



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
**THE FONDAZIONE ROMUALDO DEL BIANCO**  
 AND  
**INTERNATIONAL BLACK SEA UNIVERSITY**

FOR COOPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC REPORTS IN  
 ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTER CULTURAL DIALOGUE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES  
 OF COMMON INTEREST

Between:

- the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation, established in Florence (Italy), at Via del Giglio, 10, under the tax code 94072060489, recognized by the Region of Tuscany with Decree No. 01,715 of 9 April 1999, and in the person of its President of the Executive Council, Paolo Del Bianco, on one hand,

and:

- the International Black Sea University in the person of the Rector, Prof. Ahmet Getin Can on the other hand

WHEREAS:

- that the mission of the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation, in short, seeks to contribute to the process of "Intercultural Dialogue" thanks to:
  - the knowledge of the "Diversity of Cultural Expressions"
  - the knowledge of the "Traditional Knowledge"

Thus to contribute to the "awareness of the conservation of Cultural and Natural Heritage".

This is done through the promotion and the development of appropriate cultural and scientific relationships, which are essential to the development of the institutional functions, respectively of teaching and research with programs and initiatives carried out mainly by the academic world under the motto

*"International integration, without competition, respecting individual identities –  
 Discovering the past together, working to build a shared future";*

- that for the above purpose it is necessary to promote and encourage cultural direct agreements with institutions of higher education in different countries, increasing the network of contacts of the Foundation;
- that the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation signed an agreement with the University of Florence since June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000 for the cooperation in the development of cultural and scientific relations with universities in foreign countries;

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- that the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation is interested in developing its network of contacts in the area where the International Black Sea University is located;
- that the International Black Sea University may represent an opportunity for the network of the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation for the development of new relations and synergies in that region, just as the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation may represent an opportunity for the International Black Sea University to develop its contacts in other parts of the world;

CONSIDERING:

- The mutual interest of the two institutions to establish a form of cooperation that allows both to develop appropriate relations between them, in accordance with their respective institutional purposes, and also with other Educational Institutions in different countries, and through this cooperation to increase the opportunities for collaborations and possible synergies;

AND IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1: Subject of the Agreement*

The Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation and the International Black Sea University undertake to create a form of agreement for the development of institutional and cultural relations and of activities of common interest. Therefore, within this form of agreement, once the common interest in making a specific proposal for collaboration or initiative is identified, the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation and the International Black Sea University will define together by mutual agreement the modalities with which each could possibly contribute to what is necessary to the achievement of the collaboration or initiative, and each time for every initiative, on the basis of their programs, resources and institutional purposes. This definition will happen every time, for every initiative, only by appropriate written correspondence.


*Article 2: Types of Initiatives Covered by the Agreement*

This cooperation, in order to consolidate and extend the network of relations, will be based on strict equality and mutual benefit and could be developed through the following types of initiatives undertaken within the framework of the development policies and relations of each institution, also in collaboration with similar institutions in other countries, and always aiming to the Intercultural Dialogue:

- participation of the teaching staff, scholars, researchers and students from the International Black Sea University in conferences, lectures, symposia, seminars, and workshops promoted by the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation in Florence and in other countries, in collaboration with its international network of universities/institutions, focused on cultural, scientific or educational topics, however, to encourage "Intercultural Dialogue" as the premise.

The Foundation could possibly count on the aid of specialized organizers for conducting these activities

  
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- Participation of the students from the International Black Sea University (with their accompanying teachers) to the international seminars in Florence, included in the programs developed by the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation – also in collaboration with other local institutions - in which different universities from different countries and cultures takes pari;
- Participation of students from the International Black Sea University in the programs of training and internships organized by the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation in Florence or other local organizations that support the activities of Intercultural Dialogue;
- Participation of the International Black Sea University in bilateral or multilateral meetings and programs to start new relationships or strengthen existing ones with Italian universities or in other countries;
- Other types of initiatives, particularly in Florence (exhibitions, concerts, or other cultural activities), including those involving the participation of the University of Florence, for example, exchange of professors, doctors, students, or technical personnel and administrative cooperation for the start of internships for foreign students in Italy and vice versa;
- The possibility for the International Black Sea University to join the recently-started Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation's project named "For Intercultural Dialogue "Life Beyond Tourism", which fosters the enormous opportunities created by the spreading of universal values - such as the intercultural dialogue, the knowledge and preservation of different cultural expressions, the understanding of traditional knowledge - through the diffusion of a form of tourism that not only provides traditional services, but also relates human values and asserts and facilitates the cultural respect and the intercultural dialogue.


To join for free the project, the International Black Sea University can sign up on the [www.lifebeyondtourism.org](http://www.lifebeyondtourism.org) portal, thus co-operating with the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation to raise awareness and spread the cultural growth of the international community on issues related to heritage and knowledge of cultural heritage and traditions of the territory.

#### *Article 3: Timeframe to Apply the Agreement*

Preference will be given by the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation to those initiatives that fall during the period of the academic world.

#### *Article 4: Creation of Mutual Links*

Both, the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation of Florence and the International Black Sea University will create a mutual link on their own websites in order to ensure an increase in their international visibility.

  
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The International Black Sea University has also the possibility to join for free the new Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation's web portal [www.lifebeyondtourism.org](http://www.lifebeyondtourism.org), as mentioned in the previous Article 2.

*Article 5: Other Determinations*

The parties agree to exchange all relevant information - even through publications or other documentary material - about the structure and organization to foreign universities involved in order to increase knowledge and capacity reporting.

*Article 6: Duration of the Agreement*

This framework agreement will come into effect on the date of stipulation and will be valid for one year. It will automatically be renewed year to year unless it is terminated by either party with at least 3 months notice before the deadline.

*Article 7: Official Language of the Agreement*

This agreement has been translated into English language for the purpose of facilitate the understanding and subscription by the international institutions from the other countries. However, in case of clarifications, the Italian version is the authentic version of reference.

Florence (Italy), ..... *20.03.2010*

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