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DECLARATION OF AGREEMENT

DECLARATION OF AGREEMENT OF THE WORKING COMMUNITY OF THE "REGIO INSUBRICA".

The Republic and Canton of Ticino, the Province of Como, the Province of Varese, the Province of Novara on behalf of the constituent Province of Verbano-Cusio-Ossola and the Commune of Verbania

Promote

the constitution of the Working Community "Regio insubrica".

The activities of the Regio insubrica are governed as follows:

Article 1. Aims

The promotion of a policy for an increase in trans-frontier cooperation by studying - and where possible implementing - common development projects in the fields of economics, transport, communications, the environment and culture in the Italian-Swiss area of the three pre-Alpine lakes (Lario, Ceresio and Verbano), in respect of the sovereignty and specific interests of the organisations concerned and in support of the institutionalised activities in the area of trans-frontier cooperation.

Article 2. Participating bodies

The members by right of the Regio insubrica are Canton Ticino, the Province of Como, the Province of Varese and the Province of Novara on behalf of the constituent Province of Verbano-Cusio-Ossola.

The Federal Swiss authority, the Lombardy region and the Piedmont region are invited to participate in the meetings of the statutory bodies.

Invited to take part in the Working Community are all those public or private bodies whose aims are of general interest (communes, mountain communities and regions, chambers of commerce, other economic associations, trade union associations etc.) and who are able to give ideological and financial support to the activities of the association.

Individual persons or legal entities can join as supporters without the right to vote

The board of directors fixes the conditions for admission or exclusion

Every member of the Working Community may resign by advising the board of directors in writing before the end of June of each year with effect at the end of the year

Members will pay a contribution each year, the amount of which will be established by the Board of Directors

Article 3 Organisation

The entities of the Regio Insubrica are:

- the Plenary assembly
- the Board of Directors
- the President and the presidential office

Article 4 The Plenary assembly

The Plenary assembly is made up of a representative of each of the bodies participating under article 2.

The assembly will meet in ordinary session once in the calendar year, during the first semester, to approve the accounts from the previous fiscal year and those of the current year, and where necessary to put forward nominations. However, it can also be convened to consider urgent questions, when the board of directors deems it necessary or upon the written request of at least a fifth of the members.

The notice of convocation will be sent by letter at least three weeks before the date of the assembly.

The notice must indicate the agenda.

The Plenary assembly will decide the general objectives of the Working Community. In particular it has the task of:

- nominating and revoking the board of directors
- approving the management report
- approving the financial regulations
- approving the accounts
- approving the activity the members of the board of directors
- modifying the Declaration of Agreement
- dissolving the Working Community, when requested to do so by at least three quarters of the membership

The sittings of the assembly are considered valid when three quarters of the representatives of the promoting bodies and half of the representatives of the other participating bodies are present.

Resolutions of the assembly are adopted by a majority of the members present

Article 5 The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors leads and coordinates the activities of the Regio insubrica, entrusting specific tasks to ad hoc working groups. It prepares annual accounts, referring where necessary to specialists. It deliberates on all the affairs of the Working Community that are not expressly reserved for the Plenary assembly

The Board is made up of at least twelve members, including the president and three vice-presidents who are chosen from among the members by right.

The presidents of the working groups and the Secretary are members on a consultative basis.

The members of the Board of Directors are nominated for a period of four years and are always re-eligible.

The Board meets whenever the president thinks it is opportune, or upon the written request of at least four of its members. In any case the board meets at least twice a year.

The Board of Directors can validly deliberate if a majority of members are present. Decisions are adopted by a majority of those present, in an open vote, unless at least one member present asks that a secret vote takes place. In case of a tie, the president casts the deciding vote.

Article 6. The President and the presidential office

The President represents the Regio insubrica in relations with third parties, convokes and presides over the Plenary assembly and the Board of Directors, and supervises their functioning and the putting into effect of their deliberations.

The President is assisted by three vice-presidents, one for each of the other three members by right of the Regio insubrica, and they constitute the presidential office.

The President consults the other members of the presidential office regarding important initiatives.

The President is elected by the Board of Directors for a period of one year, on a rotating basis between a person from the Canton Ticino, from Province of Como, from Province of Varese, and a representative from the Province of Verbano-Cusio-Ossola.

