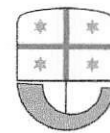




**Università
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**COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF GENOVA - ITALY
AND**

**FI.L.S.E. Spa
The Economic and financial development agency of Liguria
Region**

**AND
ORAN1 UNIVERSITY AHMED BEN BELLA
ALGERIA**

IN THE FIELD OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

The University of Genova (hereinafter also referred to as "UNIGE"), fiscal code and VAT number 00754150100, with registered office in Genoa, Via Balbi 5, represented by the Acting Rector, **Prof. Federico Delfino**, born in Savona on, acting on the basis of the provisions contained in Ministerial Decree n. 820 of 30th October 2020,

and

FI.L.S.E. Spa (hereinafter also referred to as "FILSE"), with registered office in Genoa, Via Peschiera 16 6r, VAT number 00616030102, represented by the Deputy General Director **Maria Nives Riggio** born in Genova on 5/8/1964 authorized to sign this agreement by resolution of the Board of Directors of 22th December 2025

and

Oran1 University Ahmed Ben Bella, Established in 1965, Oran1 University Ahmed Ben Bella, located in the city of Oran, Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria, is a public higher-education institution. Initially founded under Decree No. 65-119 and officially transformed into a university by Legislative Decree No. 67-278 dated December 20, 1967, it has played a pioneering role in higher education and scientific research in Algeria. In 2017, following the decision of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research No. 510/17, the university was restructured, leading to the establishment of Oran1 University Ahmed Ben Bella as an independent institution, a public higher education and scientific research institution established under Algerian law, fiscal code and VAT number: not applicable according to Algerian public law, with registered office in Oran, Algeria, represented by the Rector, **Prof. Amine Abdelmalek**, (hereinafter also referred to as "UO1"),

together also collectively referred to as "the Parties" and individually as "the Party";

GIVEN THAT

- Oran1 University Ahmed Ben Bella operates under the authority of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria and is actively engaged in higher education, scientific research, innovation, technology transfer, and international cooperation;
- UNIGE participates in the promotion, organization, and delivery of cultural and educational services at regional, national, and international levels, also developing relationships with public and private institutions, as well as with Italian and foreign companies, in the field of research and training, through contracts, agreements, consortia, and other useful forms;
- FILSE is the technical entity that supports and assists the Liguria Region and other Ligurian territorial entities in designing, defining, and implementing policies and initiatives to support the Ligurian economic system, including

promoting and supporting productive innovation, technology transfer, and improving the quality of products and processes;

- In this context, FILSE carries out actions and programs aimed at supporting business creation, promoting, supporting, and developing innovative spin-offs and startups through its business incubators, collaborations, and programs with national and international Research Entities, Associations, Authorities, and Institutions, managing financial instruments and dedicated funds for the start-up and growth of enterprises, and participating as a coordinator/partner in projects financed by EU, national, and regional funds;
- The business incubator of FI.L.S.E., part of the EBN-European BIC network, is located in Genoa, offering a certificated system of logistical services, technical support, and promotion of innovation and technology transfer processes across these locations;

FURTHER GIVEN THAT

- University and FILSE on May 29, 2025 signed a specific program agreement which is currently being implemented in the area of technology transfer activities, innovative research projects, and initiatives aimed at businesses. They aim to jointly promote and support the creation and development of innovative enterprises initiated by faculty members, researchers, doctoral students, and university fellows, to valorize the technologies and knowledge developed within the University of Genoa.
- FILSE makes available its business incubator to university start-ups, offering to potential entrepreneurs and newly established companies both residential services and technical assistance to support the various stages of the entrepreneurial journey;
- UNIGE is a partner of FILSE in implementing the Smart Cup program of the Liguria Region, with the goal of scouting and supporting the most innovative business ideas and projects in the Ligurian territory, with specific regard to the sectors of Life Sciences, ICT & Social Innovation, Agro-food & Cleantech, and Industrial.
- The collaboration between UNIGE and FILSE, aimed at pursuing their respective institutional objectives, may be implemented through the execution of specific implementing agreements between FILSE and the University and/or the relevant university structures, in compliance with this agreement and the applicable regulations. The implementing agreements shall govern the methods by which the collaboration between the Parties will be carried out. At this

regard, FILSE and UNIGE collaborate in internationalization missions, aimed to connect innovation and start up ecosystems.

