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Oggetto: Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Universities and Research of the Italian Republic and the National Science Foundation of the United States of America Concerning Artificial Intelligence Collaboration.

Riferimento: Nota di trasmissione MUR UCD Prot. 11196 del 25 agosto 2022

Lo scrivente ufficio ha ricevuto dall'Ambasciata d'Italia a Washington l'originale del Memorandum of Understanding tra MUR e NSF, firmato dai corrispettivi statunitensi in data 25 luglio 2022.

Con la presente, si invia in allegato, per gli atti di codesti uffici, la stessa copia originale firmata dal Ministro pro-tempore dell'Università e della Ricerca. L'altro originale è stato trasmesso con la comunicazione in riferimento per il deposito presso la controparte USA.

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Si invia accluso alla presente l'originale del MoU in oggetto – già sottoscritto virtualmente lunedì 25 luglio u.s. in occasione della videoconferenza con i vertici della controparte USA, National Science Foundation – con firma autografa del Ministro dell'Università e della Ricerca.

Si prega di volerne curare la trasmissione via corriere diplomatico ad Amb Washington per la consegna alla parte statunitense e lo scambio con la copia firmata dai rappresentanti della NSF.

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Caro Nicola,

Allego l'originale dell'Accordo tra MUR e NSF, sottoscritto dal Direttore NSF, Prof. Panchanathan e dalla responsabile della Divisione di "*Computer and Information Science and Engineering*" Prof.ssa Martonosi.

Washington, 18 ottobre 2022

Un caro saluto

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lamberto Moruzzi'.

Il Capo Ufficio Affari Economici, Commerciali e Scientifici

Cons. Amb. Lamberto Moruzzi

**Memorandum of Understanding between
the Ministry of Universities and Research of the Italian Republic and
the National Science Foundation of the United States of America
Concerning Artificial Intelligence Collaboration**

Statement of Intent and Scope of this Document

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the Participants) concerns structured cooperation on artificial intelligence (AI), known as the “U.S.-Italy AI Collaboratory”, focused on joint research, innovation, and training activities. This MOU aligns with the principles set out in the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Italian Republic for Scientific and Technological Cooperation of April 1, 1988, as amended and extended.

Activities that may be conducted pursuant to this MOU are subject to the applicable laws and regulations of each country. The Italian Participant is also subject to obligations arising from Italy’s membership in the European Union.

The scope of the proposed cooperation that is the subject of this MOU may cover AI research, innovation, and training activities supported by the Participants.

Authorities

MUR is acting pursuant to the “Decreto Legge” (Law Decree) of January 9th, 2020, no. 1.

NSF is acting pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 as amended, 42 USC 1861 et seq.

These authorizations, together with the internal policies and procedures of each Participant, define the authority of the Participants to enter into this MOU.

Cooperative Activities

The types of cooperative activities planned pursuant to this MOU may include:

- Merit review of interdisciplinary projects of mutual interest in AI funded by the Participants through unsolicited and solicited mechanisms by MUR and NSF;
- Alignment and funding of cooperative projects that leverage larger investments to connect research centers or institutes;
- Joint conferences and workshops, virtual or in-person, to facilitate the development of new science and engineering cooperation;
- Exchange of best practices and information relating to key policy dialogues, including through staff visits, joint meetings, workshops and conferences, both virtual and in-person; and
- Ensuring that diverse groups in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) are meaningfully included in all activities.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive. The Participants intend to work together to investigate opportunities for collaboration under this MOU.

Details concerning the implementation of specific collaborative activities pursuant to this MOU are expected to be further articulated in written management plans attached hereto when finalized.

Guiding Principles

1. Focus on facilitation of excellent AI research, innovation, and training activities.
2. Allow the free exchange of ideas among researchers for the promotion of joint scientific initiatives.
3. Ensure clear communication between the Participants to minimize situations whereby two related or identical proposals are submitted to each agency and thereafter undergo separate review processes.
4. Minimize additional burden on proposers, reviewers, and funders, to the extent possible.
5. Carry out transparent and equitable proposal and review processes.

Planning and Review of Activities

1. The Participants intend to each designate a representative to be the principal point of contact for the other Participant under this MOU.
2. The Participants intend to ensure that their representatives meet as needed to maintain administrative efficiency and jointly consider current and proposed activities.
3. In accordance with the standard procedures and regulations governing MUR and NSF, each Participant expects to be responsible for making known to the scientific community in its country the opportunities made possible under this MOU.
4. The Participants intend to share information to allow for the review of activities conducted under this MOU.

Funding

The Participants understand that their activities are subject to the availability of their respective resources.

Status

The MOU is not intended to be legally binding under domestic or international law and is subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The MOU does not obligate the signatories to agree to collaborate on activities or to expend funds on any project or purpose, even if funds are available.

Any difference in the interpretation and/or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to be settled amicably through direct consultations between the Participants.

Duration, Amendment, and Discontinuation

Cooperative activities pursuant to this MOU are expected to commence upon signature by the Participants and continue for three years, unless discontinued earlier by either Participant. Participants should endeavor to provide ninety days written notice to the other Participant before discontinuing cooperation.

This MOU may be modified by the Participants in writing.

The duration of this MOU may be extended by mutual written consent of the Participants. Participants should endeavor to arrive at any extension at least ninety days before the term of the MOU would otherwise end.

Unless otherwise decided, discontinuation of this MOU is not intended to affect the validity or duration of projects under the MOU that are initiated prior to such discontinuation.

Signed:

For the Italian Ministry of Universities and
Research:



Prof. Maria Cristina Messa

Minister of Universities and Research

07/25/2022

Date

For the National Science Foundation of the
United States of America:




Prof. Sethuraman Panchanathan

Director

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Prof. Margaret Martonosi

Assistant Director for Computer and
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