

**AGREEMENT FOR THE AWARDING OF TWO DEGREES
BETWEEN**

POLITECNICO DI MILANO (Italy)
(School of Civil, Environmental and Land Planning Engineering)

and

UNIVERSIDAD DE A CORUÑA (Spain)
(Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería de Caminos, Canales y Puertos)

Preamble

The **Politecnico di Milano** (the *School of Civil, Environmental and Land Planning Engineering*), hereafter referred to as POLIMI, with legal domicile in piazza Leonardo da Vinci 32, 20133 Milano (Italy), represented in this deed by its Rector, Prof. Donatella Sciuto and the **Universidad de A Coruña**, (Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería de Caminos, Canales y Puertos) hereafter referred to as Escuela de Caminos, with legal domicile at Maestranza, 9, 15001 A Coruña (Spain), represented in this deed by its rector Julio Abalde Alonso in the use of the duties provided by article 36.1.f of the statutes of the UDC, have decided to embark on an exchange of students that will culminate in the award of double degrees at Master of Science level.

Article 1: For students of the POLIMI

POLIMI students who have taken the *Laurea in Ingegneria Civile, Laurea in Ingegneria Civile per la Mitigazione del Rischio* or equivalent degree, have been admitted to the “Laurea Magistrale” and have passed courses for 60 ECTS credits, are entitled to continue their curriculum in the *Master en Ingeniería de Caminos, Canales y Puertos* at Escuela de Caminos courses and/or recognized activities for a minimum of 120 ECTS including the thesis, in such a way that the total number of credits obtained at Master of Science level will be equivalent to 180 ECTS.

The activities completed at Escuela de Caminos shall be fully recognised, and the relevant credits taken shall be specified case by case. Students shall produce a final thesis in English, which shall be presented at POLIMI and at Escuela de Caminos. Thereafter they shall be awarded the *Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria* at the POLIMI and the *Máster en Ingeniería de Caminos, Canales y Puertos* at Escuela de Caminos.

The general programme of studies must be approved in advance by both Institutions for each student enrolled.

Article 2: For students of the Escuela de Caminos

Escuela de Caminos students who own the grade diplomas *Grado en Tecnología de la Ingeniería Civil, Grado en Ingeniería de Obras Públicas, Grado en Ingeniería Civil* or equivalent grade, have been admitted to their *Máster en Ingeniería de Caminos, Canales y Puertos* and have passed courses equivalent to at least 60 ECTS credits are entitled to continue their curriculum in the Master of Science courses at POLIMI attending courses and/or recognized activities for a minimum of 90 ECTS including the thesis, in such a way that the total number of credits obtained at Master of Science level will be equivalent at least to 150 ECTS.

The activities taken at POLIMI shall be fully recognised and shall be specified case by case. Students shall produce a final thesis in English, which shall be presented at Escuela de Caminos and at POLIMI. Thereafter they shall be awarded the *Máster en Ingeniería de Caminos, Canales y Puertos* at Escuela de Caminos and the *Laurea Magistrale* at POLIMI.

The general programme of studies must be approved in advance by both degree granting Institutions for each student enrolled.

Article 3

Credits acquired under this program will be mutually recognized in accordance with the relevant provisions of both universities. Academic credits will be transferred by the host institution to the home institution after the exchange period.

Article 4

Students of the Escuela de Caminos need to provide a document attesting the same level of English knowledge as the one required to POLIMI's students according to the table available on POLIMI website: <https://www.polimi.it/en/current-students/language-requirements-english-and-italian/students-of-laurea-magistrale-study-programmes>

The level of English requirements (B2) for the students at the Escuela de Caminos are available at:

https://www.udc.es/export/sites/udc/futuros_estudiantes/galeria_down/masteres/MU_Enxenari_a-de-Caminos-Canais-e-Portos.pdf_2063069239.pdf

Article 5

Every academic year a maximum of 5 (five) students from each Institution will be able to apply for each programme.

Article 6

The two parties will produce the transcripts of records of the exchange students reporting also the marks according to the ECTS scales.

