

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA

AND

**DIRECCIÓN NACIONAL DE CONTRATACIONES PÚBLICAS
(DNCP)**

(NATIONAL DIRECTION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT, Government of Paraguay)

The National Direction Of Public Procurement - DNCP, Government of Paraguay, and the University of Foggia, Italy, believing the extension and strengthening of scientific exchange and cooperation to be of mutual value to their institutions and to the development of understanding between our peoples, hereby record their intentions to promote academic and educational exchanges between their institutions through the following activities.

1- STAFF EXCHANGE

1-1 Exchange of Academic and Managerial Staff

University of Foggia and the National Direction Of Public Procurement – DNCP, Paraguay, may enter into agreements providing for the exchange and interaction of staff for academic purposes mutually beneficial to both institutions. Where appropriate the host institution will provide library, research facilities and other assistance. However, the host Institute assists with obtaining visa.

1-2 Visiting Academic and Managerial Staff

In addition to exchanges, University of Foggia and the National Direction Of Public Procurement – DNCP, Paraguay, may agree to provide for visiting academic and managerial staff. The terms and conditions for visiting academic and managerial staff will be determined by the units involved within the framework of institutional policy.

1-3 Visiting Research Fellows

University of Foggia and the National Direction Of Public Procurement – DNCP, Paraguay, may enter agreements providing that either institution may nominate one or more of its faculty to visit the other Institution for the purpose of advanced study or research. When this occurs the host institution will provides institutional courtesies, libraries and research facilities. Visiting research fellows will not receive compensation from the host institution except by express agreement.

1-4 Exchange of Administrative Staff

For the purpose of encouraging the exchange of administrative experience and knowledge in fields of common interests, the institutions may select members of their technical-administrative staff to take part in the exchange program.

All participants are responsible for covering their expenses and making all necessary arrangements. However, the host University assists with obtaining visa.

Health and accident insurance coverage must be arranged by the staff member in his/her country of origin. Salaries shall be paid by the institution of origin.

The activities conducted during the exchange period shall be consistent with the professional activities of the staff member at his/her institution of origin, and shall generate a report, to be submitted to the host institution and to the institution of origin

2- E-LEARNING TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Considering the relevance of Sustainable Development as an essential pillar in modern public management, the University of Foggia and the National Direction Of Public Procurement – DNCP, Paraguay, may enter into agreements for the creation of e-learning teaching activities, i.e., specialization programmes and courses on Sustainable Development in Public Procurement for the training of managers and participants of the Technical Institute of Public Procurement (DNCP, Paraguay).

3- OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION

In addition to the aforementioned forms of cooperation, the University of Foggia and the National Direction Of Public Procurement – DNCP, Paraguay, take part in:

- a) Organizing and developing joint plans of research in areas that will be specified as common for both Institutions.
- b) Exchanging research materials and publishing materials related to the cooperation areas between the two Institutions, with regard to sustainable development and public procurement.
- c) Promoting and organizing joint study meetings, seminars, symposiums, conferences, and workshops delivered in one of the two Institutions signing this Agreement.
- d) Conducting reciprocal exchanges of specialist staff members and researchers in order to develop academic and scientific integrated activities.

4- EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

Each party to the agreement will appoint an officer who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the exchange, including counseling to assist exchange participants.

For the University of Foggia, the responsible persons are Prof. Lucia Picarella and Prof. Caterina De Lucia, Department of Social Sciences.

For the National Direction Of Public Procurement – DNCP, Paraguay, the responsible person are dr. Juan Agustín Encina Pérez, National Director – DNCP; dr. Liz María Centurión Pachiga, General Director of the Department for Training and User Services- DNCP; dr. Ana Cecilia Alonso, Inter-agency coordinator – DNCP.

5- EFFECTIVE DATA AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signing and will be valid for the duration of five (5) years from that date, and will be automatically renewed on an annual basis thereafter, unless terminated or replaced with a new Memorandum of Understanding.

Agreement

**For National Direction Of Public Procurement
DNCP, Paraguay**

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