



ACADEMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MADRID OPEN UNIVERSITY (Universidad a Distancia de Madrid-UDIMA-Spain)
AND
THE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF BEJA (Instituto Politécnico de Beja – Portugal)

On the one hand, Mr. D. JOSÉ ANDRÉS SÁNCHEZ PEDROCHE, Rector of Madrid Open University

On the other hand, Mr. Professor Vito José de Jesus Carioca, President of Polytechnic Institute of Beja

The parties, and on behalf of their respective institutions

EXPOSED :

I. - That the signatory institutions are united by a community of interests and objectives in the academic and cultural fields.

II. - That are precisely the universities and polytechnics institutions calls, by reason of its essence, purpose and goals, to establish the channels of communication that allow for the exchange of scientific and cultural knowledge.

III.- They are institutions with its own legal personality, that enables them to enter into agreements of this nature for better compliance with the purposes which they are entrusted.

IV.- Above, the parties signatories declare their interest in making academic and cultural exchanges that allow them to enhance their academic link, by making the appropriate instruments.



Therefore, they decided to conclude a cooperation agreement between the above-mentioned institutions, according to the following



CLAUSES:

FIRST.- The institutions that subscribe agree to exchange their experiences and staff in the fields of teaching, research and culture, within those areas in which they have expressed interest.

SECOND. - For the fulfilment of the clause that precedes the parts they agree to develop annual programs of scientific and cultural exchange that they will understand (comprise):

- 1.- The development of joint research projects.
- 2.- Programs for postgraduate study or research.
- 3.- Exchange of professors, researchers, students and administration staff and services.
- 4.- The exchange of information relating to its organization, structure and functioning, as well as the development of annual programs.
- 5.- Courses, seminars, symposiums, etc. , that involve teachers of the two institutions.
- 6.- Exchange of bibliographical material, editions, etc., as well as its suitable diffusion across(through) the channels that they have established.

THIRD.-This Agreement may be modified or added by mutual agreement of the parties, at the request of one of them. The amendments will enter into force on the date that is agreed to by both institutions.

FOURTH.- The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing and shall have a duration of three years which may be extended by equal periods automatically, unless one of the Institutions communicate to the other Party in writing

and with three months in advance, the date on which you want to terminate it.



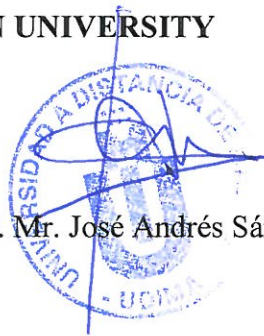
FIFTH.- The financing of the activities developed in the framework of the present Agreement shall be subject to the availability of credit to the effect on the budgets of each of the institutions.



The representatives of both Institutions sign the present Agreement and stamp on them its respective stamps, in the date and place arrives indicated.

**ON BEHALF OF
MADRID OPEN UNIVERSITY**

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Signature: Rector. Mr. José Andrés Sánchez Pedroche

**ON BEHALF OF
POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF BEJA**

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Signature: President Mr. Vito José de Jesus Carioca