Article 7. The Working Groups

The Board of Directors can nominate working groups on an ad hoc basis to deal with individual topics.

The working groups can be made up of a maximum of 12 people. As a rule, there must be at least one representative for each of the members by right, to ensure the coordination with the institutional activities of those bodies.

The organisation of each group is laid down by the Board of Directors.

Each working group is dissolved once its mandate has been carried out.

Article 8. Registered office

The registered office for the working Community is at the capital of the Province or Canton to which the current president belongs.

Article 9. Secretariat

The Board of Directors institutes a permanent secretariat run by a secretary general who also acts as secretary of the Board of Directors.

The nomination of the secretary general is made by the presidential office, on the nomination of the president in charge.

The main task of the secretariat is to promote the activities of all the organs of the Regio insubrica, to carry out the function of a centre for documentation and to coordinate with the institutional activities of the bodies mentioned in article 2, as well as to maintain contacts with the members and with the Press.

The Board of Directors establishes its headquarters and organisation

This declaration of agreement was approved by the constituent Assembly on 19th January 1995.

It comes into effect with the ratification by the members by right under article 2, clause 1 and by at least three quarters of the other participants of the constituent assembly.

The signatures of the participants of the Constituent Assembly are on the following pages:

FOR THE REPUBLIC AND CANTON OF TICINO
The President of the State Council Renzo Respini

FOR THE PROVINCE OF COMO
The President Luciano Bettiga

FOR THE PROVINCE OF VARESE
The President Massimo Ferrario

FOR THE PROVINCE OF NOVARA, ON BEHALF OF THE CONSTITUTENT
PROVINCE OF VERBANO-CUSIO-OSSOLO
The delegate to the institution of the Province of Verbano-Cusio-Ossola
Giandomenico Albertella

FOR THE COMMUNE OF COMO
The Mayor Alberto Botta

FOR THE COMMUNE OF VARESE
The Deputy mayor Piergianni Biancheri

FOR THE COMMUNE OF VERBANIA
The Mayor Aldo Reschigna

FOR THE COMMUNE OF CHIASSO
The Mayor Fernando Pedrolini

FOR THE COMMUNE OF LUGANO
Councillor Erasmo Pelli

FOR THE COMMUNE OF LOCARNO
The Mayor Diego Scacchi

FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF COMO
The President Marco Citterio

FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF VARESE
The President Tino Riganti

FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE CONSTITUENT PROVINCE OF
VERBANO-CUSIO-OSSOLA
The President Giuseppe Moroni

FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CANTON TICINO
The President Franco Ambrosetti

FOR THE PERMANENT ITALIAN-SWISS CONFERENCE OF THE CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE OF THE FRONTIER AREAS
The Secretary General Gianfranco Benati

FOR THE INTER-REGIONAL TRADE UNION COUNCIL OF LOMBARDY-TICINO
The President Claudio Pozzetti

Varese, Palace Hotel, 19th January 1995

SPECIFICATIONS REGARDING ARTICLES 5 AND 6

Varese, 19th January 1995

Explanation of the merits of articles 5 and 6 of the Declaration of Agreement of 19th January 1995, which promotes the constitution of the Working Community of the "Regio insubrica"

The promoters of the Declaration of agreement specify that the Board of Directors will always include the President of the Province of Como, the President of the Province of Varese, the Councillor of the Province of Novara delegated to the institution of the Province of V.C.O., the President of the State Council of Canton Ticino, the representative of the Chambers of commerce, the mayors of the Communes of Como, Varese, Verbania, Lugano, Locarno and the present mayor of Chiasso, and the President of the inter-regional trade union council.

The promoters of Regio insubrica take note of the interest shown by institutional bodies, economic organisations and by social forces with respect to the aims of the Working Community.

When the Community is formed, what is underlined is the willingness to examine closely the requests for membership already made and those that will be made, even in relation to possible statutory modifications, with particular reference to the executive organs of the organisation.

