



**AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION  
CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS  
In the frame of the TIME Network**

**The Group of Ecoles Centrale of Lyon, Marseille, Nantes, Centrale Lille  
Institut and CentraleSupélec (Paris) in France**

and

**the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
in Greece (AUTH)**

### ***Preamble***

In furtherance of their mutual interests in the fields of education and research, the Group of Écoles Centrale of Lyon, Marseille, Nantes, Centrale Lille Institut and CentraleSupélec (Paris), hereafter referred to as GEC, represented respectively by the the Director Frank DEBOUCK, the Director Prof. Carole DEUMIE, the Director Jean-Baptiste AVRILLIER, the Director General Prof. Emmanuel DUFLOS, and the General Director Romain SOUBEYRAN

and

the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, hereafter referred to as AUTH, represented by the Rector Prof. Nikolaos G. PAPAIOANNOU and in accordance with the general Agreement first signed in 2008 between the Faculty of Engineering of AUTH and the Group of Écoles Centrale of Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nantes and CentraleSupélec (Paris), and in the spirit of the principles set out by the statutes of the TIME (Top International Managers in Engineering) network hereby agree the following:

### ***Article 1 – Aim of the Agreement***

The aim of this agreement is to specify the general terms under which double-degree students from the GEC studying at the AUTH and from the AUTH studying in one of the five GEC institutions may be awarded, upon successful fulfilment of all requirements for graduation at each institution, the academic degrees and diplomas of comparable academic levels from both institutions.

### ***Article 2 – Scope of the Agreement***

Both institutions agree to the following general forms of cooperation and general requirements for all students participating under this agreement.

### ***Article 3 – Number of students***

Each academic year, the international coordinators of all institutions will inform each other of projected student flows for double-degree students. These flows may be negotiated prior to the deadline for submitting applications.

The number of students' participating in the double-degree programme from the GEC and AUTH will be decided in advance.

### ***Article 4 – Selection and admission of students***

The exchange of double-degree students under this agreement will be conducted in accordance with the following principles:

- Students are selected and admitted to the double-degree programme based on their academic results, motivation and language skills. It is generally accepted that AUTH students in GEC institutions will be expected to receive tuition in French or in English and GEC students at AUTH will be expected to receive tuition in English. The selection may be carried out in collaboration between the institutions. Admission of students is always at the discretion of the receiving institution.
- Students will be responsible for covering the travel costs to the host country and

living costs during the stay, including accommodation, books, equipment, consumables, language tuition prior to the commencement of coursework (when necessary), health insurance, student union fee (if applicable) and other expenses arising out of the exchange.

- The host institution will render assistance to the incoming students in finding appropriate accommodation.
- Students participating under the terms of this exchange will be entitled to participate in any introductory programme that may customarily be arranged for international students.

### ***Article 5 – Organization of academic programmes***

This double degree programme is part of the academic programmes as established:

#### ***A- By one of the five Ecoles Centrale:***

1. Two years of study in the *Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles* (CPGE) after the *Baccalauréat*, for which 120 ECTS are awarded.
2. Admission to one of the five Ecoles Centrale by national competitive examination.
3. Two years of study at the Ecole Centrale.
4. One year of study in a Specialization at the Ecole Centrale  
The final year includes a mandatory internship of a duration of 4 to 6 months in a company or a research laboratory, which is validated by a dissertation and an oral examination.
1. Upon completion, students are awarded an Engineering Degree with the title Ingénieur de l'Ecole Centrale Lyon or Marseille or Nantes or Centrale Lille Institut or CentraleSupélec (Paris).

#### ***B- By the AUTH***

1. Admission to AUTH is by passing the National Entrance Examination.
2. The term of study for engineering students is five years.
3. Upon successful completion of the programme, the students will be awarded the integrated master's degree by AUTH

### ***Article 6 – Study Plan and Course of Study***

The total duration of the double-degree programme must be established and approved by both institutions before admission of the student. The individual study plan may be revised in collaboration and in written form with the approval from the academic representatives of the two institutions.

It is strongly recommended that all compulsory courses up to the time of departure be completed in order to enable students to attend the advanced courses required for the degree from the host institution.

#### ***The pattern for students is as follows:***

##### ***A- Students from one of the Ecoles Centrale***

1. Two years of study at one of the Écoles Centrale.
2. Selection for the Double Degree programme.
3. The final two years of the integrated Master's degree at AUTH, including any prerequisite study and the Master thesis.



***B- Students from the AUTH can follow one of the following two schemes***

**Scheme 1: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year**

1. Undergraduate Programme at the AUTH: the first and second year of study at the AUTH;
2. Selection for the Double Degree Programme.
3. Two years of study at the École Centrale.
4. The final two years of the integrated Master's degree at AUTH, including any prerequisite study and the Master thesis.

**Scheme 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year**

1. Undergraduate Programme at the AUTH: the first four years of study at the AUTH;
2. Selection for the Double Degree Programme.
3. Two years of study (Master level) at the Ecole Centrale.

The total duration of the nominal study period for a student following the above pattern should not normally be prolonged by more than one year.

***Requirements for exchange students registered at the AUTH:***

All double-degree students must register on a full-time basis. Double-degree students will be required to complete credits in accordance with AUTH's graduation regulations. If, at the end of the double-degree programme, the students have been successful, then they shall be awarded a master's degree by AUTH.

***Requirements for exchange students registered at the GEC:***

Once admitted to one of the five Ecoles Centrales for the first year of the common core, the student will subsequently follow the second year of the common core, subject to satisfactory performance in the first year. On successful completion of the two-year common core, the student will be expected to return to AUTH for the completion of his or her Graduate Programme, including the Master Thesis. The Diplôme d'Ingénieur de l'Ecole Centrale de Lyon/Marseille/Nantes or Centrale Lille Institut or CentraleSupélec (Paris) will be awarded automatically on successful completion of the Graduate Programme degree, provided the student has met all necessary requirements at Ecole Centrale.

