JOINT EDUCATIONAL (DOUBLE DEGREE) PROGRAM AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

the Federal State-Funded Educational Institution of Higher Education “Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation” (hereinafter referred to as “the Financial University”), with registered office in 125993, Leningradsky Prospekt, 49, represented by Alexander S. Linnikov, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, acting in accordance with Power of Attorney No. 52/48 of 1 January 2020, on the one hand,

AND

the University of Roma Tre, Department of Law, (hereinafter referred to as ‘the University of Roma Tre’), with registered office in via Ostiense, 161 – 00154 Rome, Italy, represented by its Rector, Prof. Luca Pietromarchi, and by Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Giovanni Serges, on the other hand,

hereinafter collectively referred to as ‘the Parties’.

PREAMBLE

The Financial University and the University of Roma Tre agree to enter into this cooperation agreement for the joint establishment of a Dual Degree Program that will culminate in the award of an Italian-Russian Master Degree: the Russian Master Degree in Law (No. 40.04.01), with the concentration in Legal Support of Business Operations (Corporate Lawyer) and the Italian Laurea Magistrale in Law (LMG/01), under the conditions specified in Article 3 hereunder and hereinafter referred as “Dual Degree Program” or “Program.”
The Program will be implemented from the academic year 2021/2022, upon successful completion of the requirements set forth by the Parties.
This Dual Degree Program stems from the desire of its signatories to foster the internationalization of studies, notably within the European Union and with regard to the relevant legal professions (judges, lawyers, professors and researchers of multinational companies, international institutions, Russian and European institutions).

WHEREAS

The Italian and Russian legislation on Dual Degree Programs; the Framework Partnership Agreement between the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation and the University of Roma Tre;

NOW THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Dual Degree Program will be implemented from the academic year 2021/2022.
Each Party shall adopt, in accordance with the objectives of this Agreement, internal rules of procedure for the functioning of the Program in the institution of the Party, which must be forwarded to the partner institution for information purposes.
Each Party shall ensure the promotion of the Dual Degree Program and of its main organizational aspects through its website.

Article 2

Each Party shall nominate a Program Coordinator who will be responsible for the academic coordination of the Dual Degree Program in the period of Program implementation:
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Article 3

This Agreement will provide to the Financial University and University of Roma Tre students an opportunity of obtaining an Italian-Russian Dual Degree, namely, the Italian Laurea Magistrale in Law (LMG/01) of the Faculty of Law of the University of Roma Tre and the Russian Master Degree (program in Law No. 40.04.01), with the concentration in Legal Support of Business Operations (Corporate Lawyer) of the Faculty of Law of the Financial University. Each Degree is fully and automatically recognized by both Universities.
The intended period of study for the Dual Degree Program shall be two years (Master Degree of the Faculty of Law of the Financial University (program in Law No. 40.04.01), with the concentration in Legal Support of Business Operations (Corporate Lawyer) – year 1 and 2; and Master Degree of the University of Roma Tre - Laurea Magistrale – Global Legal Studies curriculum – year 4 and 5). Upon successful completion of the relevant courses and formative assessment tests, students will obtain reciprocal recognition of credits earned for the required and elective courses in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Article 4

Candidates for the Dual Degree Program shall be selected by both Parties in accordance with the jointly defined and agreed upon selection criteria and the list of candidates shall be sent by the Party Program Coordinator to the other Party for consideration and making the final enrolment resolution.
The student evaluation criteria, the academic staff selection criteria and the criteria used for the establishment of the boards assessing the final examination are set by the host institutions independently.
In order to be eligible for participation in the Program, students must, as a minimum, meet the following criteria:
A) The Financial University students should:

- Hold a Bachelor of Law (program No. 40.03.01 in Law) awarded by a Russian university (240 ECTS credits);
- Be enrolled in the Master Degree (program in Law No. 40.04.01), with the concentration in Legal Support of Business Operations (Corporate Lawyer);
- Have English language skills at CEFR level B2 or higher, which should be certified by an appropriate international language certificate (IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) or a certificate issued by the home institution.

In November each year, the Financial University will select its students among the first-year students of the master degree program in Legal Support of Business Operations (Corporate Lawyer) who have passed the formative assessment tests at the end of Module 1 and meet the above criteria as per the procedure established in the Financial University by-laws.
B) The University of Roma Tre students should:

- Be enrolled to the Laurea Magistrale in Law (LMG/01) at the University of Roma Tre and have obtained at least 180 ECTS credits;
- Have English language skills at CEFR level B2 or higher, which should be certified by an appropriate international language certificate (IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) or a certificate issued by the home institution.

The selection procedure will be carried out between September and December each year among all students who have satisfactorily completed all the required courses and examinations of the first two years and are attending the third year of the Laurea Magistrale in Law (LMG/01). The students who have passed the selection procedure are required to take the exam of Civil Procedure Law during their third year.

Article 5

Scanned copied of documented required by each of the Parties for preliminary registration shall be submitted not later than on 30 November each year. Each of the Parties shall approve the list of documents each year (Annex C). Originals of the documents required by each of the Parties for the registration purposes shall be submitted not later than on 15 January of the current year.

Article 6

As a rule, not more than 5 students from each of the Parties can participate in the Program each year. The Parties agree to discuss the number of the Program student participants each year and adjust the quota established using the parity principle.

