**AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN**

**THE [NAME RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION 1] AND**

**[NAME RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION 2]**

The [NAME RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION 1]

And

 [NAME RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION 2]

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the Parties)

Considering:

* [….]
* Their common interests and objectives in advanced scientific research;
* The advantages of […]
* Their intention and joint effort to establish the European Research Area (ERA) through cooperation and integration of national scientific communities;
* […]

have agreed to conclude the following Agreement.

**Article I - Purpose of this agreement**

The purpose of this agreement is to develop and strengthen [the existing –if] cooperation in scientific research between [Country 1] and [Country 2]. The parties will, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, promote and support cooperation between highly qualified scientists and between scientific institutions in their respective countries in those research areas of the most interest to both Parties.

**Article II - Forms of Cooperation and implementation**

Under this agreement cooperation may include the following activities:

* Exchange of researchers;
* Joint research projects;
* Joint scientific workshops or conferences;
* Other cooperative activities which the Parties may consider to be of mutual interest.

**Article III - Administrative and financial terms**

All types of collaborations in the present Agreement are subject to the provision of financial resources. The activities undertaken through this Agreement shall be based on reciprocity. All cooperation should be performed on a basis of mutuality and equality insofar as possible.

Each Party will cover the costs of the participants from its own country. The number of projects and any other cooperative activity to be supported each year will be contingent upon funding availability in each Party’s budget.

**Article IV - Intellectual Property Rights**

Intellectual property rights shall belong to the researcher and/or the researcher’s employing institution. Due acknowledgment of support received from the Parties should be made in any publication resulting from the research.

**Article V - Validity, Amendment, Termination**

The Agreement will enter into force on the date of its signing and for a term of [number] years.

This Agreement may be terminated by either Party by [written – if] notice given to other Party, [number months] months in advance [if foreseen].

The terms of this Agreement may be supplemented or amended by agreement, with the consent of both parties. Each amendment shall form an integral part of the agreement and shall be annexed to it.

The Agreement may be extended for the same period of validity, in the absence of a termination notice by either Party.

Drawn up and executed in [language/s] in two identical copies, one for each Party.

[Date]

For the [name RPO 1] For the [name RPO 2]

[Name and Signature] [Name and Signature]

[function] [function]