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Haute école du paysage, d'ingénierie  
et d'architecture de Genève



## FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

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University of Applied Sciences Western  
Switzerland  
technology, architecture and landscape

and

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

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hepia – University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland technology, architecture and  
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Rue de la Prairie 4  
1202 Geneva  
Switzerland

hereinafter hepia

*and*

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi  
PWD Rest House  
Near Bus Stand  
Mandi - 175 001, Himachal Pradesh  
India

hereinafter IIT Mandi

### **Whereas,**

- i) hepia forms an integral part of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (HES-SO) and, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Swiss Confederation and the Republic and Canton of Geneva, awards a Bachelor HES (equivalent to 180 ECTS) in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering, Building Technology, Horticultural Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Microengineering and Information Technology Engineering;
- ii) hepia also offers, in partnership with other Swiss universities of applied sciences and arts, a Master's degree in the fields of architecture, technology, geomatic engineering and life sciences;
- iii) hepia undertakes research projects at its four research institutes: inPACT, inIT, inSTI-inTNE;
- iv) firmly established in the economic and social fabric of the Franco-Valdo-Geneva region through its teaching and research missions, hepia also develops its international relations with university level partners in the fields related to its training courses

### **Whereas,**

- i) IIT Mandi forms one of the eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) established by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India under The Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Act, 2012. In accordance with the laws and regulations of IIT Mandi, the Institute awards a Bachelor of Engineering degree (equivalent to 160 IIT Mandi credits) in Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

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- ii) IIT Mandi also offers a Master's degree (by research) and a Ph.D. degree in areas belonging to computing and electrical engineering, mechanical and civil engineering, basic sciences, and humanities and social sciences.
- iii) The Institute undertakes research projects at its residential campus at Kamand, Himachal Pradesh, India – a township located at a distance of 18 kilometers from the Mandi town.
- iv) IIT Mandi's vision is to be a leader in science and technology education, knowledge creation and innovation, in an India marching towards a just, inclusive and sustainable society. The Institute also develops its international relations with university level partners in the fields related to its training courses.

**Both parties agree as follows:**

**ARTICLE 1: General Scope and Common Objective**

1.1 The signatories to this Agreement wish to enter into a partnership by mutually cooperating in the education and research sectors and in other activities that form part of their own fields, without prejudice to the other relationships that each signatory wishes to develop respectively.

1.2 They share the following common objective: promotion and improvement of teaching, research, reciprocal exchanges of members of the teaching staff and students, further training of staff and other scientific and academic activities that are deemed to benefit both institutions.

**ARTICLE 2: Undertaking by the Parties**

2.1 IIT Mandi and hepia undertake to work together in a collegial spirit of cooperation for the common interest and to contribute their complementary skills and resources in order to achieve the common objective.

2.2 The common objective will be implemented by means of programmes and projects, which shall be subject to mutual agreement and shall be governed by separate agreements, if necessary.

2.3 The parties will ensure that the programmes and projects have sufficient funding and human resources; this will be jointly discussed and approved prior to the launch of such programmes and projects.

**ARTICLE 3: Cooperation Programmes**

**3.1. Student Exchange Programme**

3.1.1. IIT Mandi and hepia agree in principle to admit students from the partner institution to their teaching programme, Bachelor or Master or 3rd stage (doctorate) for one semester or one year.

3.1.2 IIT Mandi and hepia will offer students from the partner institution opportunities to complete their projects in their own laboratories or research institutes subject to conditions that have yet to be established.

3.1.3. The offers to students shall in principle be made 6 months in advance and shall be accepted by both parties. The precise number of students will be agreed by both institutions and will vary according to the context in which the exchange takes place.

3.1.4. The institution of origin will be responsible for selecting students, subject to acceptance by the host institution and approval by the immigration authorities of the host country.

3.1.5. The host institution will assist students with all other hospitality issues, but is not obliged to provide them with accommodation or financial assistance.