For students of the Escuela de Caminos the equivalence of grades obtained in the Italian system to be recognized at the Spanish system will be those specified by the Spanish Ministry of Universities at <https://www.educacionyfp.gob.es/dam/jcr:c49dc8ae-8f47-47e5-8ec7-563e98dae077/anexoi-equivalencias.pdf>

The equivalence of grades obtained in the Spanish system to be recognized at the Italian system will be transferred according to the rules of the *School of Civil, Environmental and Land Planning Engineering* of Politecnico di Milano https://www.ingcat.polimi.it/fileadmin/user_upload/scuola/esperienze_estero/Regolamento_mobilita_ENG_draft.pdf

Article 7

The host Institution shall appoint, for each student, a tutor to whom he/she may apply for advice or assistance during his/her stay in the host country.

Article 8

The Authorities responsible at each Institution shall select, by the deadline established by each partner each year, the students to be admitted to the exchange. The selection shall be based on academic results, language knowledge and any other pre-requisite required by each host institution.

Article 9

Expenses for travel and accommodation will be to students' account. Partner institutions agree to give due process towards securing additional funding for participating students to offset cost of travel and living while abroad. The host Institution engages to help students in their incoming procedures and in obtaining the same facilities foreseen for their students. Before students' departure, the home institution must guarantee that exchange students have purchased the required insurance.

Exchange students will pay applicable tuition or fees only to their respective home Institution. No tuition will be paid to the host institutions for the entire period of the exchange. Some additional fees, if applicable, will be paid to the host institution throughout the duration of the double degree programme. In particular:

POLIMI students will have to cover the following costs at Universidad de A Coruña:

- Fee for the opening of the academic report (Apertura de Expediente)
- Compulsory insurance for safety (Seguro HAC LUCE Estudiantes)
- Administrative fee for graduation

UDC students will have to cover the following costs at POLIMI:

- Administrative fee for graduation

The fees are established on a yearly basis and can be checked on the website of each partner university:

POLIMI: <https://www.polimi.it/en/exchange-students-incoming/after-acceptance/double-degree-programs/before-leaving>

UDC: https://www.udc.es/export/sites/udc/futuros_estudiantes/_galeria_down/masteres/Prezos-e-pagamento-de-matricula.pdf_2063069239.pdf

Article 10

The persons responsible for the Programme at each Institution will constitute a monitoring committee which shall meet at least once a year in order to:

- Review the effectiveness of the teaching programmes
- Examine the academic results achieved by the students in the light of Institutions' joint effort
- Propose further actions.

Article 11

Each institution shall maintain policies of insurance, indemnity and safety for staff and students within the law of its own country.

Article 12

This Agreement shall come into force immediately after the signature of the responsible University Authorities. It will last 4 years, and can be renewed after verification of the activities developed during its duration and provided that the two parties agree on renewal. Likely reasons for the resolution of this agreement will be:

- Mutual consent of the parties
- Non-compliance of the agreed commitments
- Unilateral decision of one of the parties through explicit written communication to the other with a previous announcement of six months

Anyway, the parties commit to guaranty the academic rights of the enrolled students in the program so that they can finish their studies and can fulfil the development of their initiated activities at the moment of the notification of the claim.

The parties agree to solve in a friendly manner any controversy rising from the interpretation of the present agreement. In the event that the disagreement cannot be resolved, the issue(s) will be submitted for arbitration; each party will appoint a member of the arbitration panel, and one member will be chosen by mutual consent.

Article 13

In order to promote joint actions in education and research, POLIMI and Escuela de Caminos shall encourage:

- Exchanges of students, university staff and researchers

- Exchanges of faculties for education and research
- Study sessions, workshop, and seminars on previously agreed subjects
- Exchange of information, documents and scientific publications
- Student exchanges involving work experience or visits to companies

The exchange of persons shall comply with the regulations and procedures in force at the home Institutions.

Article 14

The signing of this agreement does not entail any financial obligation for the parties.

Article 15

The present agreement is signed in one digital version in English and Galician of equivalent content.

For the Politecnico di Milano

The Rector
Prof. Donatella Sciuto

Milano, *date*

For Universidad de A Coruña

Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería de Caminos, Canales y Puertos

The Rector
Prof. Julio Abalde Alonso

A Coruña, *date*