

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNIVERSITY IUAV OF VENICE AND GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING / VLAAMSE OVERHEID - RUIJTE VLAANDEREN ON COMMON RESEARCH AND COOPERATION INITIATIVES CONCERNING INNOVATIVE SPATIAL PLANNING WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO COASTAL AND MARITIME PLANNING, CLIMATE PROOF PLANNING AND DESIGN, METROPOLITAN SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING.

Between

the **IUAV University of Venice**, hereinafter referred to IUAV, tax code 80009280274, VAT 00708670278, represented by the rector pro tempore prof. Alberto Ferlenga born in Castiglione delle Stiviere (Mantova) April 14, 1954, domiciled for the office at the University IUAV – Santa Croce, 191-30135 Venice, legitimized the signing of this act by deliberation of the Academic Senate on 10th february 2016 and deliberation of the Board of Directors on 17th february 2016;

and

VLAAMSE OVERHEID – DEPARTEMENT RUIJTE VLAANDEREN , VAT BE0316.380.841, Represented by Peter Cabus, Secretary-General, domiciled for the office at VLAAMSE OVERHEID – Departement Ruimte Vlaanderen – Koning Albert II-laan 19 bus 12, 1210 Brussel, Legitimized the signing of this Act

WHEREAS:

- IUAV that, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 2 of the Statute, in the exercise of its functional autonomy, can promote, organize and manage in collaboration with other public and private actors operating at local, national, supranational and international , activities of common interest in fields related to its institutional purposes;
- IUAV, whose activity is institutionally devoted to teaching, training and research on the disciplines of Architecture, Urban Planning, Physical Planning, Restoration, Arts, Theatre and Design, is a qualified research and training center with specific expertise developed in the general field of innovative spatial planning with special attention to coastal and maritime planning, climate proof planning and design, metropolitan scale environmental planning, also with regard to the network of relationships with numerous Italian and International specialized organizations, with whom IUAV maintains collaborative relationships in research , teaching, internships and other activities related to the primary functions of the University;
- That VLAAMSE OVERHEID – DEPARTEMENT RUIJTE VLAANDEREN intends to acquire, develop and apply research methodologies in the field spatial planning and urban design, in order to deepen the knowledge of innovative spatial planning and develop new planning practices with special attention to coastal and maritime planning, climate proof planning and design, metropolitan scale spatial planning, also with regard to the network of relationships with local stakeholders. Departement Ruimte Vlaanderen intends to broaden and deepen their international network of relationships with research and teaching institutions, and share their knowledge on planning practice in Flanders.
- That VLAAMSE OVERHEID - RUIJTE VLAANDEREN and IUAV have scientific general expertise in the field of spatial and regional planning accordingly their institutional duties;

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 - Purpose

IUAV and VLAAMSE OVERHEID - RUIJTE VLAANDEREN recognize the interest to activate forms of cooperation in order to develop and promote research on the topic concerning innovative spatial planning with special attention to coastal and maritime planning, climate proof planning and design, metropolitan scale environmental planning.

Article 2 - Forms of Collaboration

The purposes indicated in the previous article must be followed through various forms of activities, including e.g.:

- Active collaboration between the two entities to define combined researches, surveys, experimental plans concerning:
 - a) integrated coastal zone management and planning, with special attention to the touristic and economic activities operating along the coastal areas;
 - b) maritime and coastal spatial planning to support the implementation of European Union Directive on MSP (2014/89/EU) with special attention to land-sea interactions in plans design;
 - c) portual activities planning, including infrastructures and logistics facilities;
 - d) climate change (mitigation and adaptation) to integrate climate proof planning techniques and policies within the existing planning systems, also with the definition of specific actions portfolio and handbooks to be tested locally;
 - e) metropolitan level environmental planning;
 - f) comparison of planning cases at all the scales in the specific areas of interest (Northern Sea and Adriatic Region in particular).

- Designing and participation to European funded initiatives such as Espon, Erasmus +, Interreg Europe and Horizon 2020;

- Organization of common intensive international workshop on the topics of interest, involving local authorities, local experts and scholars, master and PhD students from IUAV and other universities in Belgium or abroad;

- Specific Internships within the umbrella of Erasmus +, Erasmus Mundus, or other specific exchange initiatives, involving IUAV students to define specific reports and studies of common interest for VLAAMSE OVERHEID - RUIJTE VLAANDEREN and IUAV, especially to prepare thesis and dissertations or post-graduation applied research, to support the different activities regulated by this MOU;

Article 3 - Commitment and economic aspects

The collaborative activities in the preceding article shall be implemented also through specific agreements when required;

The agreements will also govern the terms and conditions of their commitments for the use of the premises (buildings), including with regard to safety and to the allocation of eventual costs between the parties pertaining to the activities to be performed under this Agreement.

