

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

### BETWEEN

**ORANI UNIVERSITY AHMED BEN BELLA**

### AND

**CASA MEDITERRÁNEO**



### THE PARTIES

Of the one part, **ORANI UNIVERSITY AHMED BEN BELLA**, established in B.P 1524, El M'Naouer -31000 Oran, Algeria, represented for the purpose of signing this document by Prof. AMINE Abdelmalek, Rector, acting in accordance with the authority provided by the presidential decree issued on May 17, 2023, published in Official Journal N° 35 on May 21, 2023.

And on the other part, **CASA MEDITERRÁNEO**, a Spanish public consortium founded in 2009, composed of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (MAUEC), the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), the Generalitat Valenciana, the municipalities of Alicante and Benidorm, and the Provincial Council of Alicante, represented by its Director D. General Andrés Perelló Rodríguez, acting in accordance with the authority conferred by the consortium statutes.

### DECLARE

I. Oran I University Ahmed Ben Bella (ORNI) is a public institution in Algeria, operating under the authority of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MESRS) decision No. 510/17 dated 11/29/2017. It was established through executive decree No. 262/14 dated 09/22/2014, which reorganized the University of Oran into two separate entities: Oran I University and Oran 2 University.

II. Casa Mediterráneo is a public diplomacy institution whose objective is to promote knowledge exchange and bring Spain closer to the Mediterranean basin countries in areas such as culture, economy, climate change, gender equality, and scientific and technological innovation.

**ORNI** and **CASA MEDITERRÁNEO** may, hereinafter, be jointly referred to as "the Parties" or, individually, as "the Party".

III. That the Parties, having stated the above and having agreed to carry out joint activities, given their shared interest in the promotion of knowledge, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to the following

## CLAUSES

### CLAUSE ONE – SUBJECT MATTER

This MoU establishes a framework for cooperation between the Parties to promote joint activities in scientific, educational, cultural, environmental, and diplomatic fields of shared interest.

### CLAUSE TWO – FORMS OF COOPERATION

Cooperation may include, but is not limited to:

- Organizing cultural, scientific, and academic events (conferences, forums, seminars).
- Developing joint programmes on youth engagement, gender equality, and climate action.
- Promoting staff, researcher and student exchanges.
- Joint publications and media content production.
- Sharing information and best practices.
- Designing initiatives to strengthen Euro-Mediterranean dialogue.
- Facilitating internships and research stays.
- Developing proposals for external funding.
- Any other mutually agreed initiative aligned with the objectives of both institutions.

### CLAUSE THREE – SPECIFIC LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

Each specific activity shall be subject to a separate agreement detailing objectives, responsibilities, resources, intellectual property rights, and funding arrangements. These shall be approved by both Parties prior to implementation.

### CLAUSE FOUR – HUMAN RESOURCES AND DATA PROTECTION

4.1 Staff involved in joint initiatives shall remain under the authority of their institution of origin.

4.2 Each Party is responsible for its staff and waives liability for incidents involving the other Party's personnel.

4.3 Staff shall respect host institution regulations, including data protection and workplace conduct.

4.4 Both Parties ensure their staff comply with host country legal and immigration requirements and have adequate insurance.

4.5 Personal data will be processed under applicable regulations, including EU Regulation 2016/679.

## CLAUSE FIVE – FUNDING

This MoU does not entail financial commitments. Each Party will cover its own expenses. For specific projects, Parties may jointly seek external funding or cooperate with other institutions.

## CLAUSE SIX – INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

Parties retain ownership of pre-existing intellectual property. Rights arising from joint activities will be defined in each specific agreement.

## CLAUSE SEVEN – OVERSIGHT AND COORDINATION

Each Party designates a coordinator for the MoU:

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A joint committee will supervise and evaluate the MoU's implementation.

## CLAUSE EIGHT – CONFIDENTIALITY

All information exchanged is confidential and may not be disclosed without prior written consent, except under specific legal exceptions. Confidentiality obligations remain valid **for five (5) years** after termination.

## CLAUSE NINE – ADDENDUM

Modifications to this MoU must be made in writing and signed by both Parties.

## CLAUSE TEN – DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MoU is valid for **five (5) years** from the date of signature and is renewable. Either Party may terminate it with three (3) months' written notice. Ongoing activities shall continue until completion.

### CLAUSE ELEVEN – FORCE MAJEURE

Parties are not liable for delays caused by force majeure. Activities may resume once such circumstances end.

### CLAUSE TWELVE – NOTIFICATIONS

Official notifications must be sent in writing with acknowledgment of receipt to the addresses specified in Clause Seven.

### SIGNATURES

For Oran I University Ahmed Ben Bella

For Casa Mediterráneo



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