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***ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT***  
***IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITA ALLIANCE***  
***BETWEEN***  
***UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO***  
***DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY***  
***AND***  
***UNIVERSITATEA DE VEST DIN TIMIȘOARA***  
***FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY***

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**establishing a structured mobility programme for students' exchange  
leading to a double degree in Body and Mind Sciences LM-51  
and the degree in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy (0313 Psychology  
according to ISCED 2013F; Level 7, according to National Frame of  
Qualifications and European Frame of Qualifications in accordance with the  
Government decision no. 918/2013)**

**Having regard to** the European Strategy for Universities with the aim of facilitate the delivery of a Joint European Degree Label, considering the Blueprint for a European Degree released by the European Commission on 27th March 2024 aiming to work towards a European degree, as a result of a deeper and wider transnational cooperation between higher education institutions - a key component of the European Education Area;

**Having regard to** the Grant Agreement n. 101004082 which established the UNITA Alliance within the Erasmus+ Programme for the period 01/11/2020-31/10/2023 and signed between the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), the University of Torino, the Universidad de Saragoza, the Universidade da Beira Interior, the Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara, the Université Savoie Mont Blanc and the Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour;

**Having regard to** the Grant Agreement no. 101124853 whereby the extension of the project was financed for the period 01/11/2023-31/10/2027, also involving the Universitatea Transilvania din Brasov, the University of Brescia, the Instituto Politecnico da Guarda, the Universidad publica de Navarra, the Universitas Montium UNITA GEIE;

**Having regard to** the Italian Ministerial Decrees DM 509/99 and DM 270/04 allowing Italian Higher Education Institutions to develop joint study programmes with other Italian and non-Italian institutions;

**Having regard to** the Ministerial Decree of 14 October 2021 No. 1154 "Self-assessment, Evaluation, Initial and Periodic Accreditation of Places and Courses of Study" as amended or added;

**Having regard to** the Decree No. 2711 of 22 November 2021 on the definition of the contents, operation and deadlines for the compilation of the *SUA-CdS* database for the initial accreditation of courses of study from the 2022-2023 academic year;

**Having regard to** the Decree No. 918/2013 concerning the approval of the National Frame of Qualifications.

**Considering** that the structured mobility programme for strudents' exchange leading to the double degree is accredited by the Italian Ministry of University and Research and by the Romanian Ministry of Education and that once approved, the programme is not subject to expiry;

**Considering** that the acquired second cycle degree gives access to third cycle studies.

The parties

Università degli Studi di Torino (UniTO), Department of Psychology, represented by the Rector Prof. Stefano Geuna, on one side

AND



Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, [UVT], Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, represented by the Rector Prof. Marilen Gabriel Pirtea on the other

## AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

### 1. Purposes

Considering that the University of Turin (UniTO) and Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara are part of the UNITA Alliance of European Universities and that a priority objective of this alliance is to increase the mobility of students and teaching staff and to create flexible learning pathways, Department of Psychology of UniTo and Faculty of Sociology and Psychology of Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara will collaborate in the realisation of a structured mobility programme for students' exchange leading to the double degree in:

- Master's degree in Body and Mind Sciences LM-51
- Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy 0313

The parties will jointly define in a technical annex modules, seminars, exams and related credits of the joint programme, as well as any other useful technical detail.

### 2. Contacts

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### 3. Administrative management

Relating to the Italian side, the Board for the relevant degree course shall manage all the administrative tasks (concerning the integrated study plan, the recognition of credits awarded and the conclusion of the student's career), in accordance with the provisions of the art. 22 of

the Università degli Studi di Torino Statute approved by the Rector's Decree D.R. n. 1730 – March, 15, 2012.

Regarding the Romanian side, administrative tasks shall be managed according to the corresponding regulations in force at Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara.

#### **4. Programme and mobility management**

##### **4.1 *Participants' selection***

Each University will select the students who will attend the international mobility programme. UniTO will start the participants' selection process by publishing a call before the start of the first year of the master's degree programme. The candidates will have to complete an entry test (see Technical annex) and a motivational letter. The last step will be an interview with the candidates.

UVT will start the participants' selection by publishing a call during their first semester of the first year of the master's degree Programme. The candidates will have to complete a file and an intention letter. The last step will be an interview with the candidates.

As for the students of Università degli Studi di Torino:

Students willing to join the structured mobility program must have obtained before the application process a first cycle degree, according to the art.6 DM 270/2004.

Each party is responsible for verifying that outgoing students possess the required degree, as well as all the requirements mentioned in the call, in order to attend the study program at the host Institution. Language courses shall be available in the host country for foreign students joining the program.

