



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

**ASL RIETI
and
THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISASTER MEDICINE**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) is between ASL Rieti (hereinafter referred to as **AGENCY**), and the **European Centre for Disaster Medicine of the Council of Europe** (hereinafter referred to as **CEMEC**), jointly referred to as the "**Parties**" and individually as "**Party**."

THE PARTIES TO THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

CONSIDERING that AGENCY wants to expand his skills and experience in the field of healthcare professionals, law enforcement, civil protection, volunteers, responders and operators of authorities involved in emergency and disaster management.

FURTHER CONSIDERING that CEMEC is a key centre of an international agreement of the Council of Europe aimed at promoting and developing training and research in the field of disaster medicine aimed at health personnel and volunteers involved with emergency situations. The CEMEC has the objective of mitigating the impact of natural and technological disasters on human life. The CEMEC shall pursue its objective, inter alia, by standardised teaching programmes, co-ordinating appropriate research, organising scientific congresses, advocating for political and public awareness of disaster medicine, facilitating exchanges among different healthcare professional disciplines, and advising relevant bodies on all matters related to disaster medicine.

RECOGNISING the complementarity of the activities of the Parties and the opportunities for collaboration in countries of the Euro-Mediterranean regions and beyond.

ENVISAGING to initiate cooperation between the Parties and, in so doing, to develop each institution's ability to achieve its purpose and functions.

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

This MoU between the AGENCY and the CEMEC sets out the conditions for cooperation between the Parties.

Any activities conducted under this MoU are subject to their inclusion in the Parties' respective programmes of work and budgets and to the availability of funds. They shall be carried out in accordance with their respective rules and practices.

ARTICLE II – AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

The collaboration of the Parties will focus on a number of substantive areas with the aim of promoting lasting, sustainable, and inclusive growth in the Mediterranean region and will focus, among others, on the following areas:

- to reinforce and promote cooperation with a multi-stakeholder approach, to ensure disaster risk reduction, public health protection, enhanced knowledge on risk management, prevention, preparedness, response, and post-crisis analysis and activities, and improved preparation in the event of natural, intentional, or technological emergencies, crisis, and disasters.
- cooperate towards the implementation of training, research, and best-practices sharing;
- foster education and vocational training of scholars, researchers, experts, professionals, and technicians;
- exchange of lecturers, researchers, specialists, scholars, and students;

- mutual support in the fields of science, research, and innovation.

ARTICLE III – FORMS OF CO-OPERATION

The Parties may co-operate by various means, which can include, but will not be limited to:

- joint events and workshops;
- joint research and policy analysis;
- exchange and dissemination of information;
- formal and informal consultations on issues of common interest;
- participation of experts in meetings;
- participation of AGENCY in the activities of CEMEC and;
- participation of CEMEC in the activities of AGENCY;
- listing AGENCY as a “partner” on CEMEC website;
- listing CEMEC as a “partner” on AGENCY website;

ARTICLE IV – DISCLOSURE

The Parties may disclose to the public this MoU and information with respect to activities carried out under this MoU in accordance with the Parties’ relevant policies.

Any sharing of confidential information between the Parties will be subject to their respective policies and procedures relating to the disclosure of confidential information. Each Party will take any action to protect confidential and/or classified information of the other Party.

ARTICLE V – RESPONSIBILITY

Each Party will be responsible for its activities and for its staff members, including for their acts and omissions. In particular, a Party will not be liable for any damage or injury suffered or caused by the other Party or that other Party’s staff.

ARTICLE VI – ENTRY IN FORCE

This MoU will enter into effect upon signature by both Parties and will remain valid until either Party informs the other Party of its intention to terminate the MoU in accordance with Article VII.

ARTICLE VII – TERMINATION AND AMENDMENTS

The MoU may be terminated by either Party by providing three (3) months’ prior written notice to the other Party. In such a case, the Parties will agree, as appropriate, on the steps to ensure that the activities initiated under the MoU are brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion.

This MoU may be amended by mutual written agreement between the parties.

ARTICLE VIII – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute arising out of, or in connection with, the interpretation or application of any provision of this MoU will be settled amicably through consultations or by such similar means.

ARTICLE IX – NATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects the views and intentions of the Parties and is expressed in good faith, but without the creation of any legal obligation or the incurrence of any liability on the part of any of them. Nor shall any third party obtain any legal benefit from this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE X – STATUS OF THE PARTIES

Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as a waiver of the privileges and immunities that the Parties enjoy as international organisations.

ARTICLE XI – KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

Each Party will designate a representative with overall responsibility for ensuring the implementation of this MoU, including formulating work plans for activities to be undertaken pursuant to it and to facilitating information sharing and mutual understanding. Each party will duly notify the other of the name of its representative.

Done in _____ on _____ 2025, in two original copies, in English:

ASL Rieti

Doctor Mauro Maccari
Chief Operating Officer
Signature:

The European Center for Disaster Medicine

Professor Roberto Mugavero
President
Signature: