

# AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION CONCERNING THE DOUBLE DEGREE BETWEEN

**THE ECOLE CENTRALE PARIS (FRANCE)  
THE ECOLE CENTRALE DE LILLE (FRANCE)**

**AND**

**Institute of Science and Technology  
OF ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (TURKEY)**

## **Introduction**

In accordance with the general agreement between the Institute of Science and Technology of Istanbul Technical University (ITU), the Ecole Centrale Paris (ECP) and the Ecole Centrale de Lille (EC Lille), and in the spirit of the principles set out by the statutes of the TIME (Top Industrial Managers for Europe) network, the institutes signing the present agreement express their common desire to put in place and develop student exchanges in accordance with TIME double degree master program.

As a consequence,

- Istanbul Technical University, with its principal place of business at Ayazaga Campus 34469 Maslak, Istanbul, Turkey, represented by its Rector, Prof. Dr. Muhammed Şahin and by the Dean of Institute of Science and Technology, Prof. Dr. Ali Demir,
- The Ecole Centrale Paris (ECP), with its principal place of business at Grande voie des Vignes, 92295 Chatenay-Malabry cedex (France) represented by its Director Prof. Hervé Biauxser,
- The Ecole Centrale de Lille (EC Lille), with its principal place of business at Cité Scientifique BP 48, 59651 Villeneuve d'Ascq cedex (France) represented by its Director Prof. Etienne Craye,

have decided to implement international student exchanges leading to the attainment of the Engineering Degree of The Ecole Centrale Paris (hereafter referred to as ECP) or the Engineering Degree of The Ecole Centrale de Lille (hereafter referred to as EC Lille), and Master of Science in Engineering Degree of Institute of Science and Technology Istanbul Technical University (hereafter referred to as ITU), according to the following conditions.

## **Article 1 - Objectives**

The present agreement describes the general organisation and the conditions for students of each institution to obtain the TIME Double-Degree: "Ingenieur de l'Ecole Centrale Paris" or "Ingénieur de l'Ecole Centrale de Lille" and "Master of Science in Engineering programs of ITU".

## **Article 2 - For students of ITU**

Engineering students of ITU who have taken and passed every examination during their first two years of study at their home university may be given the opportunity to continue their study program in the 1st and the 2<sup>nd</sup> years of either ECP or EC Lille's multidisciplinary core curriculum (Equivalent to 120 ECTS). Upon successful completion of the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> years of ECP's or EC Lille's multidisciplinary core curriculum, the students return to ITU and apply for a Master program. The students will complete the master program according to rules of ITU at ITU.

Unless otherwise specified, students of ITU will have the opportunity of taking a one to two month intensive summer course in French as a foreign language in France before the beginning of the first academic year at one of the Ecole Centrale (fees for this intensive summer program will be paid by the exchange students themselves unless otherwise specified), and will take the equivalent of 5 to 6 hours of weekly lessons in French as a foreign language during year one and year two of the common core curriculum in France.

### **Article 3 - For students of ECP or EC Lille,**

Given that the EC students are selected by a nationwide competition after 2 years in preparatory classes (equivalent to 120 ECTS), the ECP or EC Lille students who have successfully completed their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years in ECP or EC Lille can apply for a Master's program at ITU.

Unless otherwise specified, students of ECP or EC Lille will have the opportunity of taking a one to two month intensive summer course in Turkish as a foreign language in TURKEY before the beginning of the first academic year at the ITU (fees for this intensive summer program will be paid by the exchange students themselves unless otherwise specified).

### **Article 4**

The host institute will designate, for each student, a tutor responsible for them who will be their personal interlocutor throughout their stay.

### **Article 5**

Before 15th May of each year, the persons responsible in each institute must indicate the number of students proposed for the exchange program.

The selection of candidates will be made initially through a written application and then, after an interview by a jury which may be composed of representatives of each institute and presided over by a representative of the host institute.

In all cases the final decision will be taken by the jury of the host institute.

Care will be taken by the commissions and juries to select only those students who are apt to follow successfully the teaching administered by the other institute.

### **Article 6**

The host institute undertakes to facilitate the arrival of the students and to put at their disposal all services and study grants that may exist.

All costs of travel and accommodation will be met by the students.

Before the student's departure, their institute of origin must guarantee that all insurances required have been taken out.

No tuition fees will be paid to the host institute up until the end of the pre-defined exchange period.

### **Article 7**

ITU and the ECP or EC Lille will undertake all necessary actions regarding national and European institutions and companies in order to obtain all possible financial support for the program.

### **Article 8**

The persons responsible in each of the institutes signing and involved in the program will meet on a regular basis in order to

- Verify the efficiency of the teaching programs in both institutes.
- Report on the cooperation and the academic results of the students.
- Propose new initiatives.

### **Article 9**

The operating procedures for the exchange of students between ITU and ECP or EC Lille will be detailed for each particular case. These details will concern as much the administrative organization, as the course work followed by each student and the exams they take.

## Article 10

The present agreement will become binding at the date of its signing by the two parties.

The agreement is signed for a duration of five years and will be renewable after verification of the activities actually carried out and following agreement between the three institutes.

Any party may terminate this agreement at any moment, which will then become totally ineffective one hundred and eighty days after the date when its termination has been communicated. Any termination of the agreement will in no way interrupt the activities undertaken and still in process.

## Article 11

The parties agree to find an amicable solution to any disagreement which may arise from interpreting the present agreement.

In the case where no agreement can be found, an arbitral commission, composed of one member chosen by each of the parties and of one member chosen by mutual agreement, will be set up.

## Article 12

In their desire to develop more communal actions undertaken in the framework of education and research, ITU, the ECP and EC Lille will favour:

- The exchange of students, professors and researchers.
- Study groups and seminars on themes previously agreed on.
- The exchange of information, documentation and scientific publications.
- The exchange of students for visits to and work placements in companies.

## Article 13

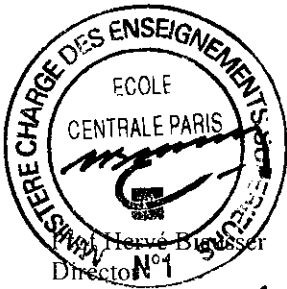
The signing of this agreement does not imply any financial commitment for the institutes.

## Article 14

The present agreement shall be prepared in 3 copies, corresponding to the number of institutions and the number of languages concerned by the present agreement. All of them shall have equal validity.

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