MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between

Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), Universidade de Lisboa

and

[Partner Institution Name]

PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into by and between **Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), Universidade de Lisboa**, a public higher education institution established under the laws of Portugal, located at Av. Rovisco Pais 1, 1049-001 Lisboa, Portugal (hereinafter referred to as "IST Lisboa"), and **[Partner Institution Name]**, located at [Partner Address] (hereinafter referred to as "the Partner").

WHEREAS both institutions are committed to the advancement of higher education, scientific research, and academic collaboration for the mutual benefit of their students, faculty, and staff;

ARTICLE 1 — PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for academic and research cooperation between IST Lisboa and the Partner Institution. This agreement aims to promote the exchange of knowledge, expertise, students, and faculty, as well as to foster joint research and educational initiatives of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 2 — AREAS OF COOPERATION

The cooperation between the two institutions may include, but is not limited to:

a) Exchange of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students;

b) Exchange of academic and administrative staff;

c) Joint research projects and publication of research findings;

d) Organization of joint seminars, conferences, workshops, and short courses;

e) Sharing of academic materials, publications, and educational resources;

f) Development of joint academic programs and curricula;

g) Any other form of academic or scientific collaboration mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE 3 — IMPLEMENTATION

Each institution shall designate a Coordinator responsible for facilitating the implementation of activities under this MOU. Specific collaborative activities shall be agreed upon through separate written agreements or annexes to this MOU, specifying the details, timelines, and responsibilities of each party.

ARTICLE 4 — FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

This MOU does not commit either institution to any financial obligations. Any financial arrangements related to specific cooperative activities shall be negotiated and agreed upon separately in writing prior to the commencement of such activities. Each institution shall bear its own costs unless otherwise agreed.

ARTICLE 5 — CONFIDENTIALITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Both parties agree to protect and not disclose any confidential information shared during the collaboration without prior written consent of the originating party. Intellectual property rights arising from joint research activities shall be determined through a separate agreement, in accordance with applicable national and international laws.

ARTICLE 6 — DURATION AND RENEWAL

This MOU shall enter into force upon the date of the last signature below and shall remain in effect for a period of **five (5) years**. It may be renewed by mutual written consent of both parties for additional periods. Either party may terminate this MOU by giving **six (6) months'** written notice to the other party.

ARTICLE 7 — AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this MOU shall be made in writing and shall require the mutual consent of both parties. Amendments shall form an integral part of this MOU upon signing by authorized representatives of both institutions.

ARTICLE 8 — GOVERNING LAW

This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Portugal. Any disputes arising from this MOU shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultation and negotiation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of both institutions have signed this MOU.

For IST Lisboa	**For [Partner Institution]**
_____	_____
Name: Prof. [Name]	Name: [Name]
Title: President	Title: [Title]
Date: _____	Date: _____

Place: Lisboa, Portugal

Place: _____

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