



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

on Science and Technology Innovation Cooperation

Between

BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, represented by....., with
the charge of

and

CAMPANIA REGION, represented by, with the charge
of

*(from here on in referred to as **the Sides**).*

WHEREAS China and Italy signed on 7 October 2010 the “Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral cooperation in the field of innovation between the Department of Digitalization and Technological Innovation of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People’s Republic of China”, aiming at improving the cooperation in the field of innovation in the two countries, especially through the development of innovative platforms;

WHEREAS Beijing Municipal Government and Campania Region have the willing to expand science and technology innovation cooperation and benefit each other;

Now therefore, the Sides agree upon the following:

Article 1 - Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter “MoU”) is to broaden cooperation between businesses, startups, research institutes and universities within the regions in the fields of science and technology innovation and achievement transformation, popularize technology innovation and advanced products in the regions, address common challenges together and help maintain good bilateral relations between China and Italy and foster socioeconomic development of both countries.

Article 2 - Modes and Fields of Cooperation

Under the MoU the Beijing Municipal Government and Campania Region, in observance of the regional competencies as stated in article 117 of the Italian Constitution, agree to facilitate cooperation between respective businesses, startups, research institutes and universities in the key technology fields in the following modes:

1. Supporting scientists, technicians, entrepreneurs and management

- experts to the other side for high-level exchange and visit;
2. Supporting soft landing activities for startups and companies of both side;
 3. Supporting joint development projects and new product demonstration and application;
 4. Supporting the construction of joint laboratory or engineering research center;
 5. Supporting activities including seminars, science and technology exhibitions and achievement presentations;
 6. Supporting China-Italy Innovation Cooperation Week and other technology exchange and transfer activities of China-Italy Technology Transfer Center;
 7. Supporting trainings for innovators, entrepreneurs and technicians;
 8. Other modes agreed by both sides through discussion.

Cooperation between the sides will focus on the key fields including:

1. Cultural and creative industry;
2. Cultural heritage conservation;
3. Modern agriculture and food industry;
4. Life science;
5. Aerospace.

Article 3 - Exchange Mechanism

Both sides agree that cooperation under this MoU can be coordinated. Each side shall appoint an executing body to determine direction and fields of cooperation and organize exchange and collaboration activities. While Beijing Municipal Science and Technology Commission is appointed as the executing body of the Chinese side, the Department of Internationalization, Startup and Innovation of Campania Regional Government is appointed as the executing body of the

Italian side. A coordinator meeting shall be held in Beijing or Naples once a year.

The Embassies of each country will be kept informed of the initiatives planned by the Parties in application of the present MoU, in each respective accredited territory.

Article 4 - Financial Responsibility

No side shall assume financial responsibility under this MoU.

Costs and expenses incurred by the parties for fulfilling their obligations shall be borne by the Sides themselves since the execution of this MoU and the respective national finance assume no financial responsibility.

Article 5 - Laws and Intellectual Property Right

This MoU is being applied in full observance of the regulations and legislation in force in the respective countries, as well as in compliance with the international obligations and those arising from Italy's membership to the European Union.

To the extent that the foregoing provision is satisfied, the ownership of science and technology achievements and intellectual properties generated from and involving cooperation under this MoU shall be determined according to international conventions.

Article 6 - Term

This MoU shall come into effect on the date it is signed by both sides and shall remain valid for three years. This MoU shall extend for another three years after it expires (except that this MoU is terminated during its term).

Either side may terminate this MoU from time to time by giving the other 30 days advance written notice.

Any activity that has not been completed when this MoU expires shall be continued until it is completed.

This MoU shall become null and invalid in case the sides fail to carry out or implement any action plan within a year after the execution hereof.

Article 7 - Miscellaneous

This MoU is executed on in This MoU is executed in four original copies, one in Chinese, two in English and one in Italian language, equally being official and authoritative.

Beijing Municipal Government

Campania Region

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