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### **University strengthens European links with Dublin agreement**

A new fund to support collaborative research has been agreed between Edinburgh and University College Dublin UCD.

The fund, worth up to 100,000 Euros in the first year, forms part of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the two institutions, which will be signed tomorrow (Friday 16 November).

The partnership commits matched-funding from each University over the next three years and will support students and staff to share knowledge and expertise.

Geosciences, Migration Studies, and One Health will form the initial areas for collaboration, but these could be expanded to include others.

The MoA will build on the existing close relationship with University College Dublin, which includes a long history of Erasmus+ exchanges and research collaborations.

Much of the research undertaken at Edinburgh is collaborative in nature and the University is working to ensure it remains resilient in a changing political climate. 30 percent of the University's research outputs are as a result of working with European partners.

The signing is the second in a series of MoAs with key partner institutions in Europe and around the world. October 2018 saw the signing of the first MoA, with the University of Amsterdam.

UCD's Vice-President for Research, Innovation, and Impact, Professor Orla Feely, and Edinburgh's Professor Jonathan Seckl, Vice-Principal for Planning, Resources, and Research Policy, are the signatories to the agreement.

*Professor Seckl said: "As a world-leading university, Edinburgh is highly international in its outlook. 43% of our students and more than 30% of our staff are from abroad. To address the great challenges that our planet and its people face, we are now forging deeper partnerships with select leading European universities. This agreement affords an ideal prospect to discover new knowledge and develop innovative solutions to the world's most pressing problems."*

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