ELSEVIER SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

This agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of 30 March 2017 by and between Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca, Via Ippolito Nievo 35, Roma, 00153, Italy (the "Subscriber"), and Elsevier B.V., Radarweg 29, 1043 NX Amsterdam, The Netherlands ("Elsevier").

The parties hereto agree as follows:

SECTION 1. SUBSCRIPTION.

1.1 Subscribed Products.
Elsevier hereby grants to the Subscriber the non-exclusive, non-transferable right to access and use the products and services identified in Schedule 1 ("Subscribed Products") and provide the Subscribed Products to its Authorized Users (as defined herein) subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1.2 Authorized Users/Sites.
Authorized Users are the employees of the Subscriber and individuals who are independent contractors or are employed by independent contractors of the Subscriber affiliated with the Subscriber's locations listed on Schedule 2 (the "Sites") and individuals using computer terminals within the library facilities at the Sites permitted by the Subscriber to access the Subscribed Products for purposes of personal research, education or other non-corporate use ("Walk-in Users").

1.3 Authorized Uses.
Each Authorized User may:

- access, search, browse and view the Subscribed Products;

- print, download and store a reasonable portion of individual items from the Subscribed Products for the exclusive use of such Authorized User;

- incorporate links to the Subscribed Products on the Subscriber’s intranet and internet websites, provided that the appearance of such links and/or statements accompanying such links will be changed as reasonably requested by Elsevier;

- provide print or electronic copies of individual items from the Subscribed Products to other Authorized Users and to third-party colleagues for their scholarly or research use; and

- access, search, browse, view, print, make electronic copies and store for the exclusive use of such Authorized User or, if the Authorized User is a librarian/information specialist, for the exclusive use of another Authorized User certain journal articles and book chapters from the ScienceDirect® online service that are not subscribed to as part of the Subscribed Products, with each twenty-four (24) hour access period for a selected article or chapter, a "Transaction".

The Subscriber may:

- print and deliver journal articles from Subscribed Titles (as defined herein) and, if any, book chapters from the ScienceDirect Subscribed Products to fulfill requests as part of the practice commonly known as "interlibrary loan" from non-commercial libraries located within the same
country as the Subscriber.

The Subscriber:

- (i) may extract and index Data (as defined below) from the articles authored by Authorized Users included in the Subscribed Products, to index in the user interface of the Subscriber’s product by implementing both the SD Search API and the SD Article Entitlement API (see http://dev.elsevier.com/sd_api.html), and store in perpetuity in the Subscriber’s secure database system that the Subscriber uses to collect, preserve and disseminate information about the intellectual output of the Subscriber’s institute(s) (“Institutional Repository”) and to publically display Snippets (as defined below), provided that:

  (a) the display of any Data will at all times include (if available) the associated Digital Object Identifier (“DOI”), and

  (b) links are incorporated in the Data to the relevant article landing page in the Subscribed Product from which such Data was extracted by which such link to the Subscribed Product is displayed more prominently than the links to other versions of the article, and

  (c) the indexes only include Data and no other parts of the full text articles, and

  (d) the Subscriber will provide on a monthly basis to Elsevier complete and accurate usage data reports on the Subscriber’s Institutionial Repository usage activity in a mutually agreed upon format which will at a minimum specify preprint and author manuscripts usage, during the pilot period of six (6) months.

- (ii) is obligated to remove illicit versions of full text articles upon Elsevier’s request and allow Elsevier to review the implementation of the Data into the Institutional Repository. Elsevier will have the right to suggest improvements to the display and ranking of the search results for the articles that are available in ScienceDirect.

“Data” will be limited to the following: index terms, bibliographic information, headers, references, digital object identifiers, footnotes, acknowledgements, keywords, author affiliation, Snippets (as defined below) and abstracts, or any other data when included, of the full text articles. Abstracts may only be displayed on the abstract records on the Subscriber data’s websites, all other services of the Institutional Repository, such as (but not limited to) alerts, e-mail services and API’s may only display Snippets but not abstracts.

