



CITTA' DI TORINO



**Cooperation Pact
between the City of Torino and the City of Volgograd**

The City of Torino, Italian Republic, and the City of Volgograd, Russian Federation, referred to as the Parties;

In consideration of the intensive bilateral partnership sustained by the Parties since the 1960s and the connected activities carried out in several sectors, such as the cultural and academic areas;

In consideration of the important role that decentralized interaction plays in the development of economic, social, cultural and ecological cooperation in short, mid and long-term;

within the scope of their competences, hereby agree on the following:

Article 1

(Goals and Scope)

The Cooperation Pact is aimed at the creation of favorable conditions for the development of cooperation by establishing between the Parties a strong connection based on the principles of transparency, solidarity and mutual understanding.

Article 2

(Clause of compliance with regulatory provisions)

This Pact shall operate in full respect of national laws and regulations of the two countries, in accordance with international obligations and with the obligations assumed by Italy as a Member State of the European Union.

Article 3

(Cooperation Activities)

a) Economic Cooperation

To promote economic development and trade, the Parties shall encourage cooperation between the enterprises located in their territories, if necessary with the support of independent economic actors and regional authorities.

b) Academic Cooperation

To achieve mutual academic and cultural enrichment, the Parties shall support cooperation between their institutions of higher education so as to ensure the exchange of students, teachers and knowledge.

c) Cultural and Youth Exchanges

To cement peace and develop the cultural sphere, the Parties shall sustain cooperation in the areas of youth and schools exchanges, art and culture. The Italian Party can also search and attract external financing resources, including those on the national, European and international levels, if the promotion of such projects necessitates such measures.

d) Events

Each Party expresses its intention to participate in the most significant historical events and celebrations organized by the other Party.

Article 4

(Additional partners)

Depending on the area of interaction and the nature of the projects realized, the Parties can agree to engage in the development of their cooperation other competent institutions or organizations, including those of civic society.

Article 5

(Clause of financial neutrality)

All activities provided for or resulting from this Cooperation Pact shall be covered by the budget of the Parties, without any additional financial burdens on both Governments.

Article 6

(Disclosure)

Both Parties shall inform the relevant Embassies of their countries of any initiatives and progresses thereof developed in the framework of this Cooperation Pact.

Article 7

(Amendments and Integrations)

Any amendments or integrations to this Cooperation Pact shall be provided in writing and shall be subject to the consent of both Parties. For both the Italian Party and the Russian Party any amendments or integrations shall follow the same procedures observed for the approval of this Cooperation Pact.

Article 8

(Interpretation disputes)

Any disputes in the interpretation or implementation of this Cooperation Pact shall be settled amicably by the Parties through direct consultations.

Article 9

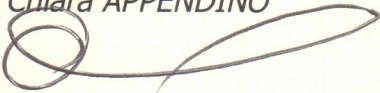
(Effective Date and Duration)

This Cooperation Pact shall take effect from the date of signature by both Parties and shall remain effective for three years. It may be expressly renewed upon written notice if the Parties deem to continue the cooperation and in accordance with the respective national laws. This Cooperation Pact may be terminated at any time by either Party upon written notice to the other Party.

Done on 21.12.20 in two originals, each in the Italian, Russian and English language, all texts being equally authentic.

For the City of Torino

The Mayor
Chiara APPENDINO



For the City of Volgograd

The Mayor
Vitaly LIKHACHEV

