



## **International Cooperation Agreement on Student Mobility within the framework of a Bilateral Exchange Programme**

### **BETWEEN**

#### **The Université de Rennes 1 (UR1),**

a Public Scientific, Cultural and Professional Institution (EPCSCP),  
located at 2 rue du Thabor, CS 46510, 35065 Rennes Cedex, France,  
represented by its President and Vice-Chancellor, David Alis, acting in his official capacity under the powers  
granted to him by law and in accordance with the deliberation of the Board of Governors of the Université de  
Rennes 1,

acting on behalf of **Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Sciences Appliquées et de Technologie**, 6 rue de  
Kerampont 22305 Lannion, France (hereinafter referred to as « ENSSAT »), represented by its director, Marie-  
Catherine Mouchot.

on the one hand,

### **AND**

#### **Cochin University of science and technology (CUSAT),**

a government owned autonomous science and technology university in India,  
located at Trikkakara, South Kalamassery, Kochi, Kerala, 682022, India  
Represented by its Registrar, Prof. (Dr.) K. Ajitha.

on the other hand,

Hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".


**Having regard to** the French Code of Education, and notably Articles L123-7 and D123-15 and following  
thereof;

**Having regard to** the deliberation of the competent body The syndicate of Cochin University of Science and  
Technology of DD/MM/YYYY approving this Framework Agreement;

### **Preamble:**

The cooperation between ENSSAT Engineering school (University Rennes 1) and Cochin university of Science  
and technology has been initiated following the integration of three Graduate students from the international  
School of Photonics (ISP), CUSAT in the Institut Foton laboratory to pursue their master thesis. Those students  
arrived in 2016.

Both parties have decided to set up a bilateral student exchange programme allowing students from each  
institution to complete a part of their studies abroad, thereby enhancing their academic career within an



international context, improving their command of a foreign language, and gaining valuable experience from both a personal and professional perspective.

**Having regard to the aforesaid, the following has been agreed:**

**Article 1: Purpose of the Agreement**

The purpose of this Agreement is to determine the administrative, financial and educational terms of the implementation of international student mobility within the framework of the exchange programme that both Parties wish to establish.

**Article 2: Subject Areas**

This Agreement covers all of the subject areas common to both Parties. Namely Photonics.

**Article 3: Purpose of the Student Exchange Programme**

This student exchange programme is developed on a basis of reciprocity, and falls within a quality approach concerning the welcome, monitoring and support of internationally mobile students. It applies to the speciality of Photonics.

The parties understand that, each academic year, not more than three (3) exchange students must be enrolled as non-degree students at the host university.

Master students from CUSAT will participate in the exchange programme for ten months in the Master of Science in Photonics (Master2) at ENSSAT within the international Programme in optical communications (as specified in the Master syllabus in appendice)

Master students from ENSSAT will participate in the exchange programme for one semester in the Master of science degree of Photonics at the international school of photonics (ISP)/ Cochin University of science and technology (CUSAT).

**Article 4: Student Profile / Eligibility for the Exchange Programme**

The selection of the students applying for this exchange programme shall be carried out in an impartial and transparent way.

**4-1 Level of the Applicants / Pre-requisites**

The students applying to participate in this exchange programme must:

- be enrolled on a regular basis within their Home Institution;
- be at a Master 1 level and have a B2 level set by the Council of Europe or similar level in English
- Applications from ENSSAT will be sent by email before the 30<sup>th</sup> of May for the odd semester.
- Applications from CUSAT will be sent by email before the 30<sup>th</sup> of May every year.

**4-2 Selection Procedure**

The students shall be selected within their Home Institution by lecturers who are competent in the relevant subject areas, in accordance with the criteria established by mutual agreement of the Parties and with Article 4-1 of this Agreement.



#### **Article 5: Duration of the Exchange / Provisional Dates of the Study Periods**

Students from ENSSAT will be enrolled at the host university for a semester from July until November.

Students from ISP/ CUSAT will be enrolled at ENSSAT for ten months. Students will carry out a research project which spreads along the two semesters at the Foton Institute- SP Team in the field of photonics. The project calendar is the following: 2 days/week (September -> mid-February), full-time (mid-February -> end of June).