“Snippets” mean a first page PDF preview of the full text article or short contextually relevant query-dependent text or data which may include bibliographic metadata as well as a maximum of 120 words of query-dependent text from individual full text articles.

1.4 Restrictions on Use of Subscribed Products.
Except as expressly stated in this Agreement or otherwise permitted in writing by Elsevier, the Subscriber and its Authorized Users may not:

- abridge, modify, translate or create any derivative work based on the Subscribed Products, except to the extent necessary to make them perceptible on a computer screen to Authorized Users;

- remove, obscure or modify in any way any copyright notices, other notices or disclaimers as they appear in the Subscribed Products;
• use any robots, spiders, crawlers or other automated downloading programs, algorithms or devices to continuously and automatically search, scrape, extract, deep link, index or disrupt the working of the Subscribed Products;

• substantially or systematically reproduce, retain, store locally, redistribute or disseminate online the Subscribed Products; or

• post individual items from the Subscribed Products on social networking sites.

Authorized Users who are individuals who are independent contractors or are employed by independent contractors may use the Subscribed Products only for the purposes of the contracted research work for the Subscriber.

1.5 Intellectual Property Ownership.
The Subscriber acknowledges that all right, title and interest in and to the Subscribed Products remain with Elsevier and its suppliers, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, and that the unauthorized redistribution or dissemination online of the Subscribed Products could materially and irreparably harm Elsevier and its suppliers.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, more extensive usage terms might be permitted for open access content in the Subscribed Products as identified in the individual journal article as stated in the applicable user (e.g. CC) license.

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2.1 Access to Subscribed Products.
Elsevier will make the Subscribed Products accessible to the Subscriber and its Authorized Users from the internet address set forth on Schedule 1 or as may be otherwise set forth herein.

2.2 Quality of Service.
Elsevier will use reasonable efforts to provide the Subscribed Products with a quality of service consistent with industry standards, specifically, to provide continuous service with an average of 98% up-time per year, with the 2% down-time including scheduled maintenance and repairs performed at a time to minimize inconvenience to the Subscriber and its Authorized Users, and to restore service as soon as possible in the event of an interruption or suspension of service.

2.3 Withdrawal of Content.
Elsevier reserves the right to withdraw from the Subscribed Products content that it no longer retains the right to provide or that it has reasonable grounds to believe is unlawful, harmful, false or infringing.

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Elsevier will make usage data reports on the Subscriber’s usage activity available as described at https://www.elsevier.com/sd_usage_reports.

SECTION 3. SUBSCRIBER PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS.

3.1 Authentication.
Access to the Subscribed Products will be authenticated by the use of Internet Protocol (“IP”) address(es) and/or usernames and passwords and/or a delegated authentication mechanism requiring at least two different credentials, as identified on Schedule 2. Distribution of usernames, passwords, credentials or otherwise providing remote access to the Subscribed Products by Authorized Users who are Walk-in Users is not permitted.
3.2 Protection from Unauthorized Access and Use.
The Subscriber will use reasonable efforts to:

- limit access to and use of the Subscribed Products to Authorized Users and notify all Authorized Users of the usage restrictions set forth in this Agreement and that they must comply with such restrictions;

- issue any passwords or credentials used to access the Subscribed Products only to Authorized Users, not divulge any passwords or credentials to any third party, and notify all Authorized Users not to divulge any passwords or credentials to any third party;

- provide true, complete and accurate IP addresses, as identified on Schedule 2, (if any) for the exclusive use by the Subscriber (including, if requested by Elsevier, written confirmation by the relevant third party internet service provider) and proactively inform Elsevier of any changes to the Subscriber IP addresses, including the addresses no longer being used exclusively by the Subscriber; and

- promptly upon becoming aware of any unauthorized use of the Subscribed Products, inform Elsevier and take appropriate steps to end such activity and to prevent any recurrence.

