

# Memorandum of Understanding

## between

# **Istanbul Technical University**

and

## BENECON

Centre of Excellence of the Campania Region for Cultural Heritage, Ecology and Economy

Institutional partner of Forum UNESCO University and Heritage

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### ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

#### and

# BENECON Centre of Excellence of the Campania Region for Cultural Heritage, Ecology and Economy (BENECON)

### wish to express their interest

in establishing a formal collaboration with the purpose of developing joint initiatives that can enhance the pursuit of their institutional *missions*.

### Intention of the parties

**ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY and BENECON**, fully aware of their different roles and functions, diverse but highly complementary to each other, highlight their interest in looking for synergies and integrations in order to valorise and develop mutual activities as well as show interest in verifying the terms and opportunities to build a successful and continuous collaboration.

The main interest of ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, being a research university competing in the international arena, is to make its skills, technological facilities and services available to reach scientific, technological and/or fine arts related advanced knowledge, and also to participate in projects funded by the European Union and other international, national and local institutions to build a network capable of combining the worlds of learning and knowhow in the research areas of interest.

The main interest of BENECON is to make its skills, technological facilities and services available with the purpose of supporting the activities within this partnership in realising pilot projects of interest to the Centre as well as to participate in projects funded by the European Union and other international, national and local institutions in the following areas: analysis, surveying, representation, knowledge and management of the territory.

The formal protocol aims to give prominence as well as draw mutual public attention to its own facilities in order to highlight the importance of this initiative which is being promoted by the two authoritative parties in the areas of mutual interest.

This protocol formally starts upon the signing this document that is voluntary and does not result in any charges and commercial constraints between the parties.

In no event shall the two parties make any commitments or contingencies for and on behalf of the other without formal written permission.

### COMMITMENTS AND INTENTIONS

**ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY and BENECON**, referring to this declaration of intent, undertake to make their expertise, technological facilities and services available in such manner as to be established on every occasion.

**ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY and BENECON** propose to carry out pilot projects through which to use their respective expertise and equipment.

**ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY and BENECON** shall try to establish a continuous partnership, though not exclusive, for the preparation and participation in European Union funded projects as well as all other calls for projects in which they will jointly participate.

**ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY and BENECON** shall hold a series of bilateral meetings aimed at defining the work programs designed to establish the collaboration in the areas of mutual interest of the Institutions.

### Signing of the Declaration of Intent

This document is authorised, approved and signed by the parties:

Date:

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