

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic
and
the Ministry of Health of Romania
in the field of healthcare**

The Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Health of Romania, hereinafter referred to as the „Parties”,

Recognizing the importance of health cooperation in the context of their bilateral relations,

Recognizing the need to improve health standards, through joint efforts, for the people of both countries,

Desiring to consolidate the relationship between the two countries on the basis of mutual interest in various fields of health,

Have entered into the following Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as „MoU”):

ARTICLE 1 - OBJECTIVE

Under this MoU, the Parties will establish the framework for cooperation between the two institutions for strengthening bilateral relations in the field of health, addressing key health challenges and issues, with the aim of developing and strengthening health systems in their countries.

ARTICLE 2 - AREAS OF COOPERATION

1. The Parties, according to the principles of equality and reciprocity, will cooperate through the following means:

- exchange of information regarding the healthcare system of the two countries;
- exchange of information and best practices on the management of the health sector and public health services;
- exchange of best practices on health promotion and reduction of risk factors, prevention and integrated management of NCDs, including diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, cancer;
- exchange of experiences and best practices on improving the quality of the medical act in the healthcare facilities of the two countries;

- exchange of best practices on the prevention, prophylaxis and management of communicable diseases;
- exchange of information and experiences regarding the pharmaceutical policies;
- exchange of experiences and best practices in the field of drug authorization and their quality assurance;
- exchange of experiences and best practices in the field of Health Technology Assessment;
- exchange of information and best practices in the field of organ donation and transplantation.

2. The listing of these fields does not exclude cooperation in other areas, which will be subsequently decided upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3 - COLLABORATION

The Parties will encourage direct cooperation between the institutions and organizations of the two countries in the field of healthcare systems, management of the health sector and public health services, communicable and noncommunicable diseases, pharmaceutical policies, authorization of medicines and their quality assurance, Health Technology Assessment and organ donation and transplantation.

ARTICLE 4 – APPLICABLE LAW

This MoU will be implemented in accordance with the Italian and Romanian legislation, as well as applicable international law and the obligations arising from Italy's and Romania's membership of the European Union.

ARTICLE 5 - FINANCING

The activities set forth in this MoU will be implemented by the Parties according to their financial possibilities, without any additional cost for the State budgets of the Italian Republic and Romania.

ARTICLE 6 - CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION AND PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

The Parties will not disclose or distribute any confidential information provided in the course of any cooperative activities undertaken under this MoU to a third Party, except as and to the extent that they are duly authorized in writing by the other Party.

Exchanges of personal data between the Parties for the purpose of implementing this Memorandum of Understanding will be governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and the national regulations on its application.

ARTICLE 7 - AMENDMENT

The Parties may amend this MoU in writing by mutual consent. The amendments will take effect on the date determined by the Parties.

ARTICLE 8 - INTERPRETATION

Any differences that may arise from the interpretation and / or implementation of this MoU will be settled amicably through direct consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 9 - FINAL PROVISIONS

1. This MoU takes effect on the date of signature. It will remain valid for five (5) years and will be automatically renewed for further periods of five (5) years unless one Party notifies the other Party of its intention to terminate it three (3) months prior to the intended date of termination.
2. The termination of this MoU will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities and programmes which have been decided by the Parties prior to the date of termination of this MoU.
3. This MoU does not constitute an international agreement from which rights and obligations may arise in accordance with the international law.

Signed in Rome, on February 4th 2022, in two (2) originals, both in the Italian, Romanian and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of any divergence in the interpretation of this MoU, the text in English will prevail.

**On behalf of the Ministry of Health
of the Italian Republic**

Roberto Speranza

**On behalf of the Ministry of Health
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