

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Rete Fondazioni ITS Italia with registered office in Genoa, operational headquarters in Milan, Viale Bianca Maria, 27 in person of the President Mr. Guido Torrielli (hereinafter "ITS ITALY")

and

The Association of Slovene Higher Vocational Colleges (Skupnost višjih strokovnih šol Republike Slovenije), a registered entity with its operational headquarters at Mariborska cesta 2, Celje, Slovenia, represented by its President, Mr. Egon Pipan (hereinafter "Association HVC")

(Hereinafter, jointly, "The Parties");

Whereas

- 1) Whereas **Association HVC**, is the national body representing public and private higher vocational colleges in Slovenia, which offers two-year, EQF Level 5 short-cycle higher education programmes focused on practical, career-oriented training. The programmes are aligned with labour market needs and delivered in close cooperation with employers, with around 40% of learning taking place in real work environments. The study fields reflect key sectors of the Slovenian economy and include: Business and Administration, Commerce, Hospitality and Tourism, Media Production, Agriculture and Landscape Management, Mechatronics, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Construction, Transport Services, Environmental Protection, and Multimedia.
- 2) Whereas ITS ITALY is the national association of Italian ITS Foundations that provide highly specialized technical training courses after graduation, within the areas considered priority for the economic development and competitiveness of the country, made up of 11 reference technological chains and in particular: Energy efficiency, Sustainable mobility, Sustainable mobility of people and goods/ship management management of on-board equipment and systems, New life technologies, Agri-food, Home System, Mechanical System, Fashion System, Business services, Innovative technologies for cultural goods and activities/Tourism, Information and communication technologies ICT.
- 3) The parties, signing the MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter "MOU") are interested in entering into cooperation in order to share knowledge, best practices and opportunities for the students both Italian and Slovenian

According to the above,

which forms an integral and essential part of this memorandum,

the parties agree as follows:

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Objective

The Parties agree to enter into negotiations on the following general forms of cooperations:

1.1. Student (and staff) mobility

Facilitate the exchange of students for study, internships, and work-based learning, while also promoting mobility of academic and administrative staff to share best practices, enhance teaching methodologies, and support professional development across institutions.

1.2. Collaborative applied research

Engage in collaborative applied research projects on relevant subjects, supporting innovation and addressing shared challenges where possible and appropriate

1.3. Technology transfer and entrepreneurship

Work together to promote technology transfer, support business creation, and encourage entrepreneurial initiatives among students and institutions.

1.4. Joint participation in academic events

Promote and encourage participation in workshops, seminars, summer schools, and other similar events that contribute to capacity building and knowledge sharing.

1.5. Joint programs and projects

Develop and implement joint programs, training courses, or other collaborative projects where relevant and mutually beneficial.

1.6. Other forms of collaboration

Explore other relevant forms of collaboration that align with the shared interests and development goals of both institutions.

2. General Terms

- 2.1. The Parties agree to enter into specific written agreements in order to implement the activities above defined and to clarify and decline the extent and terms of the collaboration including intellectual property and financial arrangements.
- 2.2. The activities of this MOU must be carried out in accordance with appropriate laws and regulations existing in each country and institution.
- 2.3. All promotional materials and events shall be agreed upon by both The Parties before use.
- 2.4. This MOU shall be provided in two copies in the English language.

3. Duration of the Memorandum

This MOU shall come into force after its signature and it will be effective for five years from the subscription date. Following the expiration, the MOU and the specific agreements under authority of this MOU may be renewed.

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The terms of this MOU may be amended at any time subject to mutual written agreement by both parties.

4. Contacts and Representatives

- 4.1. Any notice, report, request, approval, consent and/or other communication required or permitted under this MOU shall be made in writing:
 - Rete ITS Italy

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5. Financial Arrangement

- 5.1 Any cooperation under this MOU is subject to the availability of funding sources and approval by relevant authorities.
- 5.2 Any specific project of joint interest will be detailed in a separate agreement, including financial and program specific arrangements.

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