

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF SIENA

Via Banchi di Sotto 55, 53100 Siena (Italy) – Italian Fiscal Code 80002070524, represented by its Rector, Prof. Roberto Di Pietra

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The above-mentioned institutions:

- Considering the European Commission's LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 (12 November 2020), the European Commission's EU Action Plan on Democracy and Human Rights (2020), as well as the Progress Report on the Implementation of the LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 and Report on the Implementation of the LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025;
- Considering the need to continue combating all forms of discrimination based on gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and sex characteristics;
- Considering the role of Higher Education Institutions in promoting human rights and democratic values through research, teaching, and their Third Mission as agents of progressive change;
- Considering the role of universities in creating environments where all persons are able to develop their personality and live in a society of equal freedom;
- Considering the results achieved through the Erasmus+ KA2 Higher Education Project "PrEcIOUS" (Project No. 2022-1-IT02-KA220-HED-000088686);
- Wishing to strengthen their relationship and foster academic and cultural cooperation in education, research, and other collaborative endeavors, with the aim of promoting the European values of inclusion, participation, and social justice;

AGREE to continue cooperating toward the enhancement of pluralistic and care-centered higher education.

Scope of Cooperation

Cooperation will encompass any program at either institution deemed desirable and feasible for developing and strengthening collaborative ties. All specific programs, however, require mutual consent, availability of funds, and approval from both institutions. Such programs may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Faculty, student, and administrator exchange programs;
- b. Joint research activities and publications;
- c. Organization of training activities for staff;
- d. Exchange of academic materials and other information; and
- e. Special short-term academic programs for students and staff.

The specific terms for each activity undertaken under this Memorandum of Understanding will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by the relevant parties before the activity commences. Any such agreements will form appendices to this Memorandum of Understanding. Each institution will designate a liaison officer to develop and coordinate the agreed-upon activities.

Duration and Renewal

This agreement will take effect upon signature by both parties and will remain in force for five years. It may be extended by mutual written agreement.

Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by providing six months' written notice to the other party.

On behalf of the University of Siena

On behalf of

Roberto Di Pietra, Rector

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University of Siena

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