

ADU Inks Partnership with The Italy-Czech Republic Chamber of Commerce to Strengthen Research in Academia and Entrepreneurship

In line with [Abu Dhabi University's \(ADU\)](#) commitment to foster innovation and research among its student body and wider community, ADU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Italy-Czech Republic Chamber of Commerce (CCIRC) to elevate research efforts in academia.

The MoU aims to facilitate international exposure and new learning opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students. Additionally, it seeks to promote the exchange of faculty, researchers, and staff members between ADU and European universities to enhance knowledge sharing.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Hamad Odhabi, Vice Chancellor of Financial and Administration Affairs at ADU, and Mr. Antonio Rotondo, Chairman of CCIRC, in the presence of Professor Sherine Farouk, Associate Dean for student Enrollment and Success and Professor of Accounting at ADU, Mr. Salem Al Dhaheri, Executive Director of Community Relations and senior leaders from CCIRC. The ceremony was also attended by Mr. Mohamed Al Refaei, Department Head of Business Matchmaking and Delegations at Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

ADU and CCIRC will work together to establish a research center for entrepreneurship studies and start-ups in both Italy and the UAE, boosting both countries' efforts in the field. In addition to developing a competence center for the agri-food supply chain to serve as a hub for services, information, and technical-scientific contributions.

Furthermore, as part of ADU's commitment to delivering high-quality programs to its graduates, the University will collaborate with CCIRC to introduce a new MBA program, in partnership with Università Bocconi. In addition to collaborating on providing several consultancy services and training sessions.

[Dr. Hamad Odhabi, Vice Chancellor of Financial and Administration Affairs at ADU,](#) commented: “Our partnership with CCIRC comes as a continuation of our international collaboration initiatives, dedicated to enhancing our curricula by introducing a diverse range of innovative programs. Through this partnership, we aim to create a dynamic environment for our students and faculty. At ADU, we work closely with our prestigious partners to introduce a new era of academic excellence, integrating the latest technologies and groundbreaking inventions into the educational sector in the UAE.”

Mr. Antonio Rotondo, Chairman of the Italy-Czech Republic Chamber of Commerce, stated: “We are excited about this collaboration with Abu Dhabi University (ADU), which opens new avenues for educational and research exchanges between the UAE and Italy. This MoU lays the foundation for a strong and mutually beneficial partnership.”

This partnership will enable joint research collaborations and grant applications with European universities, addressing global challenges, while emphasizing the exchange of academic and scientific materials with these universities. Furthermore, ADU and CCIRC will organize joint international workshops, conferences, and seminars providing a platform to discuss the latest developments in research and innovation.

Since 2006, CCIRC has represented the local Italian-Czech business community and promoted commercial relations with companies in Italy, the Czech Republic, and globally.