For the second scheme, after completion of the 2 years' programme in France, the student will be awarded the Diplôme d'Ingénieur de l'Ecole Centrale de Lyon/Marseille/Nantes or Centrale Lille Institut or CentraleSupélec (Paris) **and then** graduate from the AUTH.

***Article 7 – Validation of results***

The receiving institution will communicate to the sending institution the results of each student in terms of grades (and credits wherever possible) at the end of each academic year. The parties agree that courses shall be graded and awarded credits according to the rules of the establishment where the course is taken.

***Article 8 – Tuition fees, costs***

Double-degree students shall continue to pay tuition fees to their home institution. Both

parties agree to provide exchange students with information about possible sources of financial support.

### ***Article 9 – Terms for students***

#### ***Article 9.1 – Conditions for application***

The deadline for submitting applications in both directions is March 31. Students from the AUnT must be nominated by the AUnT and must apply via the appropriate online mobility portal. Each institution will screen its applicants for the double-degree programme but the receiving institution will have the right to make the final decision on the admission of nominated students. Candidates should be informed of the decision of the selection panel by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Applications must be in English and include a CV, a transcript of the student's records, including courses and marks, a letter of motivation or intent from the student, and a letter of confirmation from the sending institution confirming that the candidate has been nominated for this double-degree programme.

#### ***Article 9.2 – Conditions during study period***

Students participating under this agreement shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the host establishment. They will also have the rights and privileges enjoyed by other students enrolled at the host establishment.

#### ***Article 9.3 – Awarding of academic degrees***

Each university grants the student credit transfer to the other university according to the rules, laws and regulations in force.

Both degrees are awarded to the students only in the case of success in both institutions.

### ***Article 10 – Force Majeure***

In the case of force majeure that impacts on-site teaching, such as health, political, economic, or any other severe public crisis, each institution authorizes the host institution to take necessary measures for the protection of the exchange students and, in particular, but not limited to, make use of remote teaching and exams. Best practices will be used in such cases, and credits will be fully recognized by the home institution. In such case, the host institution shall inform the home institution within a week of the measures that have been taken.

In addition, in the case of Force Majeure, the host institution shall be permitted to offer a deferment of the incoming and outgoing mobility of the selected students by a semester or a year, under the same conditions as the active agreement at the date of the selection, and without questioning their candidacy.

In case the agreement expires during the deferment, the exchange shall remain valid until its renewal.

### ***Article 11 – Academic and administrative representatives***

Each institution will nominate its own academic and administrative coordinators, and these coordinators will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions detailed in the Agreement are respected. The coordinators will organize advisory and other academic services for students participating under this Agreement.

***Article 12 – Terms of agreement***

Unless terminated prior to its expiry by the mutual approval of the Parties, this Agreement shall remain in effect for five years from the date of signature.

***Article 13 – Intellectual Property Rights Relating to Students***

- All pre-existing intellectual property belonging to or under license to GEC institutions will remain under the exclusive ownership or license to GEC institutions unless agreed to the contrary by GEC representatives.
- All pre-existing intellectual property belonging to or under license to AUTH shall remain under the exclusive ownership or license to AUTH unless agreed to the contrary by AUTH representative.
- Neither GEC institutions nor AUTH will use pre-existing intellectual property belonging to the other without the written consent of the other party.
- The ownership of any new intellectual property created by students participating in the programme will be subject to an agreement to be signed between the students and the institutions, on a case-by-case basis. The ownership of any new intellectual property created by permanent members of staff as a result of their participation in the programme will be owned jointly by the AUTH and the GEC institution. Both GEC institutions and AUTH agree that all arrangements relating to intellectual property remain subject to the agreed arrangements between GEC institutions and AUTH.

***Article 14 – Amendments or changes***

Amendments or changes to this Agreement shall be made in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the institutions.

Six originals of this Agreement have been signed, one for each institution.

***Article 15 – Protection of personal data***

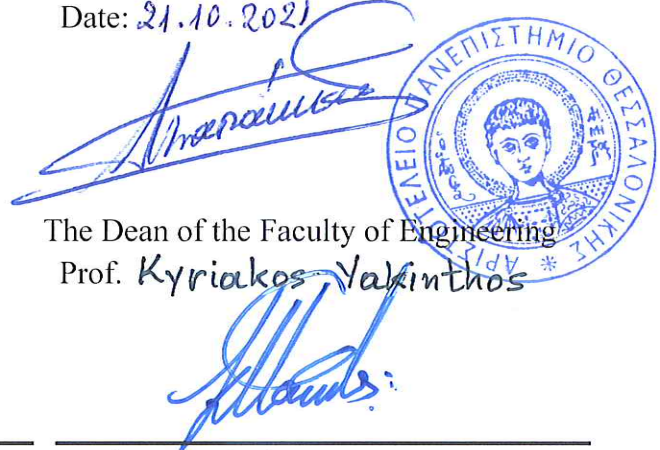
Exchanges and transfers of personal data will take place in compliance with EU Regulation 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free circulation of such data.



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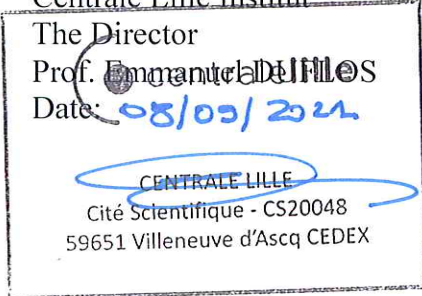


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