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Ufficio Scolastico Regionale per la Toscana*

Cooperation Agreement

Between

University of Florence, located in Florence, Piazza San Marco, 4
Represented by the magnificent Rector Prof.ssa Alessandra Petrucci

and

Regional School Office for Tuscany, located in Florence, Via Mannelli, 113
Represented by the Director Prof. Ernesto Pellicchia

and

Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Authority (hereinafter "Yad Vashem"),
Located in Jerusalem, Israel, represented by CEO Mr. Tzvika Fayirizen

Hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Sides"

Preamble

Recalling the Joint Letter of Intent signed by the Sides in Jerusalem on December 13, 2018;

Underlining the implementation of the past agreement which provided a successful framework of fruitful cooperation between the Sides in both the areas of scientific research and education;

Highlighting the contributions of Yad Vashem's staff to foster Holocaust education in schools in Tuscany and other regions of Italy;

Acknowledging the University of Florence's commitment to promoting Holocaust and human rights education as well as academic scholarship;



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Striving to enhance multilateral cooperation on the regional level in Italy in general and in Toscana in particular;

Outlined Cooperation Goals

The Sides seek to cooperate on Holocaust-related research and educational projects, such as teacher-training activities for pre- and in-service teachers, aiming to:

- Impart knowledge about the history of the Shoah in Italy and in Europe
- Promote a culture of mutual respect
- Combat all forms of discrimination, antisemitism, racism, prejudice and xenophobia
- Safeguard the historical record and counter Holocaust distortion and denial
- Defend the inalienable rights of individuals and communities
- Cultivate a shared civic identity based on a culture of peace, solidarity, democracy, social justice and dialogue
- Encourage cultural diversity and develop constructive and positive communication strategies to manage conflicts
- Inspire all citizens, and especially young people, to endorse and adopt these values

Proposed Collaborative Projects

- 1) Implement local activities to raise the public's knowledge of the historical period of the Holocaust and World War II.
- 2) Support educational and training initiatives for citizens of all ages, with a particular focus on young leadership, students, teachers, professors, principals, school staff, researchers, educators and teacher-trainers. This programming may be in-person and or online.



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- 3) Carry out research activities to collect and develop specialized educational, pedagogical and historical material in order to increase the documentary heritage in present databases.
- 4) Explore the development of possible projects, such as publications, exhibitions, and other educational tools, to promote Holocaust awareness, combat other forms of racism and xenophobia and prevent genocide.
- 5) Participate in international and local networks to exchange experiences, enhance archival and library heritage, implement joint projects and best educational and training practices for developing memory as a tool for building a democratic present and respecting human rights.
- 6) Organize events and meeting spaces where students, young people, teachers, researchers and educators from different cultures can explore, research and share experiences to increase their knowledge of the Holocaust, with a view to respecting human rights, cultural diversity and countering all forms of racism, antisemitism, xenophobia and exclusion.
- 7) Promote training projects by developing cooperation between the Sides, with a view to participating in international projects and involving other Holocaust-related local and international institutions with an interdisciplinary perspective. These projects may be in-person and or online.
- 8) Encourage academic exchange and research fellowships for scholars in the fields of Holocaust studies in general and in Holocaust education in particular.
- 9) Develop project proposals eligible for EU- and international funding in the field of European remembrance, education and human rights training, promoting peace culture, intercultural dialogue, and countering antisemitism, racism, prejudice, xenophobia and all forms of violence.

Project Coordination

The Sides will coordinate and discuss practical procedures and logistical details of all joint initiatives on a per-project, case-by-case, basis.



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The Sides will work together to develop programs and proposals to coordinate training seminars.

The Sides will decide upon logistical arrangements per local agreements by consensus.

Project leads for each of the respective Sides will be designated per project. These points of contact will represent the Sides accordingly: Prof.ssa Silvia Guetta - University of Firenze; Prof.ssa Silvia Alessandra Sangiovanni - Regional School Office for Tuscany; and Dr. Rocco Giansante - Yad Vashem.

Duration and Financial Terms

This Cooperation Agreement will take effect from the last date of signature and will remain in effect for five (5) years. During the period of validity, this Cooperation Agreement may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Sides.

This Cooperation Agreement is non-binding in terms of financial, human and material resources. Collaborative initiatives will be dependent on financial terms to be agreed upon by the Sides based on an earmarked budget on a case-by-case basis before work can commence.

Signatories Representing the Sides



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Mr. Tzvi Fayerizen
Yad Vashem

Date:

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