

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR A DOUBLE DEGREE (*Synthesis of the Agreement*)

This Agreement is entered into by Université Savoie Mont Blanc (hereinafter **USMB**, represented by its president, Professor Denis VARASCHIN), having its principle office in 27 Rue Marcoz, BP 1104, 73000 Chambéry, France;

and

University of Genova (hereinafter **UNIGE**, represented by its Rector, Professor Paolo COMANDUCCI), having its principle office in Genova, Italy, Via Balbi 5, 16126.

Witnesseth that:

WHEREAS, both USMB and UNIGE are committed to international, high level teaching; and,

WHEREAS, both USMB and UNIGE profitably carry out teachers and students exchange, common Master theses tutoring, joint organisation of courses, compatibility between courses of USMB and UNIGE; and,

WHEREAS, national laws both in France and in Italy allow joint study initiatives carried out by Universities of different countries; and,

WHEREAS, both USMB and UNIGE regulations (respectively: Règlement des Études de l'Université Savoie Mont Blanc and Regolamento Didattico di Ateneo dell'Università di Genova) allow joint study initiatives carried out by Universities of different countries,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived hereunder, **USMB** and **UNIGE** (hereinafter: **Universities**) agree as follows:

Article I – Aims

The Universities activate a joint curriculum of studies, European Master in Engineering for Energy and Sustainable Buildings (hereinafter: **EMESB**), delivering a double degree in Master Degree in Energy and Solar Buildings (hereinafter **ESB**), and Laurea Magistrale in Energy Engineering - Ingegneria Energetica (hereinafter **En2**), classe LM30, according to the hereunder articles.

Article II – Eligible Students

2.1 Eligible students for the EMESB are: for USMB, students enrolled in Master Degree in Energy and Solar Buildings (ESB),

and,

for UNIGE, students enrolled in Master of Science Course (Laurea Magistrale, classe LM30) in Energy Engineering (En2).

Anyway eligible students are students holding an adequate bachelor degree or an equivalent qualification.

2.2 During the EMESB the students will be enrolled in both Universities, hereinafter referenced as “**Registration University**” (where a student starts her/his studies) and “**Hosting University**” (where a student carries out part of her/his studies).

In order to proceed with the enrolment at the Hosting University, students participating in the EMESB are required to submit all the documents established by the internal rules of each University.

Article III – Students Selection

Each Academic Year up to 5 students for each University are selected to be admitted in the EMESB. The students selection process to the EMESB admission will be compliant to the national French and Italian regulations, and according to a specific agreement (Selection Criteria Agreement, Annex 1), based on general criteria such as: English language proficiency, study records, professional experience, personal motivation, etcetera.

Article IV – Students Mobility

- 4.1 Students mobility between the Universities is compulsory.
- 4.2 During their EMESB students will acquire ECTS credits according to a plan of studies jointly agreed by the Universities (Study Programme, See Annex 2) that includes a grading scale for the translation of national marks.
- 4.3 Students must acquire at least 60 (sixty) ECTS credits in the registration University before they move to the hosting University, according to the Study Programme.
- 4.4 Students must acquire at least 24 (twenty-four) ECTS credits of taught modules at the registration University to submit an application for the Double Degree EMESB.
- 4.5 Students must acquire at least 30 (thirty) ECTS credits of taught modules during fall semester, second year, at the hosting University.

Article V – Teachers Exchange

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Article VI – Master Thesis

- 6.1 The master theses will be written and defended in English language; each student will be jointly supervised by two advisors, one by USMB and one by UNIGE.
- 6.2 The master theses must be done individually and contain elements of original work.
- 6.3 The master theses must be defended in front of a committee of experts at the Registration University. The composition and the procedures related to theses commissions will comply with regulations of the two Universities.
- 6.4 The printed (paper or electronic) version of Master thesis will contain the logotypes of both USMB and UNIGE.

Article VII – Certificate and Diploma

- 7.1 Each University will deliver its diploma accordingly to the National Laws and University regulations.
- 7.2 Each University will provide the other University the following documents:
 - list of students enrolled in the EMESB;
 - prior to mobility: for each student, a Learning Agreement and a transcript of records attesting the minimum requisites agreed in the Study Programme;
 - after mobility: for each student, transcript of records of the acquired modules with marks;
 - after thesis defence: degree certification with the final mark and diploma supplement (syllabus in paragraph 5, See Annex II).

Article VIII – Financial Management

- 8.1 Students enrolling the EMESB will pay the tuition fees at the Registration University for the entire duration of the EMESB.
- 8.2 The Hosting Institution will cover management costs of the hosted students.

- 8.3 The Hosting Institution will enrol the EMESB students in mobility without double payment of tuition fees.
- 8.4 Students participating in the exchange must provide health insurance for covering their medical expenses and a certificate of liability insurance for the duration of their stay at the host university.

Article IX – EMESB Management

- 9.1 Each University appoints as EMESB Coordinator, responsible for the best fulfilment of the present Agreement, the ESB or En2 coordinator currently in charge, namely Professor Gilles Fraisse (USMB) and Professor Marco Fossa (UNIGE) for the academic year 2016-2017
- 9.2 The Coordinators will meet at least once every academic year to assure the quality of the EMESB, and eventually operate the renewal of the documents cited in articles III (Selection Criteria Agreement), IV (Study Programme Agreement), and IX (Financial Agreement). By mutual agreement, the two Universities can activate local structures and commissions in order to better implement the present Agreement.

Article X – Safety

Both Parties ensure insurance and safety measures, for each mobility (both to students and staff) as below specified:

As regards safety in the workplace of incoming mobilities from the partner University, taking part in activities in the frame of this agreement both the Parties shall conform to applicable European Union legislation.

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Article XI – Insurance

In accordance with the applicable provisions in force in their respective countries, both Parties shall verify the insurance cover, including healthcare, of participating members.

- The Parties guarantee that students and staff, carrying out activities at the partner university in the frame of the agreement, comply with the applicable insurance legislation.
- The Parties, within the respective roles and responsibilities and if specific funds are available for this purpose, undertake to provide additional insurance coverage for specific activities (e.g. for laboratory activities) of its outgoing mobilities, if necessary.

Article XII – Agreement Duration

- 10.1 The present Agreement will be valid commencing in the academic year 2016/2017 and its duration is 3 years, till academic year 2018/2019
- 10.2 The Agreement can be renewed by signing a new agreement and after a quality evaluation of the EMESB programme that will be carried out in 2018 jointly by the Coordinators.