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FOR THE COMMUNE OF COMO
The Mayor Alberto Botta

FOR THE COMMUNE VARESE
The Councillor responsible for public works Alberto Aimetti

FOR THE COMMUNE OF VERBANIA
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WORKING COMMITTEE OF REGIO INSUBRICA

Mezzana, 16th June 1997

Specification of article 5 of the Declaration of Agreement of 19th January 1995

We certify that at the plenary Assembly of 16.6.97 held in Bellinzona, following unanimously the proposal of the Board of Directors and the presidential office, it was decided that the mayor of the Commune of Chiasso would be part of the Board of Directors. This was in view of the exceptional situation of this Commune, both on account of its role in the creation of the working Community, and its geographical position. Thus one has achieved an equal participation of Italian and Ticinese cities, with a balance, to be maintained by limiting the future participation of the Communes on the Board of Directors.

FOR THE WORKING COMMITTY

The President
Marco Borradori

The Secretary General
Achille Crivelli

WORKING COMMUNITY OF REGIO INSUBRICA

Mezzana, 19th June 1998

Specification of article 2, clause 3, of the Declaration of Agreement of 19th January 1995

We certify that at the plenary Assembly of 19.6.1998 held at Locarno-Muralto, unanimously following the proposal of the Board of Directors and the presidential office, it was decided to modify as follows article 2, clause 3: "Those who can join the Working Community include all public or private bodies with aims of common interest, (Communes, mountain communities, mountain regions, Chambers of Commerce, Economic associations, trade unions, professional and cultural bodies and other of Cantonal or provincial importance) who are able to provide idealogical and financial support"

FOR THE WORKING COMMUNITY

The President
Marco Borradori

The Secretary General
Achille Crivelli

WORKING COMMUNITY OF REGIO INSUBRICA

Mezzana, 24th June 2000

Addition to clause 2 of article 1 of the Declaration of Agreement of 19th January 1995

We certify that the plenary assembly of 19.5.2000 held at Verbania, following unanimously the proposal of the Board of Directors and the presidential office, it was decided to add to clause 2 the following :

"The Working Community supports the awareness of belonging to a territory that has the same socio-cultural identity".

FOR THE WORKING COMMUNITY

The President

Dr. Ivan Guarducci

The Secretary General

(avv. Achille Crivelli)

SPECIFICATION CONCERNING THE ARTICLE 5 OF THE DECLARATION AGREEMENT OF THE 19 JANUARY 1995

We certify the decision taken during the partners assembly held the 19.06.2002 at Villa Ponti of Varese, that welcoming unanimous the proposals of the executive committee and of the presidential office,, on completion of the decision of the 16.6.97, affirms the mayor of the city of Novara as part of the executive.

FOR THE WORKCOMMUNITY

The president

Marco Borradori

The general secretary

Achille Crivelli

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REGIO INSUBRICA: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1

Before 31st January of each year, the Plenary Assembly will approve the budget for the current year

The budget must contain the distribution of fees among the members, net of other income, with the aim of matching planned expenses.

ARTICLE 2

The revenues are as follows:

- a) the annual fees of the members by right as laid down in article 2 of the statute;
- b) the annual fees of other members
- c) contributions from public or private bodies
- d) proceeds derived from the promotional activities of the association

ARTICLE 3

The fees of the members are determined as follows:

- a) Chief communes, communes represented on the Board of Directors, chambers of commerce, mountain communities and regions FS 4.000=
- b) Communes with more than 15,000 inhabitants and their consortiums FS 2.000=
- c) Associations by category, trade union and university associations or university level institutions FS 1.000=
- d) Communes with less than 15,000 inhabitants and cultural associations FS 500=
- e) Individual or judicial persons (without the right to vote) at least FS 50=

The members by right indicated in article 2 of the statute will divide the difference required to achieve a balanced budget.

The total fees from members as of right cannot be less than 55% of the total fees paid by members.

ARTICLE 4

The plenary assembly, when sitting to approve the budget, may vary the fees laid down under article 3 above

Any administrative surplus derived from greater income or fewer expenses, established at the sitting to approve the balanced budget, must be applied to the subsequent budget, the sum to be deducted from the associated fees.

These regulations come into effect with the ratification by the members by right of the Regio insubrica and by at least three quarters of the other participants of the constituent assembly.

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Mezzana, 24th June 1996

**SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE MODIFYING THE FINANCIAL
REGULATIONS DECIDED BY THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY, VILLA OLMO, COMO, 24
JUNE 1996**

Article 1, clause 1

Before the first semester of each year, the Plenary Assembly will approve the budget for the current year.

Article 3, clause 1

Associations by category, trade union associations or university level institutions will pay up to FS 1'000.=, by decision of the Presidency.