In the event of any unauthorized use of the Subscribed Products, Elsevier may suspend the access and/or require that the Subscriber suspend the access from where the unauthorized use occurred upon notice to the Subscriber. The Subscriber will not be liable for unauthorized use of the Subscribed Products by any Authorized Users provided that the unauthorized use did not result from the Subscriber's own negligence or willful misconduct and that the Subscriber did not permit such unauthorized use to continue after having actual notice thereof. The Subscriber will be responsible for the adherence to the terms and conditions of this Agreement by a third party provider the Subscriber engages, in particular, if such third party provider supplies and manages IP addresses.

3.3 Compliance with Sanction Laws.
Elsevier reserves the right to deny access to the Subscribed Products to any person or entity who is prohibited from receiving such access based on any applicable sanctions or embargoes laws.

SECTION 4. FEES AND PAYMENT TERMS.

The Subscriber will pay to Elsevier the fees set forth in Schedule 1 (the "Fees") within ninety (90) days of date of invoice. Late payments will be subject to interest charges of 1% per month on the unpaid balance. The Fees will be exclusive of any sales, use, value added, withholding or similar tax and the Subscriber will be liable for any such taxes in addition to the Fees. Any sum to be paid by the Subscriber to Elsevier under this Agreement will be paid by way of transfer to Elsevier's bank account in the Netherlands. The currency of account and the currency of payment for any sum to be paid by the Subscriber to Elsevier under this Agreement will be EUR (meaning the lawful currency of the European part of the Netherlands at the effective date of this Agreement), notwithstanding any changes in Euro zone membership that might occur after the effective date of this Agreement, except in the event that (a) the Netherlands cease to be a member of the Euro zone of the European Union or (b) all participating members of the Euro zone cease to do so and the Euro ceases to exist, in which event the sum will become payable in the currency that will be officially adopted as the legal currency in the Netherlands. The Subscriber waives any right it may have at any time in any jurisdiction to pay any sum under this Agreement in a currency unit other than that in which it is expressed to be payable under this clause. The Subscriber will be charged local value added tax (VAT), based on the Subscriber's place of establishment, unless the Subscriber is a foreign relevant business person and provides to Elsevier its VAT Identification Number. The Subscriber will promptly notify Elsevier of any changes to its VAT Identification Number or VAT status. Elsevier may charge the Subscriber any VAT, fines, penalties, interest and other costs that Elsevier may incur as a result of incorrect VAT information.
SECTION 5. TERM.

5.1 Term.
The term of this Agreement will commence on 01 January 2017 and continue until 31 December 2017 ("Initial Term").

5.2 Opt Out Clause.
The Subscriber reserves the right to opt-out from the Agreement by 30th November of each first year of the term hereof if the dedicated office budget is severely affected by a reduction of fund allocated yearly by the Government. The board of the Subscriber will provide a letter to Elsevier confirming the situation of insufficient funding and the need for an early termination of the Agreement. Such letter shall be provided to Elsevier at least one month prior the intended date of early termination.

SECTION 6. ELSEVIER WARRANTIES AND INDEMNITIES.

6.1 Warranties.
Elsevier warrants that use of the Subscribed Products in accordance with the terms and conditions herein will not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party.

6.2 Indemnities.
Elsevier will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Subscriber and its Authorized Users from and against any loss, damage, costs, liability and expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) arising from or out of any third-party action or claim that use of the Subscribed Products in accordance with the terms and conditions herein infringes the intellectual property rights of such third party. If any such action or claim is made, the Subscriber will promptly notify and reasonably cooperate with Elsevier. This indemnity obligation will survive the termination of this Agreement.

