



**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TORINO,  
THE UNIVERSITY OF VERONA  
AND  
THE HOCHSCHULE GEISENHEIM UNIVERSITY  
-TVG CONSORTIUM-**

**1. Partners**

**Università degli Studi di Torino**

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I-10124 TORINO

on behalf of the "Convenzione tra le Università degli studi di Torino, Milano, Palermo, Sassari, Foggia per il funzionamento del Corso di Laurea Magistrale Interateneo Internazionale in Scienze Viticole ed Enologiche (classe LM 70)"

**Università degli Studi di Verona**

Via dell'Artigliere, 8

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on behalf of the "Convenzione tra le Università degli studi di Udine, Padova e Verona per la gestione del Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Viticoltura, Enologia e Mercati Vitivinicoli (classe LM 69)"

**Hochschule Geisenheim University**

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## **2. Objectives of the TVG consortium agreement**

- Article 1** The TVG Consortium is founded on mutual recognition of partners' competences for higher education and aims to strengthen and formalize the already existing links and collaborations between partners, e.g. Double Bachelor between Udine and Geisenheim and Doctorate agreement between Torino and Geisenheim.
- Article 2** A priority objective of the TVG Consortium is to increase the quality of student teaching and training and provide students with the skills required in their future career.
- Article 3** On this basis the TVG consortium aims to improve international student and teaching mobility both within the EU and with Non-EU countries on all levels, and in particular between Italy and Germany according to the frame of the Bologna process. This includes joint or double degree programs in all study cycles in the field of academic studies and in research (e.g. summer schools, professional courses and the exchange and training of PhD students).
- Article 4** As a first step the TVG Consortium has established a jointly awarded Double Master's degree program in "Viticulture and Enology – VITIS-VINUM".

## **3. Management of the TVG Consortium**

- Article 5** The TVG Consortium is managed by a Management Board consisting of the program leaders of each partner, including the partners' student and department secretariats.
- Article 6** Once a year, the partners will hold a Plenary Meeting (program leaders and, if required, representatives of the relevant administrative units and the International Offices) convened by the Management Board to discuss recent developments of the program. At each meeting, the latest evaluation results are discussed and possible measures to improve the quality of the program are decided. During the plenary meetings all decisions relevant to the TVG Consortium's management and to the running of activities are taken. Unanimity between partners is required for decisions to be valid. The meetings should alternate among the partners and could be run by video conference.
- Article 7** The Management Board may correspond and reach its decisions also by email, video conference or other ways of communication. Decisions are laid down in writing and archived at each partner.
- Article 8** Student and department secretariats of partners are in charge of handling students and student affairs.
- Article 9** The TVG Consortium and its members can also participate in other joint or double degree programs.
- Article 10** English is the TVG Consortium working language. However, during work meetings and for the purposes of email or telephone communications, translations to other languages may be given at a partner's request, in order to bring clarification of any issue that appears obscure or ambiguous.

## **4. Double Degree Master's Program of the TVG Consortium**

- Article 11** The TVG Consortium organizes an Italian-German double degree program Master of Science (M.Sc.) in "Viticulture and Enology – VITIS-VINUM". The curriculum of the double degree program is based on the national Master's program (Laurea Magistrale) at the University of Torino/the University of Verona for the first year of study and the second year of study at Hochschule Geisenheim University.
- Article 12** Target Group and prerequisites: The double degree Master's program is open to students

with a completed Bachelor's Degree in Viticulture, Enology, Food Science, Plant Production or closely related subjects. For the second year at Geisenheim an English level of B2 (CEFR) is required.

The University of Torino or the University of Verona conduct the teaching in the first year (60 ECTS credit points) either in Italian or in English, depending on the curriculum chosen for the University of Torino, and completely in English for the University of Verona. In the second year, students will continue their studies at Geisenheim University (60 ECTS credit points); the teaching language for the second year is English.

Each partner agrees to undertake the full accreditation of the jointly awarded double Italian-German Master's degree with the relevant authorities of its country or a joint application at one agency. Each partner institution guarantees to the other partners that its national accreditation entitles it to award without restriction its national Master's degree to students who have followed part of the program (60 ECTS credit points) in that partner's country.

**Article 13** For the first year the students will be enrolled at the University of Torino or at the University of Verona. For the second year the students will be enrolled both at Hochschule Geisenheim University and at Torino or Verona universities. Details will be specified in the study and examination regulations.

**Article 14** Each partner of the TVG Consortium will award a Master's degree diploma and a final transcript of records to students who successfully pass the degree program (120 ECTS credit points).

**Article 15** The partners mutually recognize the national Master's programs. If a partner wishes or needs to change aspects of its national Master's degree program, the other partner members should be informed at least 6 months in advance.

## **5. Finances**

**Article 16** Financial issues are organized by the partners themselves. Partners stay financially independent. There is no common budget. Travelling to Plenary Meetings or the organization of these meetings is financed by each partner individually.

## **6. Confidentiality communications**

**Article 17** All partners are required to maintain confidentiality with respect to the TVG Consortium exchanges and student data. All external communications will be subject to decisions in principle taken at plenary meetings, and to consultation between the partners about their final contents.

## **7. Intellectual property**

**Article 18** Should the partners foresee that activities may lead to the creation of commercial intellectual property, they will decide in advance, in cooperative arrangements, as to the ownership of any intellectual property rights and any other provisions relative to those rights.

## **8. Validity of the agreement and withdrawal / Termination**

**Article 19** Validity: This agreement will come into effect on the date of the last signature by all partners and will remain in effect for a period of five years. No modification of the present

agreement will be permitted without the unanimous agreement of all partners.

**Article 20** Withdrawal/Termination: Two years' notice must be given by any participating university of its intention to withdraw from the program. After notice of withdrawal the program will be offered for another four semesters. In case of the termination of the agreement/study program, all partners have to ensure the completion of the running cohort.

## **9. Litigation**

**Article 21** It is the intention of the partners that this agreement will not create any legally binding obligations under international law or under the partners' domestic law. Nothing in this agreement modifies any other bilateral or reciprocal arrangement that the partners may have. Any misunderstanding or difference arising out of the interpretation or application of this agreement will be settled amicably by the partners through consultation or negotiation and no court will have jurisdiction.

## **10. Severability clause**

**Article 22** Should individual terms of this agreement be ineffective or lose their effectiveness due to later circumstances or should a loophole emerge in this agreement; the legal effectiveness of the other provisions is not affected. The invalid contractual provision shall be replaced or the loophole filled by an appropriate provision which comes as close as possible to what the parties to the agreement would have wanted, had they considered the point.

## 11. Signatures

### Università degli Studi di Torino

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Prof.ssa Cristina Prandi  
Rector

Date

### Università degli Studi di Verona

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Rector

Date

### Hochschule Geisenheim University

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Prof. Dr. Hans Reiner Schultz  
President

Date