



**Memorandum of Understanding between the Fundo para o Desenvolvimento das Ciências e da Tecnologia of the Macao Special Administrative Region of The People's Republic of China and the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT), Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education of the Portuguese Republic**

In pursuance of the Scientific Agreement between the Fundo para o Desenvolvimento das Ciências e da Tecnologia (FDCT) of the Macao Special Administrative Region of The People's Republic of China, and the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) , Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education of the Portuguese Republic (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

Wishing to strengthen and develop scientific and technological cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, the Parties hereby agree to jointly carry out a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of activities in Science, Technology and Innovation fostering partnerships between institutions from Portugal and Macao, in the following terms:

1. The MoU aims to promote collaborative scientific and technological activities in areas agreed upon by FDCT and FCT.

The MoU shall be implemented through:

- a) Joint funding of scientific and technological projects to be carried out by at least one Research Group from Macao and one Research Group from Portugal, in areas commonly defined. The Parties agree to open joint calls for projects, whose amount to be funded will be defined in each Call.
  - b) Joint organisation of bilateral scientific and technological seminar in areas of mutual interest, facilitating the meeting and interaction of potential cooperation partners. The seminar will take place alternately in Macao and in Portugal and inform the joint calls for collaborative research projects. The seminar organisation expenses will be borne by the Host Party and the travel expenses of the visiting participants by the Sending Party.
2. FDCT and FCT will ensure the activities of this MoU.
  3. Both Parties agree, for the duration of this MoU, to open Calls for Proposals, in order to receive scientific and technological proposals of projects involving groups of both countries in defined areas. The proposals and the frequency of the calls will be agreed upon by both parties.
  4. The proposals should be submitted simultaneously to FDCT and to FCT, respectively by Macao and Portuguese coordinators, observing specific deadlines, procedures and requirements of each Call.



5. FDCT will finance the research cost for researchers from Macao, and costs related to mobility of researchers from Macao to Portugal.
6. FCT will finance the research cost for researchers in Portugal, and costs related to mobility of Portuguese researchers to Macao.
7. The review process will be as following: firstly, each Party will separately implement the scientific evaluation of proposals. Subsequently, the Parties will exchange information on their funding priorities. Afterwards, a list of consensual proposals to be supported will be released and sent for approval of the relevant FDCT and FCT boards.
8. The financial support to each project must abide by the norms of each Party.
9. The conditions for the following Calls will be negotiated between the Parties. During the period of implementation of the MoU the bilateral typology for the launch of the calls can evolve to a model of "Lead Agency", by agreement of both parties, where the submission of the proposals will be made through a single entry point at an online platform and the review process will preferentially be performed by a single scientific evaluation panel of renown experts.
10. The obligations stemming from the present MoU are to be undertaken by FDCT and FCT and require the approval of authorities of both institutions.
11. The present MoU is valid during 3 (three) years from its signature eventually renewed by decision of both parties. During that period the MoU can be revoke by decision of one of the parties, that should inform the other by written announcement of its decision to revoke it with a minimum notice period of 90 (ninety) days. The revoke may not bring damage or solution of continuity to the execution of projects already approved or that began the execution, in which case the Parties shall keep in their respective budgets funds for the full completion of the projects not yet concluded.

As proof of agreement, 2 (two) originals are signed in English, in Lisbon, on the February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

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