6.3 Disclaimer.
EXCEPT FOR THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES AND INDEMNITIES STATED HEREIN AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE SUBSCRIBED PRODUCTS ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" AND ELSEVIER AND ITS SUPPLIERS EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND WITH REGARD TO THE SUBSCRIBED PRODUCTS AND ANY OTHER DATA, DOCUMENTATION OR MATERIALS PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY ERRORS, INACCURACIES, OMISSIONS, OR DEFECTS CONTAINED THEREIN, AND ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

6.4 Limitation of Liability.
Except for the express warranties and indemnities stated herein and to the extent permitted by applicable law, in no event will Elsevier or its suppliers be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, consequential or punitive damages including, but not limited to, loss of data, business interruption or loss of profits, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, or will the liability of Elsevier and its suppliers to the Subscriber exceed a sum equal to the Fees paid by the Subscriber hereunder during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date on which the claim arose, even if Elsevier or any supplier has been advised of the possibility of such liability or damages.

SECTION 7. GENERAL.

7.1 Force Majeure.
Neither party’s delay or failure to perform any provision of this Agreement as a result of circumstances beyond its control (including, but not limited to, war, strikes, fires, floods, power failures, telecommunications or Internet failures or damage to or destruction of any network facilities or servers) will be deemed a breach of this Agreement. The parties agree that the departure of one or more members of the Euro zone will not, in and of itself, be a “circumstance beyond its control” and will not have the
effect of discharging or excusing performance of (any obligation under) this Agreement.

7.2 **Severability.**
The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement will not affect any other provisions of this Agreement.

7.3 **Entire Agreement.**
This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and replaces and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements, communications, proposals and purchase orders, written or oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein.

7.4 **Modification.**
No modification, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement will be valid unless in writing and signed by the parties, except for changes reflecting substituted titles, IP addresses, authentication mechanisms, invoicing and contact address details which may be confirmed by Elsevier in an email notice sent to the Subscriber.

7.5 **Assignment.**
The Subscriber will not assign, transfer or license any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement unless it obtains the prior written consent of Elsevier, which consent will not unreasonably be withheld.

7.6 **Privacy.**
Elsevier will not, without the prior written consent of the Subscriber, transfer any personal information received by Elsevier from the Subscriber under this Agreement to any non-affiliated third party, except (i) to applicable service providers to the extent necessary to perform their functions for Elsevier in support of this Agreement; (ii) where reasonably necessary to address security, safety, fraud or other legal issues; and (iii) if the Subscribed Products are acquired by another company, or use it for any purpose other than as described in this Agreement.

7.7 **Notices.**
All notices given pursuant to this Agreement will be in writing and delivered to the party to whom such notice is directed at the address specified below or the electronic mail address as such party will have designated by notice hereunder.

If to Elsevier: Elsevier B.V., Radarweg 29, 1043 NX Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

If to the Subscriber: Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca, Via Ippolito Nievo 35, Roma, 00153, Italy.

7.8 **Confidentiality.**
The Subscriber and its employees, officers, directors and agents will maintain as confidential and not disclose to any non-affiliated third party without Elsevier’s prior written consent the financial terms and commercial conditions of this Agreement. Elsevier may only disclose such information (i) to applicable service providers to the extent necessary to perform their functions in support of this Agreement and (ii) where reasonably necessary to address security, safety, fraud or other legal issues.

7.9 **Execution.**
This Agreement and any amendment thereto may be executed in counterparts, and signatures exchanged by facsimile or other electronic means are effective to the same extent as original signatures.

7.10 **Governing Law and Venue.**
This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of The Netherlands, without regard to conflict of law principles, and the parties irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of The Netherlands with respect to any action or suit arising out of or pertaining to this Agreement.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their respective, duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.

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(Subscriber)

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Name: 
Title: 

ELSEVIER B.V.

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ELSEVIER SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT
Schedule 1
Subscribed Products/Access/Fees

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Journal Collection(s)
The Subscriber’s Journal Collection(s) is described in Schedule 1.1.

