MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

the Ministry of Education of the Italian Republic, and the DIDACTA Association of the German Education Industry

on

cooperation in the field of Education

The Ministry of Education of the Italian Republic and the Didacta Association of the German Education Industry, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

- guided by the provision of the Memorandum of Understanding of November 12th 2012, extended as Joint Declaration of Intent a first time for three years on May 3rd 2016 and for other three more years on December 16th 2019, between the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Ministry of Education, University and Research and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies of the Italian Republic,
- founded on the Memorandum of Understanding of 28th June 2016 between the Didacta Association of the German Education Industry and the Ministry of Education, University and Research of the Italian Republic,
- expressing their intention to further develop and improve mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of education,

have reached an understanding on continuing cooperation in the following fields of action:

- 1. The Parties will promote cooperation and knowledge sharing:
 - between educational organizations and institutions, paying special attention to Education and Training issues and standard-setting instruments in the field of education;
 - on contemporary educational program design and development, education continuity plan, experience sharing and exchange of strategies on the implementation of national educational standards;
 - for the purpose of designing and improving continuing teacher education for all levels, of developing up-to-date content and new forms and methods of teacher education and continuous teaching training.
- 2. The cooperation within the framework of the present Memorandum will be implemented as following:
 - sharing of experience and information on new educational technologies and practices;

- sharing of knowledge on methodological, legal and teaching framework, learning guides, library and informational resources, outcomes of studies and scientific investigations;
- fostering dialogue and cooperation among experts, researchers and teachers;
- designing event cooperation projects (seminar and conferences) on current educational issues, to promote the debate on the world of education and to continue cooperation in the International Trade Fair "Didacta Italy" (active since 2017);
- participating in educational exhibition and fair-like events organized in Italy and Germany.
- 3. The Parties will continue cooperation both directly and through educational or any other authorized institution.
- 4. The present Memorandum takes effect on the date of signature and will remain valid for three years. The Parties may, by mutual consent, extend it for a further period of three years. Extension occurs in writing.

Either Party may terminate this Memorandum at any time by giving the other Party a three-months prior written notice.

The present Memorandum is not an international agreement and does not entail any legal or financial obligations for either of the Parties according to national or international law.

Signed in two originals, in English, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Didacta Association of the German Education

Industry

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For the Ministry of Education of the Italian Republic

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