As for the students of Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara:

The candidates must be students of the Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy Master Programme and meet the requirements mentioned in the call in order to attend the study program at Università degli Studi di Torino. Language courses shall be available in the host country for foreign students joining the programme.

##### **4.2 *Students' administrative management***

Students involved in the structured mobility programme are enrolled in both institutions since the first academic year of the mobility programme.

Both institutions involved guarantee to participants access to the courses and the issue of the final diploma. The Home Institution will recognize courses and examinations attended by the student at the Host Institution in order to obtain the Master Degree.

Students will attend part of their degree course at the Università degli Studi di Torino and part at the Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara according to the attached technical annex and the regulations in force in each Institution.



At the end of the structured mobility program, participants will write a thesis/disertație, to be followed by an oral defense in one of the two Institutions as planned in the technical annex.

Students that complete successfully the study programme, including the compulsory mobility period, will obtain two national degrees from the two Institutions. In addition, each student will receive the *diploma supplement* that details the participant's academic programme and the academic achievements.

## **5. Teachers and administrative staff mobility**

The Institutions regulate hosting and activities of teachers and administrative staff participating in the mobility programme, according to this agreement and the law and rules in force.

Staff involved in this agreement is subject to the contractual obligations of the home university, receives the due remuneration and benefits from the relevant rights, according to the home country law.

Teachers and researchers can hold modules, courses, seminars, conferences, as well as take part in research activities, within the limits of the Regulations in force at the home University.

## **6. Financial management of the structured mobility programme, fees and ancillary contribution**

The Institutions commit to find, whether necessary, the financial resources in order to achieve the abovementioned purposes.

Both Parties agree that all financial obligations should be negotiated in advance and will depend on funding availability.

Financial burden related to the activities covered by this cooperation agreement will be charged on the single Department directly involved in the initiative, unless otherwise agreed.

Mobile students are exempt from paying enrolment fees at the Host Institution and must pay fees exclusively at the Home Institution.

Nevertheless, ancillary contribution, whether it is provided by internal regulations, is due for the total extent of the degree course at the host institution.

## **7. Student Services**

Students taking part in the mobility programme are subject to the rules and norms in force at the hosting institution.

All students enrolled in the mobility programme will receive the same services offered to students enrolled in ordinary study programmes at both Institutions involved. The parties will provide students with any useful information in order to assisting their stay during the mobility period.

Costs related to expatriation procedures, accommodation and staying will be at the expense of students, unless otherwise agreed.



## **8. Insurance coverage**

Each person involved in the activities set out in this agreement must be covered by an insurance for civil liability, usually paid by the home Institution.

Within the limits of the policy general and specific conditions, the insurance provides protection for accidents connected to institutional activities and duties previously authorized, in accordance with internal existing regulations, and carried out inside the university premises or third parties' premises.

This agreement does not provide coverage for medical and health costs. Each person involved must assume the related financial burdens.

## **9. Quality assurance of the degree course**

Institutions commit to guarantee the quality of the mobility programme, according to their national standards.

As for UniTO, the degree course is subject to quality assurance national regulations, according to the standards of the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University and Research Systems (ANVUR) for self-evaluation, evaluation and accreditation.

As for UVT, the quality of the degree course is regulated according to the standards of the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS).

## **10. Dispute resolutions**

Any conflict that may arise between the signing Institutions, regarding interpretation, non-validity, execution, modification, termination of this agreement, will be settled amicably and by negotiation.

If the parties cannot achieve an agreed solution, the dispute should be submitted to the unappealable decision of an Arbitration Committee. This will be appointed ad hoc and it will be composed by at least three members. Each Party will appoint one of the members; these, in turn, will appoint by mutual agreement a third member acting as President.

## **11. Intellectual property**

Technical and scientific results obtained within this agreement and the related rights will be owned by the Party generating them. Should the Parties reach such results jointly, the royalties will be co-owned. Each Party shall grant a free non-exclusive license to the other Party for the non-commercial use of the joint results.

A Party intending to publish any results generated in the framework of this agreement shall duly mention the name and participation of the other Party. Publication activities shall be compatible with the protection of intellectual property rights, confidentiality obligations and the legitimate interests of the owner(s) of the results.

At least 30 days prior notice of any publication activity shall be given to the other Party concerned, including sufficient information concerning the planned publication activity. The notification shall be given, via email, to the scientific Responsible of the Agreement.

Within 15 days of the notification the other Party may object to the envisaged publication activity if it considers that it can damage its legitimate interests.

In such cases, the publication activity may not take place unless appropriate steps are taken to safeguard these legitimate interests.

## 12. Confidentiality

Unless otherwise expressly authorised, and according to the current agreement obligations, each partner institution agrees to keep strictly confidential all information provided and marked as confidential.