Transaction Fee
The Subscriber may purchase pre-paid Transactions ("PPT") upon mutual agreement of the parties in writing. Unused PPT will be forfeited one (1) year after issue or upon termination of this Agreement, whichever is earlier.
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Schedule 1.1
Journal Subscription

Journal Collection(s):

Complete Collection: Electronic access to the full text of all articles from the Elsevier journal titles published since 1 January 2013 identified on Annex A to Schedule 1.1.

Option to Substitute Subscribed Titles
The Subscriber may substitute any of the subscribed journal titles identified on Annex A to Schedule 1.1 ("Subscribed Titles") with one or more journal titles of total comparable value (in current year list price) once annually upon notice to Elsevier by 1 August prior to the start of the next calendar year or at any time upon mutual agreement of the parties in writing.

Option to Substitute or Refund Withdrawn Subscribed Titles
The Subscriber may substitute any withdrawn Subscribed Titles with one or more journal titles of total comparable value (in current year list price) at any time upon notice to Elsevier. In the event that no substitute journal title is available, Elsevier will refund to the Subscriber the amount of the Fees paid for the withdrawn Subscribed Titles for the remainder of the Term.

Transferred Titles
Society journal titles for which the Subscriber holds an electronic subscription through a third-party publisher whose publication rights are transferred to Elsevier and made accessible on ScienceDirect during the Term ("Transferred Titles") will be deemed Subscribed Titles effective as of the date of transfer and for the then current publication year and the publication years previously paid unless and until the Subscriber notifies Elsevier that it no longer wishes to continue such electronic subscription on ScienceDirect. The option to substitute Subscribed Titles does not apply to Transferred Titles.

Post Termination Access to Subscribed Titles
Upon termination of all of the Subscriber's annual subscriptions on ScienceDirect online and/or if the Subscriber does not maintain a minimum annual spend of EUR 866 on new eBooks purchases from Elsevier, the Subscriber may, at its option, (1) acquire, load and technically format on a server that enables access and use by Authorized Users an electronic copy of all or part of its Subscribed Titles for the publication years paid for cost and/or (2) continue to access such Subscribed Titles online for an annual access fee based on the number of full-text articles downloaded from such titles during the prior twelve (12) months at a rate of EUR 0.063 per download, with a minimum annual fee of EUR 400 (adjusted annually for inflation and cost increases) for the Subscriber's access to the platform, in accordance with the usage provisions of this Agreement, which provisions will survive the termination of the Agreement. Elsevier will make available for inspection by a duly authorized auditor of theSubscriber, at the Subscriber’s sole expense, the records concerning the calculation of the annual access fee once per year during regular business hours upon thirty (30) days written notice to Elsevier. If an electronic copy is selected, the Subscriber will for a period of five (5) years from delivery of the electronic copy provide, on a monthly basis, to Elsevier complete and accurate usage data reports on the Subscriber’s on-site usage activity in a mutually agreed upon format. Elsevier will be entitled to inspect the Subscriber’s records of usage once per year during regular business hours upon reasonable notice to the Subscriber. The electronic copy may not contain links and other features and functionality associated with the online version. If a particular Subscribed Title is withdrawn by Elsevier or not renewed by the Subscriber, but the Subscriber remains a ScienceDirect online subscriber, the Subscriber may continue to access online, at no additional charge, such formerly Subscribed Title for the publication years paid provided that Elsevier continues to hold the electronic rights thereto.
Annex A to Schedule 1.1
Subscribed Titles

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Schedule 2
Sites/Authentication/Contacts

Subscriber: Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca

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For the avoidance of doubt, other institutions and organizations that reside or do business at the above locations (including without limitation companies that are owned wholly or in part by, or affiliated with, the Subscriber) are not Sites, unless expressly stated above.

The Subscriber will promptly notify Elsevier of any material changes in the number of Authorized Users, which changes may result in Elsevier terminating the Agreement at the end of the year for which the Fees were paid unless the parties are able to agree to appropriate fee adjustments for any subsequent years of the Term, and may add, withdraw or substitute authentication mechanisms upon mutual agreement of the parties in writing.

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