#### **Article 6: Enrolment of the selected Students**

The selected students shall be enrolled, as normal students, within their Home Institution. As such, they shall be required to pay the regulatory university tuition fees within this Institution.

They shall also be enrolled as "exchange students" within the Host Institution. However, they shall not be required to pay the Host Institution any enrolment, tuition, examination, laboratory or library fees, with the exception of occasional and justified financial participations of a limited amount for additional services, in the same way as students of the Host Institution.

#### **Article 7: Validation of the Study Period**

The modules chosen by the students from among those offered by the Host Institution must be approved by the Home university, prior to the departure of the students.

Within the framework of this exchange programme, the list of courses will be formalized in the frame of a learning agreement between ENSSAT / Rennes 1 university and ISP / CUSAT. Students from Enssat must validate a minimum of 30 ECTS. Students from ISP / CUSAT will validate 2\*30 ECTS. (A conversion into the Indian system is provided in appendice).

The study period shall thus be considered as equivalent and an integral part of the courses the students are enrolled on in their Home Institution.

This student exchange programme is not intended for the obtaining of a foreign degree. The Host Institution shall, however, issue the students with all the necessary documents for the recognition in their home country of their study period abroad, and shall use the tools designed to ensure a clear understanding of the students' academic career.

#### **Article 8: Reception Arrangements and Support for the Exchange Students**

In accordance with the principle of reciprocity, the students participating in this exchange programme shall be treated by the Host Institution in the same way as students belonging to the Host Institution. As such, they shall benefit from the same rights and services, and shall be subject to the same regulations, which must be brought to their attention, especially those concerning the study timetables and the health and safety rules in force in the Host Institution.

##### **8-1 Administrative formalities: identity papers and student visas**

The Partner Institutions shall ensure that the students have completed all of the formalities with regard to the obtaining of the necessary student visas and identity papers before their departure for the Host University.

#### **8-2 Health / Insurance / Assistance**

Throughout the duration of the study period abroad, the students shall remain affiliated to the health insurance system in their home country. However, they shall be required to take out additional health insurance, valid for the country and the duration of the exchange, and provide proof of this coverage to the Host Institution.

Non-European students enrolled at the Université de Rennes 1 shall subscribe to the French social security system upon their arrival in France.

The students shall also be required to take out civil liability insurance. Whatever the country of destination, the students shall be required to take out insurance cover for medical care, repatriation on medical grounds, legal assistance, as well as individual accident insurance.

Both Institutions undertake to provide adequate information to the students participating in the exchange programme.

#### **8-3 Accommodation / Travel / Personal Expenses**

The Parties shall not be responsible for any accommodation, food, travel and other personal expenses (including books). These expenses shall remain at the charge of the students participating in the exchange programme.

However, the Host Institution undertakes to inform the students about the possibilities of accommodation prior to their arrival and to help them find suitable accommodation for the duration of the exchange.

When the student has not chosen to find accommodation in the private rental sector, confirmation of accommodation in the host country shall be provided upon admittance to the Partner University, as stipulated on the visa application form. In accordance with the rental regulations in force in France, foreign students are responsible for confirming their own rental accommodation by providing all necessary documents and paying all sums due.

#### **8-4 Welcoming the Exchange Students**

Students are welcomed by the international office who will supply all the necessary documents to facilitate their arrival. A welcome day is organized every year to get the students acquainted with the staff and the school.

FLE (French as a foreign language) for ISP students is mandatory and included in the Master program

#### **8-5 Financial Aid**

Students participating in the exchange programme may, where appropriate, benefit from the financial assistance of their Home University and/or government grants or scholarships in their home country.

### **Article 9: Monitoring and Coordination of the Exchange Programme**

This exchange programme is placed under the responsibility and coordination of:

At the Université de Rennes 1 - ENSSAT

Stéphane Trebaol

Title: Head of the Photonics department of ENSSAT

At Cochin University of Science and Technology,

Kailasnath Madanan

Title: Professor

An evaluation of this partnership shall be carried out half-way through its implementation period by Rennes 1 university International office.



#### **Article 10: Confidentiality**

Both Parties undertake to treat as confidential all information exchanged between them, whatever its nature (documents, systems, software, know-how, methods, knowledge, etc.), and to use this information only in the implementation of this Agreement.