Applicable law on privacy and personal data: Italian Law Decree (d.lgs. 101/2018 in observance of the EU Regulation 679/2016) and the [*nationality of the partner institution*] law about privacy and personal data.

## 13. Duration, modification and renewal

This agreement is valid for three years starting from the date of last signature by the Legal representatives of the contracting Institutions and upon approval of competent Academic Bodies. Both Institutions must approve any amendment to this agreement in writing.

This agreement can be renewed for an equal period, by mutual written approval of the competent academic bodies, at least three months before the expiring date.

Any modification or updating of the technical annex could be also agreed after the signature of this agreement, according to the regulations in force at the moment of the mobility.

## 14. Drafting and signature

This agreement, written in English and Italian, is signed in 4 equivalent texts. Each Institution will keep at least one copy in each language.

Torino, [Date] 03.07.2024  
Università degli Studi di Torino  
The Rector  
Prof. Stefano Geuna



Timișoara, [Date]  
Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara  
The Rector  
Prof. Marilen Gabriel Pirtea

The Legal adviser  
Nadia TOPAI



## TECHNICAL ANNEX

### **Programme description:**

### **Programme title:**

International degree course to be implemented through a structured incoming-outgoing programme in the framework of the Italian course leading to the award of Master's Degree in Body and Mind Sciences LM -51 and the Romanian course leading to the award of Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy 0313

### **Institutions involved:**

Università degli Studi di Torino, Department of Psychology

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology

**Scientific Board:** Prof. Francesca Garbarini (Torino)

Dr. Irene Ronga (Torino)

Prof. Delia Virga (Timisoara)

Dr. Mona Vintila (Timisoara) [admin]

### **Start date:**

September 2024

### **Official length of program:**

2 years

### **Programme Structure:**

A limited number of students can participate in the programme.

N. 2 from Torino

N. 2 from Timișoara.

Students from Torino will spend one year in Timișoara while students from Timișoara will spend one year in Torino.

### **Mode of study:**

full time students

### **Degree Structure:**

*Università degli Studi di Torino, in order to award the double-degree:*

*a) regarding students enrolled at UniTO, is required to specify the correspondence between exams/credits obtained from partner University and exams/credits from the home degree course programme in the mobility year/period;*

*b) regarding students enrolled at the partner Institution, is required to detail activities and correspondence of the exams/credits obtained in the mobility/period and during the whole degree course*



*Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara , in order to award the double-degree:*

*a) regarding students enrolled at WUT, is required to specify the correspondence between exams/credits obtained from partner University and exams/credits from the home degree course programme in the mobility year/period;*

*b) regarding students enrolled at the partner Institution, is required to detail activities and correspondence of the exams/credits obtained in the mobility/period and during the whole degree course*

*The activities detailed by both Università degli Studi di Torino and (partner University) may vary according to the Academic offer of the relevant Academic Year.*

**First semester at the University of Torino (only for students enrolled at the University of Torino):**

MIND AND BODY: METHODS AND APPLICATION – Module A Approches and Methods in cognitive neuroscience (5 credits); Module B Normality and pathology of the body representation (5 credits)

SOCIAL COGNITION – Module A Communication psychology and communication disorders (5 credits); Module B Theory of Mind and metacognition

Deontology (2 credits)

Safety general training (1 credit)

**8 credits among the following exams:**

Clinical and experimental neuropsychology (8 credits)

Human behavioral neuroscience (4 credits)

Introduction to clinical neurology and neurorehabilitation (4 credits)

The social brain (4 credits)

Learning psychology and learning disorders (4 credits)

**Second and third semesters at the University of Timisoara (only for students enrolled at the University of Torino):**

Psihopatologie – Psychopathology (5 credits)

Psihologia sănătății - Health psychology (5 credits)

Ghiduri de practică clinică validate științific - Scientifically validated clinical practice guidelines (6 credits)

Practica de specialitate în psihologia clinică - Practical activities (5 credits in Timisoara that will be recognized as 4 credits in Torino)

Optional subject (10 credits)

Metodologia și standardele de cercetare în psihologie - Research methodology and standards (5 credits)

Psihopatologia copilului - Child psychopathology (6 credits)

**18 credits among the following exams:**

Intervenții cognitiv-comportamentale în tulburările afective – Cognitive therapy (6 credits)

Intervenții cognitiv-comportamentale în tulburările anxioase – Cognitive therapy (6 credits)

Tehnici terapeutice în terapia de familie – Family therapy (6 credits)

Practica de specialitate - Abordări reflexive în terapii cognitiv-comportamentale – Cognitive-behavior therapy (6 credits)

**Forth semesters at the University of Torino (only for students enrolled at the University of Torino):**

Practical traineeship (20 credits)

Final dissertation (10 credits)