3.1.6. Students who are nationals of the European Union (EU), the Schengen area or other countries shall ensure that they complete all the essential immigration formalities (residence permit, visas or any other relevant documents). In particular, students who are nationals of countries outside the EU and reside in an EU country, regardless of whether such country is a member of the Schengen area, shall ensure that the validity of their

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residence permit exceeds the duration of the exchange. Students who come directly from countries outside the EU shall obtain a residence permit before the exchange.

- 3.1.7 Students who take part in an exchange shall ensure that they have suitable insurance (illness and accident, compulsory third party, car, personal belongings, etc.).
- 3.1.8. Students who participate in the programme will pay the tuition fees to the institution of origin while they are studying at the host institution. They will pay all their personal expenses at the host institution, including the costs incurred in entering the host country, accommodation, maintenance, teaching materials, travel, meals and health insurance (pursuant to Article 3.1.7 above). They will be exempt from paying tuition fees at the host institution.
- 3.1.9. The parties agree to recognise the assessments and/or the courses passed by their students at the host institution.

### **3.2. Exchange Programme for Teaching Staff**

- 3.2.1 The Agreement also contemplates cooperation between teaching staff, such as short-term teaching assignments for a maximum of one year in the areas that are jointly identified. This cooperation may also include conferences, seminars and academic gatherings.
- 3.2.2 The provisions of this Agreement regarding issues of hospitality, insurance and the immigration procedures specified in Articles 3.1.4 to 3.1.8 also apply to the teaching staff.

### **3.3. Scientific and Technological Cooperation Programme**

- 3.3.1 The Agreement gives IIT Mandi and/or hepia the opportunity to be considered, on the basis of the specific and complementary areas of expertise of their respective researchers, for funded scientific and technological programmes, offered by one partner or both partners. In this case, a separate agreement will be concluded.
- 3.3.2 The Agreement also contemplates the possibility of cooperating in the exchange of doctoral candidates, provided the host institution is duly authorised. In this case, such an exchange may be made for the purpose of studies or research projects in the laboratories and/or research institutes of both institutions.
- 3.3.3 The provisions of this Agreement regarding the issues of hospitality and immigration procedures specified in the preceding Articles 3.1.4 to 3.1.8 also apply to scientific or doctoral mobility.

### **3.4. Further Education Cooperation Programme**

- 3.4.1 The Agreement gives IIT Mandi and/or hepia the opportunity to be considered, on the basis of their specific and complementary areas of expertise, for further education programmes, offered by one partner or both partners. In this case, a specific agreement will be concluded.

## **ARTICLE 4: Departments Responsible**

The signatories undertake to appoint a contact person at their respective institution. This person, who will be responsible for international relations and will perform all other relevant duties, will act as a focal point and will coordinate the activities related to this Agreement and will ensure that its provisions are applied to the satisfaction of the parties.

**ARTICLE 5: Administrative Provisions**

**5.1. Duration and termination**

This Agreement will come into effect, once it is signed, for a period of three (3) years or until it is terminated by either party in accordance with the provisions of Article 5. This Agreement will automatically be renewed for further periods of three (3) years unless either party informs the other in writing of its intention not to renew the Agreement 6 months before the end of the current academic year.

**5.2. Breach**

In the event of a continued breach of this Agreement by either party, despite a formal notice, the other party may terminate this Agreement by giving 3 months' notice.

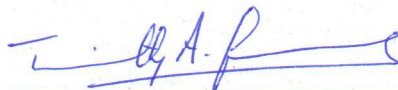
**5.3. Consequences**

Termination of this Agreement, regardless of the reason, will not affect the current exchanges of students, doctoral candidates or members of the teaching staff. Neither will it affect the scientific or technological cooperation programmes or the further education cooperation programmes, provided it is terminated in accordance with the conditions of the aforementioned projects.

**5.4. Amendment**

This Agreement may be amended at any time through an exchange of correspondence between both parties. Upon approval by both parties, such amendments shall become an integral part of this Agreement.

**For IIT Mandi**



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