CONSIDERING the friendly and cooperative relations between Algeria and Italy;

RECOGNIZING the importance of entrepreneurship, innovation, and startups as drivers for sustainable and inclusive economic development;

WISHING to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the fields of higher education, scientific research, and technological innovation;

BEING AWARE of the necessity to promote an entrepreneurial culture within the universities and research centers of both countries, notably through the creation of incubators, support structures, and exchange platforms;

RECALLING the MoU signed on May 14th, 2024 between the Ministry of University and the Research of Italy and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Democratic Republic of Algeria, for cooperation in the field of higher education and scientific research which, among other things, provides for the implementation of joint projects in the fields of research, innovation and technology transfer, as well as the promotion of entrepreneurship, innovative startups, and spin-offs

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1 OBJECTIVE

The Parties intend to establish a concrete collaboration to launch joint initiatives in teaching, research, and knowledge and technological transfer. The special focus of these initiatives is entrepreneurship and the creation of innovative enterprises, combining their respective prerogatives and expertise, and leveraging their previous joint experiences.

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote cooperation between higher education and scientific research institutions of both countries in the following areas:

- University and scientific entrepreneurship;
- The development and support of startups originating from higher education institutions, research centers, and industrial and production ecosystem;
- The creation and management of incubators;
- Technology transfer and the enhancement of research results;
- The exchange of best practices in supporting innovation.

Article 2 FIELDS OF COOPERATION

The fields of cooperation include all the topics further identified by the parties, in particular:

1. creation of regional clusters and support structures for innovation within higher education institutions research centers, and industrial and production ecosystem;
2. joint organization of training sessions, seminars, hackathons, and bootcamps on entrepreneurship and innovation;
3. implementation of undergraduate, post-graduate and PhD courses issuing joint or double degrees;
4. mobility of undergraduate and post-graduate students, lecturers and professors, researchers, technical and administrative personnel and young entrepreneurs in the framework of internships, entrepreneurial projects, and exchange of expertise.
5. collaboration in activities of particular scientific interest also through the sharing of experience in the use of complex technical/scientific apparatus;
6. exchange of information, documents and scientific publications;
7. cultural initiatives of common interest such as seminars, lessons and study meetings;
8. development of initiatives aimed at improving governance and management;
9. co-development of training programs and certificates in entrepreneurship;
10. establishment of platforms for the exchange of ideas and innovative projects, notably via shared technological and digital hubs;
11. development of joint projects to be presented for funding by the European Commission or other supranational organisations, particularly within European or Mediterranean programs.
12. actions targeted at communicating and disseminating knowledge acquired within the framework of this agreement through direct relations with the Parties' operating environment and its actors.

Article 3 CONTACT PERSONS

To implement the activities foreseen in Article 1 each Party shall designate at least one contact person chosen from within its institution who shall be responsible for coordinating and promoting jointly the common lines of actions, verifying periodically the state of implementation and assessing and promoting collaboration projects in the areas of teaching, scientific research and management.

The Parties will designate a contact person by giving written notice in 15 days once this Agreement has been signed.

Article 4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTIONS

Forms of cultural and scientific cooperation in sectors of interest will be regulated by dedicated executive projects and related implementation agreements between the Parties or their related bodies such as Departments, Schools, etc. with a specific interest in such projects. These projects and agreements shall comply with this Agreement and current legislation.

The implementation agreements shall regulate the ways in which cooperation between the Parties take place. Such agreements shall establish the property rights relating to the results produced by cooperation, how the results will be used, in addition to specific aspects concerning safety and insurance cover.

Article 5: DURATION, TERMINATION, RENEWAL

This Agreement shall come into effect upon the signature of both Parties; the date of the last signature thereof taking precedence. This Agreement shall remain in effect for five years. Each Party may terminate the Agreement by serving six months' written notice and supplying adequate motivation for termination.

Any activity in progress at the moment of termination or expiry of this Agreement shall be completed in accordance with the conditions established in the activity's specific implementation agreement.

On termination of this Agreement, the contact names indicated in Article 3 shall jointly prepare a report on the activities carried out and the results achieved.

In the event of renewal of this Agreement, the Parties may confirm, amplify or modify the objectives of this Agreement and the methods of implementation, subject to the approval of the respective competent bodies.

Article 6 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

A joint monitoring committee shall be established to:

- Develop an annual action plan;
- Monitor the implementation of the projects;
- Evaluate the achieved results and propose possible adjustments.