Article 7

Students admitted to the Program shall be registered as students both at their home institution and at the host institution. Students will obtain tuition fee waivers at the host institution. The tuition fee payment procedure and other fee payment procedure (if available) at the home institution shall be regulated by the relevant Party by-laws.
The students selected by the University of Roma Tre as the Program participants shall attend the second semester at the Financial University for the first year of the Dual Degree (University of Roma Tre Laurea Magistrale - year 4); and the first semester for the second year of the Dual Degree (University of Roma Tre Laurea Magistrale year 5). The University of Roma Tre students shall obtain not less than 60 ECTS credits at the Financial University.
The students selected by the Financial University as the Program participants shall attend the first semester at the University of Roma Tre for the first year of the Dual Degree (Financial University Master Degree program - year 1); and the first semester for the second year of the Dual Degree (Financial University Master Degree - year 2). The Financial University students shall obtain not less than 60 ECTS credits at the University of Roma Tre.
Prior to departure, students admitted to the Program are required to purchase a health insurance policy accepted in the country in which the host institution is located, covering the whole Program period of study.

Article 8

Students admitted to the Program shall be registered as students at their home institution during the whole period of study at the home institution. Students are granted full access to both Parties' facilities (e.g. libraries, laboratories, etc.) during the period of study. Health insurance is regulated by the by-laws and law of each of the Parties. During the exchange period in the host institution, the students shall comply with its internal regulations.
At the host institution, students shall be allowed to do the following:

a) Attend classes and take the prescribed formative tests at the end of courses taken;

b) Pursue research aimed at producing the final thesis;

c) Take part in a traineeship program, when this is the requirement of the curriculum of the Dual Degree Program diploma seekers (for a maximum of 15 ECTS at the end of the traineeship period).

Article 9

Each Party will keep records of the students registered on the Program and provide all students and each Party with the official transcript of records.
The credits earned at the host university during the Program period will be transferred to the home university according to the Dual Degree Program study plan. The Program curricula and study plans for each sememster shall be described in Annex 2 hereto.
Students who failed at at least one formative assessment examination at the Financial University are required to resit the respective examinations, yet only twice. Resit examinations will be provided and graded by Financial University, and cannot be retaken at University of Roma Tre. If a student fails, at all three attempts, he or she cannot obtain a diploma at Financial University but he or she can continue the study at the home university.
Transferring credits shall be made using the ECTS system as described in Annex A. Courses transferred between the Parties must have a minimum passing grade or its equivalent (see Annex B). Courses will be transferred to the host institution as soon as the grades in the home institution are posted.

Article 10

The study plan of the Program for each semester is described in Annex A to this Agreement. Upon completing the Dual Degree Program and subject to meeting the Program requirements (i.e. 120 ECTS credits), the students will obtain two Diplomas as per the law of the Russian Federation and Italy and the Parties’ by-laws:

- Master Degree in Law (program No. 40.04.01), with the concentration in Legal Support of Business Operations (Corporate Lawyer) delivered by the Financial University, incl. the Diploma Supplement.

- Laurea Magistrale LMG/01 in Law delivered by the University of Roma Tre and the Diploma Supplement, if available.

The marking systems of the two Parties and the grade conversion system are described in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 11

Upon completing the course of the Dual Degree Program, the Italian and Russian students shall take a final test. It will include the final state examination and the final thesis/Master thesis oral defense. The final examinations are graded in accordance with the rules set in Italy and the Russian Federation. The final thesis must be submitted by the students at the end of the second year of the Program. Each of the Parties (University of Roma Tre and the Financial University) shall appoint an examination board according to current regulations of each of the Parties. Each of the examination boards will assess the final thesis. The students shall write their final thesis in English. A copy of the final thesis is to be submitted to both Parties.

Students from the University of Roma Tre and the Financial University have to pass the state examination in the Financial University before presenting the final thesis. The Partners agree to mutually recognize the thesis done at the University of Roma Tre and the Financial University and to recognize the results of examinations and the grades (according to Annex B).

Article 12

The Agreement shall become effective from the date of signing by both Parties be in force for an initial period of six years, starting from 2020/2021academic year. Thereafter it may be renewed, in writing, by the Parties for an equal period at each expiration date unless either Party provides written notice to terminate the Agreement six months' prior to the expiration date. Termination will not affect the Program students whose studies are already in progress or those already approved prior to their effective date of termination. Nor will it modify any obligations to be performed in terms of current semester students whose studies are still underway, or exchanges already agreed upon at the date of termination.

Article 13

Each Party authorizes the use of its name and logo for the purposes related exclusively to this Dual Degree Program. Except as provided for in this Agreement, neither Party shall make use of the name of the other Party in any publication, advertisement or news release without prior consultation and written approval. Each Party will publicize the Dual Degree Program in its promotional materials (the website, brochures) and will provide copies of the materials to the other Party.

Article 14

In the event of a dispute, the Parties shall endeavor to reach an agreement through negotiations. Should they fail, the dispute/-s/ shall be referred for settlement to an agreed upon third party.

This Agreement is made in 4 original copies, 2 of them in English and 2 in Russian, 2 original copies for each of the Parties.

Article 15

The use of personal data is regulated by the new European Regulation n. 679 - 27.4.2016 – GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) as well as current national legislation of Italy and the Russian Federation.

SIGNTURES

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