

**AGREEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND FUNCTIONING
OF THE Ph. D. IN
“LAW”- CICLE XXXI**

BETWEEN

- The University of Catania , Fiscal Code/VAT 02772010878, address: Catania, p.zza Università n. 2, represented by the Rector Professor Giacomo Pignataro

AND

- The University of Castilla-La Mancha, Fiscal Code/VAT Q1368009, address C/ Altagracia n. 50, represented by the Rector/President, Professor Miguel Ángel Collado Yurrita

HAVING REGARD TO

- the Law 210/1998;
- the Law 240/2010;
- the Ministerial Decree of February 8, 2013, n.45, published on the Italian Official Journal, n. 104 - 06.05.2013;
- the Regulation for Ph. D. Courses of the University of Catania, issued by the rector with his own decree on July 3 2013 – n. 2788.

CONSIDERING

that the University intends to promote the international cooperation within the framework of Ph. D. Courses and for this reason stipulates agreements with other foreign Universities to share the planning of the courses, thus shouldering joint responsibility as to:

o **Planning of the training/education program**

The integration of *Curricula* based on the planning is aimed to set up joint educational goals and to work out an international common level of training program, that is, however, compatible with individual national programs;

o **Management of training/education programs and mobility**

The management concerns mainly decisions on both logistic and financial aspects of the program, students selection, training steps designed to build up the *curriculum*, scheduling of students mobility periods, involving all Institutions participating to the program;

o **Typology of the issued degree**



The issue of a *degree* recognized by both Parties (*double degree*) can be the outcome of the “integrated” training/education program, for the PhD students who have been included by the Teaching body within the joint program according to this agreement.

THIS BEING STATED, THE FOLLOWING IS AGREED ON

ARTICLE 1

The University of Catania (administrative seat) and the University of Castilla-La Mancha, through this agreement, plan to manage jointly an International Ph. D. Course in “Law”, cycle XXXI.

ARTICLE 2

The Ph. D. Course lasts for three academic years and will be carried out according to Annex 1, that is hereby attached and is an integral part of the agreement.

ARTICLE 3

The Coordinator of the Ph. D. is Professor Anna Maria Maugeri Position Full Professor at the Department of Law of the University of Catania; Delegate of the University of Castilla-La Mancha is Professor Nicola Garcia Rivas. The Teaching body is composed by all professors involved in the activities related to the specific Ph.D. course and on duty at the University of Catania and at the University Castilla-La Mancha, according to Annex 2, that is hereby attached and is an integral part of the agreement.

ARTICLE 4

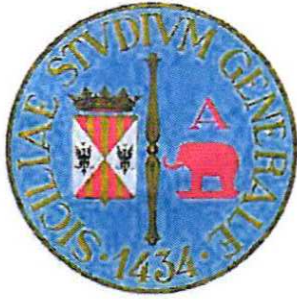
The University of Catania and the University of Castilla-La Mancha commit themselves to offer this Ph. D. Course the necessary facilities such as buildings, scientific, teaching and library facilities, as well as the necessary teaching and administrative staff existing at the Institutions where the course is implemented.

ARTICLE 5

4 A call for admission will determine methods of selection of candidates. The selection will be carried out by an apposite committee (see art. 6) according to the schedule set in the call for admission.

ARTICLE 6

The rector of the University of Catania, according to the proposal of Teaching body, appoints with his own decree the committee for the selection of candidates.



ARTICLE 7

Students will enroll in the Ph. D. course offered by the University of Catania and must comply with the obligations stated in the call for admission.

The University in which the candidate will enroll commits itself to guarantee insurance coverage, according to the local regulation in force.

ARTICLE 8

Students will carry out the research program approved by the Teaching body at the beginning of the course. Research activity can be carried out at both institutions signing the present agreement under the supervision and the responsibility of a supervisor from the University of Catania (administrative seat) and a co-supervisor from the partner university.

The periods of study at the signing Institutions as well as at other Institutions are regulated by the laws in force at the respective institutions.

ARTICLE 9

The Commission appointed to confer the Ph. D. title is nominated by the rector of the University of Catania with his own decree, according to the proposal of the teaching body and to the regulation of the Ph.D. course.

The Ph. D. title will be awarded by the University of Catania (administrative seat) and by the University of Castilla-La Mancha on condition that the University of Castilla La-Mancha shares the student's research project.

ARTICLE 10

The Course will end with a one-session final examination to be held at the administrative seat of the Ph.D. course.

