

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF MODENA AND REGGIO EMILIA, ITALY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, BELFIELD, DUBLIN 4, IRELAND SETTING UP AND IMPLEMENTING A DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME IN "INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LABOUR RELATIONS" BASED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MODENA AND REGGIO EMILIA

Preamble

Having regard to:

- Italian Law no. 210, 3/7/1998;
- the Decree of the Ministry for Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology (the present-day Ministry for Education, Higher Education and Research) of the Italian Republic no. 224, 30/4/1999 "Regulations on Doctoral Research Programmes" published in the *Gazzetta Ufficiale* of the Italian Republic no. 162, 13/7/1999;
- the Regulations for Doctoral Research Programmes of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, approved by the Academic Senate on 23/11/1999 as amended;
- the intention of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and the University of Dublin, National University of Ireland, to work together to set up a doctoral research programme in "International and Comparative Labour Relations" with the aim of providing a multithematic approach in an international and comparative perspective on juridical, sociological and economic aspects of labour relations, both with regard to the individual and the collective dimension, in both the public and the private sector, to prepare doctoral students for specialised in-depth study of issues of current interest in the international academic debate (both in Europe and elsewhere), supported by the experience and research of experts of international standing, with a view to favouring access by the doctoral students to the leading international academic and cultural circles, with a high-level analysis of the sociological, economic and juridical processes of labour, in the context of research bodies and institutional entities, including private bodies;
- the fact that the Universities signing the present agreement are endowed with the human and instrumental resources for achieving the above-mentioned objectives,

THE UNIVERSITY OF MODENA AND REGGIO EMILIA (tax code number 00427620364), represented by Prof. Gian Carlo Pellacani, born in Modena on the seventh of May nineteen thirty-six (7/5/1936), Rector *pro-tempore* of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, authorised by the Administrative Council of the said University with a resolution dated [.....]

AND

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, NATIONAL UNIVERISTY OF IRELAND, (tax code number IE.6517386K), hereinafter UCD, represented by Mr. John Coman, born in Tipperary on the fifth of October nineteen sixty two (5/10/1962), Corporate and Legal Affairs Secretary of University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, authorised by the Governing Authority.

HEREBY AGREE AND STIPULATE THE FOLLOWING

The Preamble is an integral part of the present Agreement.

Article 1. AIMS

In signing the present Agreement, the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and the University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, undertake to work together to set up a doctoral research programme in "International and Comparative Labour Relations", based for administrative purposes at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, to be implemented pursuant to the relevant Italian university regulations. The doctoral research programme, to be activated in the academic year 2005/2006 (twenty-first cycle of Italian doctoral programmes), with a three-year duration, is intended, by means of a multithematic, international and comparative approach, to provide in-depth study of the key issues in the academic debate both in Europe and beyond. All the administrative matters relating to the doctoral research programme will be the responsibility of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, which undertakes, among its other commitments, to manage enrolments and records, and to meet the administrative requirements necessary for the award of the final qualification.

In the event that the same doctoral research programme is activated for the academic year 2006/2007 and successive years (twenty-second and subsequent cycles of the Italian doctoral programme), the present Agreement shall remain in force, unless formally cancelled as specified in Article 6 below.

Article 2. SCOPE OF COOPERATION

For the achievement of the aims laid down in Article 1 of the present Agreement, the above-mentioned Universities undertake to promote:

1. the participation of academic, research and technical staff in the teaching programmes and course management (teaching body);
2. study visits by the doctoral research students to the University signing the Agreement, without any need for the host university to provide financial support;
3. the development of joint or collaborative research projects;
4. the development of computer networks;
5. the organisation of conferences, seminars, colloquia and meetings as mutually agreed on.

Article 3. ACADEMIC ADVISORY BOARD

For the definition of the programmes of the doctoral research courses under the terms of Article 1 above, to be activated pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Italian university regulations in force, and of the related advanced scientific research activities, a special Academic Advisory Board will be set up consisting of tutors and experts of international standing, belonging to academic institutions outside of Italy and to the Academic Advisory Board of the Marco Biagi Foundation, up to a maximum of 15 members. This Board will also be responsible for carrying out a periodic assessment of the implementation of the programmes adopted.

The Academic Advisory Board shall normally meet once a year.

The parties undertake to regulate any further forms of collaboration by means of specific agreements.

Article 4. ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia during the selection process undertakes to reserve half of the places for admission to the doctoral research programme under Article 1 of the present Agreement for graduates from other Universities, in particular Universities not based in Italy.

Article 5. JURISDICTION AND DISPUTES

Relations between the Universities indicated above shall be regulated by the present Agreement; for matters not explicitly mentioned, reference shall be made to the Regulations for the Doctoral

Research Programmes of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and the Italian provisions in force.

The parties agree to regulate any further forms of collaboration by means of specific agreements. In the event of a dispute arising between the parties in relation to the interpretation, implementation and/or validity of the present Agreement, the competent jurisdiction shall be exclusively that of Modena (Italy).

Article 6. DURATION AND EXECUTION

The present Agreement shall be signed in four original copies, of which two in Italian and two in English.

The entry into force of the present Agreement is dependent on the setting up of the doctoral research programme as specified in Article 1 by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, in compliance with the provisions of the regulations for doctoral research programmes, and subject to the approval and cofunding of the programme by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Italy.

The present Agreement shall be valid, as from the academic year 2005/2006, both for the twenty-first cycle of doctoral research programmes in Italy, for the period 2006-2008, and for subsequent three-year cycles in which the programme specified in Article 1 is activated, unless the present Agreement is formally cancelled by one of the above-mentioned Universities; any cancellation must be received by the other party no later than 30 April each year with effect from the following doctoral programme.

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
The Rector
(Prof. Gian Carlo Pellacani)

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University of Dublin, National University of Ireland
Corporate and Legal Affairs Secretary
Mr. John Coman

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