

**Cooperative Programme
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation (MESI)
and
the National Research Council of Italy (CNR)**

In accordance with the provision of Article II of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation (hereinafter referred to as MESI and CNR respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Montenegrin and Italian researchers and research centres through the following forms of cooperation:

- a) Joint research programs
- b) Visits and exchange of research staff
- c) Other cooperative activities mutually accepted

Article 2. Joint Research Projects

For the joint research projects the cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 The Parties shall promote scientific collaboration on the following research areas:
 - Sustainable agriculture and food value chain;
 - Energy and sustainable environment;
 - Natural disaster risk management;
 - Cultural Heritage; and
 - Marine Science and Marine Biology.
- 2.2 Both parties will support up to eight (8) joint research projects implemented on specific subjects, as stated in the Article 2, point 2.1. with the participation of scientists from each Party.
- 2.3 The Call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced simultaneously by the Parties in March every two years. The first call for proposals will be announced in March 17, 2025 with a deadline of June 12, 2025. The selected joint research projects will be in place for a duration of two years.
- 2.4 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 1st 2026.

- 2.5 Both parties, MESI and CNR, will:
- a) gather all the applications from their respective sides,
 - b) review them separately, and
 - c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of November.
 - d) select the joint research projects to be funded on the basis of financial availability and the provisions of the Scientific Collaboration Agreement.
 - e) finance its own team of researchers.
- 2.6 The list of joint research projects mutually approved will be made public once available.

Article 3. Financial Support

In accordance with the provision of Article II of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement, the approved joint research projects shall be financed as follows:

- 3.1 The Parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the program, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 3.2 For each project, MESI will provide annually up to 5.000 € to the Montenegrin team, CNR and will provide up to 5.000 € to the Italian team.
- 3.3 The support given by the Parties to the research teams shall complement the proper resources of each team, and is intended to subsidize the general costs linked to the international nature of the projects, the costs of international travel, mainly transportation and per-diem expenses.

Article 4. Medical insurance

The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country.

The receiving Party will provide the visitor with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.

Article 5. Protection of Personal Data

Concerning the protection of personal data deriving from this Cooperative Programme, refer to Article 7 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation.

Article 6. Amendments

Amendments to this MESI – CNR Cooperation Programme may be proposed by either MESI or CNR. Such amendments will become effective when MESI and CNR have mutually agreed upon them.

Article 7. Duration and Termination

This Cooperative Programme shall come into force on the date of its signature from both Parties and remain valid during for a period of two years.

This Cooperative Programme is signed in two copies in English.

For
The Ministry of Education, Science and
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