



AGREEMENT FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CITIES OF TORINO (REPUBLIC OF ITALY) AND SKOPJE (REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA)

the Mayor of the City of Torino, Mr. Piero Fassino and the Mayor of the City of Skopje, Mr. Koce Trajanovski

in consideration of:

the existing relation of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Italy and the Republic of Macedonia;

the belief that the strengthening of the dialogue between cities is a fundamental step towards the development and promotion of economic, academic and cultural relations;

the Programme Agreement signed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy and the City of Torino aimed at supporting and promoting the activities at international level undertaken by the City of Torino;

the study carried out by the Urban Center Metropolitano of Torino to define a pilot project concerning the urban development along the Southern Boulevard in Skopje;

hereby agree on the following:

Article 1

The two cities shall strive for the further strengthening of friendship, whereby they will promote mutual cooperation for their mutual benefit in all areas that are of interest to the citizens of Torino and Skopje.

Article 2

The two cities shall exchange information and experiences and shall foster cooperation in various fields of work and competence of the two cities, especially:

- Cooperation in the fields of Urbanism and Urban planning;
- Cooperation in the field of City and public services management;
- Cooperation between the public enterprises;
- Cooperation between the Economic chambers;
- Cooperation between the universities;
- Cooperation in the field of Tourism;
- Cooperation in the field of Protection of the environment and energy efficiency;
- Cooperation in the field of Education, culture, archaeological and historical heritage;
- Cooperation among Professors, researchers and students exchange among Universities;
- Cooperation between youth and non-governmental organizations;
- Cooperation in the framework of city networks in which both cities are members;
- Cooperation in the field of European affairs;
- other issues related with the Local-self government competences.

For concrete projects additional agreements will be signed between the responsible entities from both cities.

Article 3

According to this Agreement for friendship and cooperation, the cities of Torino and Skopje shall promote contacts between the public and private institutions.

Article 4

According to this Agreement, the cities of Torino and Skopje shall cooperate and exchange views within the framework of the international organizations and international associations of cities and regions of which they are members.

Article 5

With this Agreement, the two cities shall devote particular attention to the transfer of experiences and good practices. The two cities shall also exchange information on projects and shall enter jointly into projects that will be of mutual interest

Article 6

In the case the City of Skopje decides to create a Urban Center on its territory, it commits in involving as a partner the Urban Centre Metropolitano of Torino as an acknowledgement of the already existing cooperation in the framework of the study for the Southern Boulevard in Skopje carried out in 2011 and 2012.

Article 7

The Agreement shall enter into force on the day it is signed.

Article 8

The Agreement for friendship and cooperation is signed on the 2 3 MAG. 2012 in Torino, in 6 (six) copies of which 2 (two) in Italian, 2 (two) in Macedonian and 2 (two) in English language.

City of Torino Mayor, Piero Fassiho

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