Both Parties undertake not to disclose or communicate any confidential information to any person other than those members of their staff who require knowledge of said information within the context of the implementation of this Agreement or its amendments. Both Parties shall take the measures necessary to ensure compliance by their staff with these confidentiality obligations.

These obligations shall not apply to any information that is already known by the other Party prior to its receipt, or that is publicly available.

#### **Article 11: Publication**

Any publication or communication by either Party of information pertaining to the results or know-how obtained under this Agreement and its amendments shall, for the duration of the Agreement and for the following years, require the written consent of the other Party, who shall make its decision known within a maximum period of one month from the date of the request. Once this deadline has expired, and in the absence of a reply, the other Party shall be deemed to have given its consent.

These publications and communications shall specify the contribution made by each Party.

#### **Article 12: Intellectual Property**

##### **13.1 Prior Knowledge**

Each Party shall retain full ownership of its knowledge, whatever the nature of said knowledge, and whether or not it is protected by intellectual property rights (patents, design, model, trademark, copyright, etc.).

##### **13.2 University-specific Results**

Each Party shall have full ownership of the results and findings obtained on its own throughout the duration of this Agreement and its amendments, whether or not these results can be protected under intellectual property law. Each Party shall be responsible for deciding and taking, alone, all promotion and protection measures it deems necessary.

##### **13.3 Joint Results**

All results and findings obtained within the context of work carried out in common shall be the joint property of the Parties. A Co-Ownership Agreement shall be drawn up in order to determine, notably, the terms of protection and conditions of exploitation of these results.

#### **Article 13: Use of the Parties' Names and Logos**

In its communication relating to this partnership, each Party shall be entitled to mention the name of the other Party and, with the consent of the Party concerned, use that Institution's logo.

#### **Article 14: Duration of the Agreement**

This Agreement is entered into for an initial period of five years.  
It shall enter into force, after approval by the relevant supervisory authorities in both countries, on the date of signature by both Parties.

#### **Article 15: Amendment, Revision and Termination of the Agreement**

This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual written agreement of the Parties, without affecting the balance of the partnership.

After evaluation carried out pursuant to Article 9, this Agreement may be renewed, by mutual written agreement of the Parties, for periods of the same duration. In the event of renewal of the Agreement, it shall be subject to the procedure in force in each Institution, with each of the Parties being responsible for obtaining all of the necessary authorisations for the validation of the Agreement.

The Agreement may be terminated at the request of one or other of the Institutions, provided that said request is made in writing with at least six months' notice before the termination becomes effective. In the event of termination of the Agreement, the students already participating or selected to participate in the exchange programme shall be entitled to complete or follow through on their study period abroad.

#### **Article 16: Compliance with International Commitments**

The Parties reserve the right to suspend both this Agreement and its amendments, promptly and unilaterally, in application of the law, a treaty, or a resolution of the United Nations Security Council.

#### **Article 17: Settlement of Disputes**

The parties understand and agree that each Party's relationship with its faculties, departments, staff and students shall be governed by the laws in force in the country of that Institution, namely in India and in France.

In the event of difficulties arising in the interpretation or performance of this Agreement and its amendments, the Parties shall endeavour to resolve the dispute amicably by direct conciliation. Where the Parties fail to reach an agreement, the dispute shall be referred to a Mediation Committee composed of three members: one appointed by the President and Vice-Chancellor of Université de Rennes 1, one appointed by the President of the Partner Institution, and the Chairman of the Committee, appointed by mutual agreement of both Parties.

If, within ten days of sending the first notice, the dispute continues, the Parties shall bring the dispute before a court of competent jurisdiction in France, if the respondent is the French party or in India, if the respondent is the Indian party.



**Article 18: Languages of the Agreement**

The Agreement is drawn up in two originals, one in the French language and one in the English language, each version being equally authentic.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Agreement is signed by the official representatives of each Institution.

Done at Rennes, on 23.08.20

For the Université de Rennes 1,  
President and Vice-Chancellor  
David Alis

Done at Kochi on 26/02/2020

For Cochin University of Science and Technology  
Registrar  
Prof. (Dr.) K Ajitha



Done at Lannion, on 25.08.20

For ENSSAT  
Director  
Mme Marie-Catherine Mouchot

