#### Agreement

dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 complementing the agreement installing the European Law School (ELS) Network dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006

#### between

the European Law School (Network) founding universities :

King's College London (KCL)

University Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)

Humboldt University Berlin (HU Berlin)

and partner universities (see detailed list in Annex 1)

on the
creation of the student exchange programme
of the European Law School (ELS) Network
leading to the award of the "European Comparative Law Certificate"

Having regard to the ongoing process of European integration and the need for extensive comparative and combined legal studies in Europe and as well the need for the development of modern skills for European lawyers,

Have agreed as follows:

#### Article 1: European Law School Network (ELS network)

- 1. King's College London, the University Paris II (Panthéon-Assas) and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin ("the founding universities") have established the ELS network as set out in the Agreement between the founding universities dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006.
- 2. The three founding universities offer the opportunity to other institutions of excellence in Europe to participate in the network through a parallel programme. Only the founding Universities can decide which partner universities may be invited to participate in the network. New partner universities will be in countries other than those already represented by the participant universities unless one founding university explicitly proposes another university in its own country and the other founding universities agree.
- The cooperation in the ELS network within the framework of the student exchange programme and delivery of the "European Comparative Law Certificate" (ECLC) is described below.

#### Article 2: Organisation of the student exchange programme of the ELS Network

As from September 2006, KCL, University Paris II, and HU Berlin have implemented and organised the Programme of 'Juriste Européen' ('European Lawyer/'Europäischer Jurist'). They are the founding universities of the ELS network. They have also organised parallel research programmes and/or academic curricula programmes jointly with the partner universities named in Annex 1, within the framework of the ELS Network. The present agreement concerns the creation of a student exchange (ECLC) programme as described hereafter.

## Article 3: The student exchange programme (ECLC) of the ELS Network: Bachelor Studies at home University, Selection of students

- 1. The 'bachelor studies' (LL.B., Licence, or Bachelor/Erstes Juristisches Examen, Laurea or equivalent first 3-year degree) shall be organised by each home university independently.
  - Each university shall determine its own curriculum and type of assessment.
- 3. Each university shall select, based upon both linguistic and academic criteria, the students that are to be sent to the two other universities. Students so selected are expected to meet the entry requirements of the receiving university.

# Article 4: The student exchange programme (ECLC) of the ELS Network: Studies and Summer Courses, Examinations and Degrees

1. Each university may send out up to 2 students each year to other universities of the ELS network under this Agreement.

- 2. The University of Panthéon-Assas will admit partner students who meet the entry criteria required for any one of its nine specialised Master 1 (Maîtrise) degrees in Law. Upon successful completion, partner students will be awarded the relevant Master 1 Law degree.
- 3. Humboldt-Universität Berlin will admit partner students who meet the entry criteria required for its LL.M Programme, Europäisches Recht und Rechtsvergleich'. Upon successful completion, partner students will be awarded the LL.M. degree.
- 4. King's College London will admit partner students who will meet the entry criteria in required for its LL.M degree. Upon successful completion, partner students will be awarded the LL.M degree.
- 5. Regarding admission of founding university students to partner universities degrees, see Annex 2.
- 6. Students participating in the student exchange programme (ECLC) of the ELS Network will be allowed to take part to the summer School activities of the "Juriste européen" programme which is organised jointly by the three founding universities of the programme, (or by one founding university on behalf of the others). Upon successful completion, they will be awarded a certificate of attendance to the programme.
- 7. Upon successful completion of the student exchange programme (ECLC) of the ELS Network, and in addition to the degrees obtained from each of the two partner universities, students will also receive a joint certificate signed by the President of the Network. The Completion certificate of the ELS Network shall describe the curriculum each student has followed. Each degree described above is awarded independently from the others together with an independent diploma supplement awarded in accordance with the criteria set out by the European Commission. The title of the completion certificate will be "European Comparative Law Certificate".

#### Article 5: The ELS Network: Steering Structure

- Each of the founding universities and universities accepted as partners in the European college ELS Network shall be solely responsible for the organisation of its part of the programme and for the awarding of the degrees named. Each founding university or partner university shall be responsible for the structures needed for this purpose.
- 2. Partner universities are admitted as members to the steering committee of the ELS Network in an advisory role solely for the organisation of the student exchange programme (ECLC) of the ELS Network. The Steering committee of the student exchange programme (ECLC) undertakes not to take decisions, which are not supported by all members, including partner universities. The President of the steering committee of the ELS Network shall be responsible for the issue and award of the "European Comparative Law Certificate" referred to in paragraph 7

### Article 6: Additional members of the European Law School Network

Each founding university may nominate one additional partner at any time after the signing of the agreement.

## **Article 7: Termination, Revision**

- 1. The present agreement will remain in force for an initial period of five years.
- 2. After that period, the convention may be terminated according to the following procedure: Each university is entitled to terminate this present agreement by giving one year's notice to the other universities at the end of the month of July. Termination by one partner university does not affect the agreement between the founding universities and other partner universities. Any student currently enrolled in years 3-5 at the moment of notification will be entitled to complete the programme.
- 3. The present agreement may be modified at any time with the consent of all three founding universities and each partner university

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## The "European college" student exchange programme of the ELS Network Agreement Annex 1:

#### COMPLETE LIST OF FOUNDING AND PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

### **FOUNDING UNIVERSITIES (since June 2006):**

- King's College London (KCL)
- University Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)
- Humboldt University Berlin (HU Berlin)

#### **PARTNER UNIVERSITIES:**

- University of Rome "La Sapienza" (since September 2011)

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## European College student exchange programme Agreement Annex 2 :

## Admittance of founding university students to partner universities degrees

### In respect to the University of Rome 'La Sapienza':

I. The University of Rome 'La Sapienza' will admit up to 2 partner students (per partner/founding university) who will meet the entry criteria required for the Laura Magistrale (LMG/01). Upon successful completion, partner students will be awarded the Laurea Magistrale (LMG/01) degree.

Conversely, University of Rome 'La Sapienza' may send in the fourth year up to two students selected according to Articles 3 and 4 to the University Paris II ('Panthéon-Assas') and two students to Humboldt-Universität (Berlin). In their fifth year, all these students can choose to go to King's College, London, or to the other founding university.

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