

MEMORANDUM OF UNDESTANDING (MoU)

Between

THE BATUMI ART TEACHING UNIVERSITY, University's address: 19/32 Z. Gorgiladze/ Vazha-Pshavela Street, Batumi 6000, in the person of the Magnificent Rector, Teimuraz Kezheradze, born in Batumi on 01.09.1958 (hereinafter also called "BATUMI" for brevity);

And

UNIVERSITÀ TELEMATICA PEGASO SRL based Naples (Italy) Centro Direzionale, Isola F2, Company Reg. of Naples N. 05411471211 - VAT number 09305451214, established by Ministerial Decree 20.04.2006 (GU no. 118 of 23.5.2006 - SO no. 125), in the person of Dean of the Faculty of Human Sciences and Education, Sport, Michele Corsi, born in Bari (BA), Italy on 06.05.1949, (hereinafter also called "Pegaso" for brevity) Jointly referred to as the "Parties";

Given that

In line with the principles and objectives of the Lisbon European Council regarding the achievement of a more effective interaction between the training system in Italy and the development of professional skills, the pursuit of cultural, professional and economic growth appears more fundamental than ever of society.

Academic training, due to its high level of quality and its interdisciplinary approach, provides cultural tools suitable for achieving an in-depth and accurate knowledge of the above-mentioned issues.

The Batumi Art Teaching University is a leading educational center in the artistic sphere in Adjara-Georgia. Batumi Art University is the only higher education art institution that simultaneously conducts teaching in all four directions: theatre, cinema, music, and visual art. Educational programs are conducted by highly qualified specialists working in Batumi and invited professors from partner higher education institutions. They conduct active teaching activities, professional and scientific performance.

Pegaso is a university under Italian law that operates according to the most modern technological standards in the e-learning field, promoting the national and international development of teaching, research and studies, also through cultural exchange between different countries and collaboration with prestigious universities, in particular, in the community area. The University therefore represents Italian excellence in the field of education, in general, and online education, in particular.

Pegaso is interested in establishing relationships with the main institutions in the world of training, work and society to create the best possible conditions for access to higher education, and develop collaborations in research, teaching and professional updating, also through the subscription of specific agreements and conventions.

The Parties intend to invest in the training of human and professional capital to leverage excellence, playing a privileged role in the progressive construction of an integrated system of international relations on the issues of research valorization.

The Parties have an interest in developing forms of collaboration in various cultural, scientific, technical and technological sectors, as well as the exchange of students and teachers and related educational, cultural and scientific issues.

The Parties as identified above with the signing of this agreement agree, in a collaborative spirit, in compliance with the institutional specificities and purposes, to jointly promote, from a system perspective, opportunities and collaborative initiatives, attributable to the natural areas of their respective afferece,

agree and stipulate the following

Art. 1 - Premises

The identification of the parties and the premises are an integral and substantial part of this agreement.

Art. 2 – Object

- a) The Parties expressly agree to open up to cooperation and collaboration relating to research, the exchange of students and teachers and related educational, cultural and scientific issues, within the limits set by this agreement and future implementing agreements in the field of cultural and teaching activities , training and research signed by the Parties.
- b) The Parties expressly agree to encourage mutual general collaboration and assistance of a technical-scientific nature, in all fields in which an interest in the implementation of joint projects and programs is recognised, on the part of the contracting parties, and the presence, at structures or articulations of the same subjects, of professionalism to be used to support the same programs.
- c) The Parties expressly agree to consolidate and increase joint initiatives aimed at promoting their respective international relationships, making the know-how and contacts acquired mutually available.
- d) The Parties expressly agree to implement the exchange of academic and administrative staff, in accordance with current regulations and the internal regulations of each of the Parties, for a limited period of time and defined below, in order to carry out joint projects in the field of teaching , in the field of scientific and technological research and/or participate in research projects already underway at one of the Parties.
- e) Each Party undertakes to appoint a representative for the planning and coordination of joint activities of staff, administration, research, students and cultural projects. The aforementioned representatives will have the task of communicating with the other Institution in relation to this agreement and matters relating to it.
- f) The Parties will undertake to exchange visits between members of their academic and administrative staff to hold conferences, engage in research, develop joint projects, establish cultural activities, exchange students, as well as provide technical assistance in the manner defined in a separate *addendum*. The two institutions will also work to exchange delegations for participation in conferences, workshops and seminars organized by their respective institutions.

- g) The Parties undertake to provide logistical support, including facilities and assistance necessary to support student and staff exchanges as well as the implementation of research projects.
- h) The Parties expressly agree to promote and implement collaborative initiatives in partnership, with particular regard to project initiatives for participation in national, cross-border and/or community funding calls.
- i) The Parties undertake to develop project proposals to present to funding agencies in order to obtain financial support for the development of mutually beneficial activities. To implement this memorandum, the two institutions will agree on an action plan which includes agreements on financial details.

Art. 3 – Implementation agreements

The initiatives referred to in this MoU will be implemented, where necessary or appropriate, through specific Implementation Agreements that will be stipulated between the Parties. The Implementation Agreements must identify the methods and terms of implementation of the interventions, in compliance with the provisions of the MoU.

These Agreements will also regulate aspects concerning Industrial and Intellectual Property, Publications and Confidentiality, based on the peculiarities of the individual initiatives.

Art . 4 - Duration

The MoU is effective for five years from the date of its signature and may be renewed, subject to written agreement between the Parties.

Art.5 – Changes

Any modification to this agreement may be proposed by each Party and approved in writing.

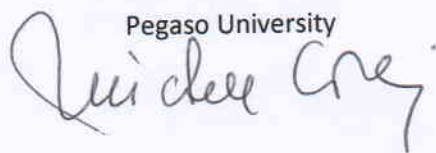
Art. 6 – Charges

This deed does not entail any economic burden for the Parties.

The Parties undertake to publicize the possibilities offered by this MoU to their internal bodies, teachers, researchers, doctoral students and students.

Prof. Michele Corsi

Dean of the Faculty of Human Sciences
and Education, Sport
Pegaso University



Prof. Teimuraz Kezheradze

Rector of Batumi Art Teaching University

