Head of the International Relations of DS4H School)

For University Politecnico di Bari:

- Luigi Alfredo Grieco, Full Professor in Telecommunications.
- Giuseppe Piro, Associate Professor in Telecommunications

### **Article 3 - Selection of students**

Students enrolled in this program will be selected by their home university. Each institution will apply its own enrolment procedure and commit to follow a fair and transparent procedure based on the academic merits of the candidates. The list of students selected at one institution will be submitted for approval to the other institution. Each institution can select up to 10 students per academic year.

### **Article 4 - Student subscription rules**

Students attending this master program will be enrolled at each academic institutions according to the chosen academic track (Politecnico di Bari and UniCA) at the beginning of the program. Tuition fees will be paid only at the sending institution. International students received at Université Côte d'Azur as part of the double-diploma program must pay the CVEC contribution in advance. In accordance with national regulations in France, each student must pay the Contribution de la Vie Etudiante et de Campus - CVEC directly (effective July 1, 2018). The amount of the CVEC for the year 2023/2024 has been set at national level at €100. This amount is subject to revision at the start of each academic year. Payment of this contribution must be made, prior to registration, with the CROUS on the dematerialized platform (<https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>).

However, students might pay at the receiving institution, during their international mobility, specific contributions related to the social security, cultural and sports activities, preventive health services and others under the national regulations in force.

### **Article 5 - Program articulation**

The involved institutions will organize courses and examinations, setting up the total number of credits (ECTS), according to the list of courses available at each institution. Those lists will be exchanged between the managers of the program before the mobility periods. Each partner commits to informing the other institution in case of changes in its program implementation.

If a course listed in the program is missing, it can be replaced by another one, provided that this change is validated by the other institution.

A Learning agreement will be established for each student enrolled in the program, and validated by each institution, prior to the mobility period.

### **Article 6 - Development of the Program**

The students make a part of the training program at Politecnico di Bari and a part at Université Côte d'Azur (UniCA), according to the program chosen and according to the rules of each academic institution. The list of annual programs that can be chosen and are covered by this agreement is listed in the annex.

To obtain the Master diploma in Computer Science from UniCA ("Master Informatique"), the student must complete two semesters at UniCA. This can include the master thesis at the partner institution, according to the co-supervision rules of Article 7.

To obtain the "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria Informatica" or "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria delle Telecomunicazioni" from Politecnico di Bari, the student must complete two semesters at Politecnico di Bari. This can include the master thesis at the partner institution, according to the co-supervision rules of article 7.

### **Article 7 - Validation of the curriculum of students**

At the end of the master program, each student must prepare a master thesis.

The thesis will be co-tutored by a professor or researcher from Politecnico di Bari, and by a professor or researcher from Université Côte d'Azur or an associated research laboratory (CNRS, INRIA).

One copy of the thesis will be drawn up and delivered according to the rules provided by Université Côte d'Azur and one copy will be drawn up and delivered according to the rules of Politecnico di Bari.

The thesis defense will take place in the language of the specific country or in English if selected by the student and according to the teaching rules of both the academic institutions.

The thesis discussion will take place only once if at least one professor or researcher of the other institution is part of the local board of examiners. On the contrary, the thesis can be discussed in both academic institutions.

### **Article 8 - Coordination of the Program**

The parties agree to regularly exchange information and teaching materials concerning this program, in order to accomplish this double degree program.

### **Article 9 - Program funding**

According to the rules of their respective countries, the parties commit to search for European, national and regional fundings to achieve the goals of this agreement, especially to support student's travel and accommodation costs, as well as those of the professors and researchers involved in the project.

### **Article 10 - Validity of the Agreement**

The present agreement is set up for a period of 5 years and will cover the following academic years: 2024/2025, 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2027/2028, 2028/2029.

Any modification to this agreement will require an amendment to be signed by the institutions concerned according to the regulations in force.

Each institution can, through a written notification delivered at least 6 months in advance, terminate the present document. In such a case, the institutions commit to fulfill their obligations for the students still enrolled in the program before the cancellation.

### **Article 11 - Dispute between parties**

In case of dispute, parties will seek a friendly solution through direct negotiations. If an agreement is not reached within a six-month period, the parties will submit the case to a third-party that will be jointly designated, taking into account the academic nature of the dispute.

<b>For Politecnico di Bari :</b> <b>The Rector</b>  <b>Prof. Francesco CUPERTINO</b>	<b>For UniCA:</b> <b>The President of Université Côte d'Azur</b>  <b>Prof. Jeanick BRISSWALTER</b>
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## Annex – List of annual programs

### At University Politecnico di Bari:

- Master Degree in Computer Science Engineering
  - o 1st year, AI and Data Service track
  - o 2nd year, AI and Data Service track
  - o 1st year, Cybersecurity and Cloud track
  - o 2nd year, Cybersecurity and Cloud track
  - o 1st year, Cyberphysical Systems track
  - o 2nd year, Cyberphysical Systems track
- Master Degree in Telecommunications Engineering
  - o 1st year, Telecommunications Systems track
  - o 2nd year, Telecommunications Systems track
  - o 1st year, Cyber Security track
  - o 2nd year, Cyber Security track

### At Université Côte d'Azur

- Master Degree in Computer Science
  - o 1st year, Computer Science track
  - o 1st year, Artificial Intelligence track
  - o 2nd year, Computer Science track
  - o 2nd year, Intelligence Artificielle et Ingénierie de Données track (in French)
  - o 2nd year, Architecture Logicielle track (in French)
  - o 2nd year, Cyber Sécurité et Vie Privée track (in French)
  - o 2nd year, Interactions Homme Machine track (in French)
  - o 2nd year, Internet des Objets et Systèmes Cyber-Physiques (in French)
  - o 2nd year, Ubiquitous Networking (Ubinet)