Article 7: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Each party remains the owner of its prior knowledge. The own results are the property of the party that generated them. The joint results belong jointly to the parties, in proportion to their material, human, intellectual and financial contributions. The conditions of management and exploitation of the joint results shall be formalized by a specific joint ownership agreement concluded by the parties as soon as it is necessary.

Article 8: CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The Parties shall take all reasonable steps not to divulge to third parties any confidential data or information acquired in relation to or in the carrying out of the activities foreseen by this Agreement.

Article 9: COSTS, ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

With the aim of carrying out the activities foreseen by this Agreement, the Parties shall raise the necessary economic resources within the limits of and in accordance with legislation in force in their countries. Where funds provided by outside bodies, such as Government Ministries, Supranational entities, public and private entities, the European Commission etc., are not assigned to a project, the cost of this project shall be met by the technical/scientific body or bodies directly involved in the project, after appropriate financial feasibility checks. All costs shall be specified in the specific implementation agreements.

Each Party shall provide, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, all necessary assistance and support to visiting students, teaching staff, researchers and technical and administrative personnel as established in specific implementation agreements.

During the exchange period the students, under condition of reciprocity, are exempted from tuition fees and contribution in host university.

Article 10: SAFETY

As regards safety in the workplace for visiting members of staff of the partner University, where the host University belongs to an EU Member State, the host University shall conform to applicable European Union legislation; where the host University belongs to a non-EU Member State, the host University shall conform to applicable national legislation.

Article 11: INSURANCE

In accordance with the applicable provisions in force in their respective countries, the Parties shall verify the insurance cover, including healthcare, of participating members. Insurance details will be included in every Implementation Agreement may be drawn.

Article 12: HANDLING OF PERSONAL DATA

The Parties mutually agree to set up as independent holders of the processing of personal data, each within the purposes pursued and its activities competence, as they define independently the purposes and means of the processing. The Parties ensure to collect and process the data, where the host University belongs to an EU Member State, respecting the principles referred to in article 5 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data) or, where the host University belongs to a non-EU Member State, in accordance with the respective national legislation and they are committed to each provide to interested parties the information on the processing of personal data inclusive of data communication and of the exercise of the rights in relation to the purposes pursued with this Agreement.

Article 13: INCOMPATIBILITY

The Parties declare that none of the personnel participating in the activities foreseen by this Cooperation Agreement find themselves in a situation that might give rise to incompatibility or conflicts of interest pursuant to applicable national legislations and that the related provisions of such legislations shall be respected at all times.

Article 14: DISPUTES AND FINAL PROVISIONS

The Parties consider this Cooperation Agreement as a declaration of intent that does not have the legal force of a formal legal contract. The Parties agree therefore wherever possible to seek an amicable resolution of any dispute.

The specific cooperation initiatives described will be started only where sufficient economic resources exist; no Party shall be obliged to participate in or develop an activity for which external or internal resources are not already available.

The resolution of any disputes arising during the carrying out of any executive project as referred to in Article 4 shall conform to the provisions established in the project's specific implementation agreement.

In all cases, the present Academic Cooperation Agreement shall apply solely to the extent it does not contradict applicable national legislation.

The present Agreement is signed in copies in English. The Parties receive one copy each, even in case of digital signature.

For The University Of Genova - Italy

Prof. Federico Delfino

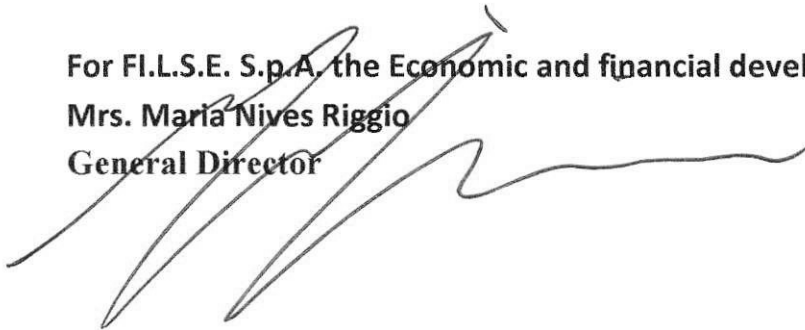
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For FI.L.S.E. S.p.A. the Economic and financial development agency of Liguria Region

Mrs. Maria Nives Riggio

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