Article 4 - Officers search

VLAAMSE OVERHEID - RUIJTE VLAANDEREN identified as responsible for implementation of this Agreement Charlotte Geldof, Responsible of spatial research for coastal and marine areas and research by design;

IUAV identified as responsible for the implementation of this agreement prof. Francesco Musco.

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It is the responsibility of the two scientific directors to identify the activities to be implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding and scientific processing of the conventions referred to in Article 3. The two scientific leaders will define annually a list of potential activities to be developed under this Memorandum of Understanding, which shall communicate to the partner organizations.

Specific responsibilities of single projects and activities can be identified accordingly competences within the two institutions.

Article 5 - Confidentiality

The Parties undertake to ensure for themselves and for their staff, strict confidentiality regarding the information, data, methods of analysis, research, which comes to their knowledge in the performance of common tasks, not disclosing it to third parties and using it only for the achievement of the purposes covered by the Convention implementation, to refrain from any action which might harm the patentability of these results.

Article 6 - Intellectual property

1. Each Party shall remain the owner of all knowledge and intellectual property acquired before the entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding and will be free to use or disclose in its sole discretion. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be interpreted as granting or transfer - whether expressed or implied - of any right, title or interest in the license, as well as any knowledge or intellectual property rights of a party, developed outside of any special agreement, both that this will happen before, during or after such agreement.

2. Accordingly, the property of the scientific results of the activities referred to in Article 2 of this Memorandum of Understanding and the rights to its patent applications belong equally to the parties, unless otherwise agreed between them.

3. The moral and patrimonial rights of people who have carried out research as required by applicable laws are preserved.

Article 7 - Publications

1. The materials developed as part of the activities, which may be the subject of publication, may be used jointly or separately.

2. When using disjoint, the text of publication must be approved by the scientific and the individuals identified by IUAV and VLAAMSE OVERHEID - RUIMTE VLAANDEREN in the implementation convention, which shall, within 60 days, express an opinion on the confidentiality of the results. After that time has passed without any comments submitted, each party shall be free to proceed with the publication separately.

3. In any publication or writing relating to the materials developed during the joint activities should be made explicit reference to this Memorandum of Understanding and the eventual operative agreement.

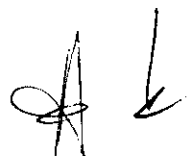
Article 8 - Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding has a validity of 3 years from the signing of the same and cannot be in any case automatically renewed, unless explicit declaration of all parties.

Article 9 - Disputes

Any dispute shall be settled exclusively by the competent Courts of Venice and Brussel.

Article 10 - Privacy

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The parties agree, pursuant to the Legislative Decree 30 June 2003, n. 196, and its subsequent amendments and additions, that the personal data collected in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding are processed exclusively for the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 11 - Registration

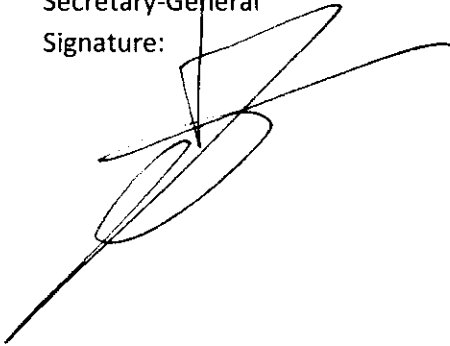
The registration of this Memorandum of Understanding will be made only in case of use, in accordance with current legislation. All related expenses, including stamp duty, shall be borne by the party requesting the recording.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed as of the 18th the day of February in the year 2016.

The present Agreement will be executed in two original copies in English.

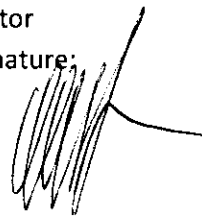
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– Departement RUIJTE VLAANDEREN

Peter Cabus
Secretary-General
Signature:

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Università IUAV di Venezia

Professor Alberto Ferlenga
Rector
Signature:

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Please find here enclosed 2 originals of the agreement, signed by the Rector of Università Iuav di Venezia, Prof. Alberto Ferlenga.
We kindly ask you to return us one of them countersigned.

Best Regards
Alberto Uberti