Ph. D. students who have been included by the Teaching body within the joint program according to this agreement will discuss the doctoral thesis written in English.

Students will defend their doctoral thesis according to the rules laid down in the Regulation for Ph.D. courses of the University of Catania.

ARTICLE 11

The present agreement will be in force from the beginning of the XXXI cycle of the Ph.D. course (academic year 2015-2016) to its conclusion.

The present agreement can be renewed for subsequent cycles, unless notice of termination from one of the parties before October 31 to apply for the next cycle. The automatic renewal involves, in any case, the obligation to produce annexes 1 and 2 for subsequent cycles.



The validity of the present agreement and its possible renewals is subject to the accreditation of the doctoral course by the competent authorities and to its implementation by the University of Catania.

ARTICLE 12

The present agreement is written in duplicate, both in Italian and in English, and will be registered only if needed.

Catania,

Il Pro Rettore
Prof. A. Gentile

Università degli Studi di Catania

THE RECTOR

Professor Giacomo Pignataro

Ciudad Real,



University of Castilla-La Mancha

THE RECTOR

Professor Miguel Ángel Collado Yurrita

Annex 1

Ph. D. in "Law" - cycle XXXIV

Administrative seat: University of Catania

Partner seat: University of Castilla - La Mancha

Length of the Course: 3 years

PROGRAM

Scientific Topics:

Topics dealing with all the fields of the Scientific Area 12 – Law.

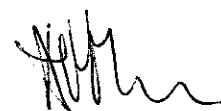
Ph. D. goals and training activities:


The PhD Course aims at training legal experts in the techniques and methods of legal research, providing them with all the necessary tools for the solution of conflicts of interest in a globalized world.

For the aforementioned purposes, the structure of the PhD program will be characterized, firstly, both by an in-depth analysis of interdisciplinary and general topics of the legal area (engaging not only the dimension of law but also its historical-philosophical aspects) and by the learning of the techniques of argumentation and legal research's methodology, including comparisons with foreign legal systems; secondly, by the study concerning specialist areas which will focus on the elaboration of the doctoral thesis.

By the comparison with EU Law and International law, the course will aim at teaching the method of research through a constitutionally oriented approach within the so-called multilevel constitutionalism, which today characterizes all the branches of law and involves: the European Convention of Human Rights in the light of the interpretation of the Strasbourg Court; the fundamental principles of EU Law as crystallized in the Charter of Fundamental Rights and interpreted by the European Union Court of Justice; the national Constitutions as interpreted by the national Constitutional Courts.

Students are required to attend the PhD program and to carry out their studies and research activities in the premises designated for this purpose in accordance with the regulations laid down by the teaching staff.



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Language skills will be improved by the offer of courses of the "Multimedia language Center of the University of Catania – CLMA" as well as by courses in legal language and specialized courses in English borrowed from the master's degree in Law and the School of Excellence, with a final assessment; an additional tool will be the study of European and foreign Law.

As it concerns computer skills, *ad hoc* seminars with experts will be organized in order to allow students to achieve the ability to adequately consult databases (Italian and foreign) as well as to use the operating systems necessary to carry out research and professional activities in the field of Law.

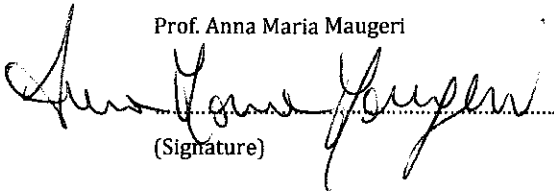
The research will be subjected to evaluation by the teaching staff.

Ph. D. students mobility:

For a minimum period of three/six months students will carry out a research activity within a foreign research institution (neither Italian nor Spanish), chosen together with the tutors in consideration of the research topic.

The teaching staff will determine the period that the PhD students, who have been included within the joint program according to the present agreement, have to perform in Spain in order to be awarded the double degree.

University of Catania
The Coordinator of the Ph.D. Course
Prof. Anna Maria Maugeri




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Date,

University of Castilla - La Mancha
Prof. N. Garcia Rivas

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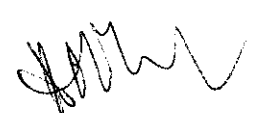
Ph. D. in "Law" cycle XXXIV


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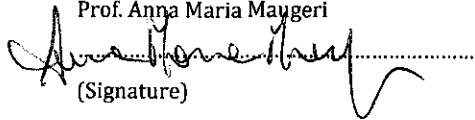
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