

## Agreement on Scientific Cooperation between the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and the University of Malta (UM)

An Agreement on Scientific Cooperation between the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and the University of Malta (UM) has been signed by the President of CNR, Professor Massimo Inguscio, and the Rector of UM, Professor Alfred J. Vella, in the presence of the Ambassador for Italy, H. E. Giovanni Umberto De Vito.

The purpose of this Agreement is to further strengthen cooperation in scientific research between Italy and Malta. The two entities will promote and support cooperation between qualified scientists of both institutions in those research areas of most interest to both on a basis of equality and mutual benefit.

The Agreement on scientific cooperation between Maltese and Italian researchers may include joint research projects, seminars, workshops or other scientific meetings, exchange of scientific documentation and other cooperative activities. The Cooperation shall cover all fields but priority will be assigned to the specific areas of Environment, Metrology and quantum-enabled technologies, Biotechnologies, Energy, Agro-food and Cultural Heritage.

The National Research Council (CNR) is the largest public research institution in Italy, the only one under the Research Ministry performing multidisciplinary activities.

Founded as legal entity in 1923, CNR's main resource are its people, with their skills, commitment and ideas. It has 8000 employees, more than half of whom are researchers and technologists. Some 4.000 young researchers are engaged in postgraduate studies and research training within the organization's top-priority areas of interest. A significant contribution also comes from research associates - researchers, from universities or private firms, who take part in CNR's research activities. (<a href="https://www.cnr.it/en/about-us">https://www.cnr.it/en/about-us</a>)

Professor Massimo Inguscio himself is author of more than 280 publications on international journals and books. The impact of his scientific works for the decade 2004-2014 has motivated his inclusion in the list of the 144 "World's Most Influential Scientific Minds" in Physics by Thomson Reuters. His publications received more than 10500 citations.

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