**Romanian language (B2 to be achieved before final graduation) 3 credits**



**First and second semester at the University of Timisoara (only for students enrolled at the University of Timisoara):**

Psihologie clinică - Clinical psychology (5 credits)  
Psihodiagnostic și evaluare clinică - Clinical evaluation (6 credits)  
Psihologia dezvoltării - Developmental psychology (6 credits)  
Metodologia și standardele de cercetare în psihologie - Research methodology and standards in Psychology (6 credits)  
Etica cercetării – Deontology (2 credits)  
Psihopatologie – Psychopathology (5 credits)  
Psihologia sănătății - Health psychology (5 credits)  
Evaluarea tulburărilor neurocognitive și a tulburărilor de personalitate - Assessment of neurocognitive disorders and personality disorders (5 credits)  
Consiliere psihologică - Psychological counselling (5 credits)  
Practica de specialitate în psihologia clinică - Practical activities (5 credits in Timisoara that will be recognized as 4 credits in Torino)  
Optional subject (10 credits)

**Third and fourth semesters at the University of Turin (only for students enrolled at the University of Timisoara):**

Psychological Neuroscience: Module A Cognitive and affective neuroscience (4 credits); Module B Mind-brain plasticity, motivation and learning (4 credits)  
Learning Psychology and Learning Disorders (4 credits)  
Neurocognitive rehabilitation (6 credits)  
Safety general training (1 credit)

**4 credits among the following exams:**

Neuropsychology of the cognitive decline and degenerative disorders (4 credits)  
Brain stimulation in cognitive neuroscience (4 credits)  
Neuroimaging (4 credits)

**8 credits among the following exams:**

Clinical and experimental neuropsychology (8 credits)  
Motor cognition and neuropsychology of action (module A+ module B: 8 credits)  
Evolutionary psychology (4 credits)  
The social brain (4 credits)  
Practical traineeship (20 credits)  
Final dissertation (10 credits)

**Italian language (B2 to be achieved before final graduation) 3 credits**

**Tesi/Disertație**

After completion of programme of international mobility, the student is required to write a final dissertation/tesi/disertație under the supervision of a member of the academic staff either from the Italian university or of the Romanian University.

The tesi/dissertation will be discussed through an oral examination in one of the two Institutions. The tesi/dissertation will be written in one of the languages of the partner Institutions, or in English (as agreed with each student) and will be discussed in one of the languages of the partner Institutions.

**Awarded Title:**

Year 2:

Master's degree in Body and Mind Sciences LM-51 [Università di Torino]

Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy 0313 [Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara]

**Programme Regulations.**  
**Entry Requirements**

- a. As for students from Università degli Studi di Torino: It is mandatory an entry test, to verify that the students possess adequate preliminary knowledge of psychology acquired in their bachelor degree (*as stated in the "Didactic regulations of the Course of Study" of Scienze del Corpo e della Mente*). Furthermore, the candidates will have to complete a motivational letter. The last step will be an interview with the candidates.
- b. As for students from Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara: After the admission test, the candidates will have to complete an application and a motivational letter. The last step will be an interview with the candidates.

**Programme requirements**

In order to be awarded the Master's degree in Body and Mind Sciences LM-51 and the Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy 0313, students must acquire 123/120 university credits (in Italian: CFU) / (University credits - CR) according to the terms of the Didactic Regulation of the Degree Course, as stated by the University Didactic Rules.

**Didactic Purposes**

**1) Learning outcomes**

- a) Knowledge and understanding
- b) Applying knowledge and understanding
- c) Making judgements
- d) Communication skills
- e) Learning skills

For WUT:

- a) Knowledge and understanding
- b) Abilities to apply knowledge and understanding
- c) Responsibility and autonomy
- d) Professional skills
- e) Transversal skills: personal, interpersonal, and global citizenship skills

**2) Access to further study programmes**

Upon completion of the International Mobility Programme carried out through an incoming-outgoing mobility programme in the framework of the Italian course leading to the award of Master in Body and Mind Sciences LM-51



and the Romanian course leading to the award of Master in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy 0313, graduates will have the knowledge and skills needed to be awarded the Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy.

### **3) Professional status**

This International Mobility Programme to be carried out through an incoming-outgoing mobility programme in the framework of the Italian course leading to the award of Master in Body and Mind Sciences LM-51 and the professional license as Psychologist in Italy; and the Romanian course leading to the award of Master in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy 0313

The degree course entitles to the following professions

Psychologist for Italy

Possibility to be enrolled in third level educational programmes (such as PhD, or third level masters, etc.)

Clinical Psychologist (in Romania, the diploma of this master is mandatory to receive a specialist level of clinical psychologist from the Romanian College of Psychologists)