COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between



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email: <u>anvur@pec.anvur.it</u>, website: <u>www.anvur.it</u>, legally represented by the President, Prof. Antonio Felice Uricchio

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(ANQA - "National center for professional education quality assurance" foundation), St. Orbeli 22, 0028, Yerevan, Armenia,

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The parties of the agreement, ANVUR and ANQA, both operating in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and endowed with full membership of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA, both ANVUR and ANQA), and registered in EQAR (ANQA)

being fully aware of the importance of the European standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the higher education and of the need of close cross-border cooperation for their successful implementations, and therefore

aiming at enhancing mutual trust and promoting collaborative actions to further support the development of a shared quality culture in higher education

Agree

- to improve their dialogue and collaboration in the fields of quality assurance, quality enhancement and quality culture;
- to promote the exchange of experts and reviewers, and their mutual participation in external evaluation procedures, with particular reference to areas of specific interest and competence of two agencies;

- 3. to contribute to relevant thematic analyses and other research initiatives regarding quality assurance:
- 4. to contribute to the establishment of good practices in cross-border quality assurance and evaluation of joint study programmes;
- to encourage mutual knowledge and the sharing of feedback on the respective quality assurance activities and procedures;
- to evaluate joint cooperation to projects of common interest in the field of quality assurance;
- 7. to co-organize meetings, set up working groups and organise common activities on specific issues related to their mission (such as diversity, inclusion, sustainability, or impact);
- 8. to contribute to the internationalization of their national higher education institutions;
- 9. to participate in other agreed activities if they are in the interest of the signatories.

Activities under this agreement do not involve any financial commitment. They may commence as of the date of signature and continue for a period of five years, unless ended by any of Agency written notice within a three-month period prior to such conclusion.

Any amendment to the Agreement shall require written amendments between both parties, signed by the authorized representatives of ANQA and ANVUR.

This agreement is prepared in two copies in English that are equally binding.

Prof. Antonio Felice Uriochio President of ANVUR	Ruben Topchyan Director of ANQA
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Date of signature	Date of signature