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**ACCORDO DI PARTENARIATO TRA**  
**DIREZIONE GENERALE ENERGIA E TRASPORTI DELLA**  
**COMMISSIONE EUROPEA**  
**E**  
**LA PROVINCIA DELLA SPEZIA**



**Covenant of Mayors in Italy**

Brussels, dd/mm/yy

**THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE BETWEEN**

The Directorate General for Energy and Transport of the European Commission (hereinafter DG TREN), at Rue de Mot 24, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium represented by Fabrizio Barbaso, Deputy Director General for Energy, and the **Province of La Spezia** (hereinafter Province of La Spezia), at Via V. Veneto, 2 – Cap 19124 - Italy represented by Arch. Marino Fiasella, President of the Province of La Spezia.

**WHEREAS**

The European Commission launched in 2008 the Covenant of Mayors, open to cities and municipalities of all sizes in Europe, with the aim of involving local authorities and citizens in the development and implementation of the European Union energy policy. The Covenant consists of the commitment of the signatory cities to go beyond the EU objectives for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through energy efficiency measures, actions related to renewable energy sources and clean transport.

The European Commission recognises the entities acting as 'Supporting Structures' as its main allies in conveying the message and increasing the impact of the Covenant. These structures are defined as those public authorities that are in a position to provide strategic guidance and technical support to municipalities with the political will to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors, but lacking the skills and/or resources to meet its requirements, namely the preparation, adoption and implementation of the Sustainable Energy Action Plans.

The **Province of La Spezia** has among its main purposes the cooperation with municipalities in developing their policies and management programmes. In particular the **Province of la Spezia** undertakes the following policies and actions:

- *Developing strategies to struggle climate changes;*
- *Promoting the exchange of experiences and best practices;*
- *Supporting the development and implementation of Energy Plans of the Municipalities;*
- *Monitoring of progress in the implementation of Municipal Energy Plans;*
- *Organizing public events aimed at raising awareness about energy and environmental issues.*

The **Province of La Spezia** has considered very positively the Covenant of Mayors and its potential results since its launch; it is for that reason that it has decided to strengthen the promotion of the Covenant of Mayors among municipalities of its area but also to reinforce its support to the municipalities who decide to formalise their commitment to the Covenant. In order to achieve this, the **Province of La Spezia** is willing to launch a specific program to support local councils to get the condition of accession to the Covenant of Mayors including, among other things, the preparation of Sustainable Energy Action Plans at Municipal level.

## IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS

### I

DG TREN publicly acknowledges the **Province of La Spezia** as a major player in the Covenant, in its quality of Supporting Structure of the European Commission for local authorities in *Italy*.

### II

The **Province of La Spezia** is committed to carry out the following tasks, within the territory of its competence:

- a) Promote among the municipalities accession to the Covenant of Mayors and provide support and coordination to those municipalities signing up.
- b) Support municipalities in seeking funding for the expenditure related to the preparation of the Sustainable Energy Action Plans, including contracting and managing the necessary services.
- c) Define the scope and methodology of the assessment, monitoring and verification reports; supporting the implementation of the Action Plans
- d) Provide technical support for the organization of public events (Energy days) to raise awareness to be performed under the Covenant.
- e) Report regularly to DG TREN of the European Union Commission on the results obtained in the implementation of all these actions, and participate in discussions on the strategic implementation of the Covenant proposed by the Commission.

### III

DG TREN in turn undertakes to:

- a) Provide visibility support to major conferences and events that the **Province of La Spezia** organises in relation to the Covenant of Mayors.
- b) Share and debate available information to make progress in achieving the common goals.
- c) Inform in timely fashion on new developments in the Covenant process.

#### IV

This agreement does not imply any legal and/or budgetary commitment between the Commission and the **Province of La Spezia**.

This agreement shall be renewed automatically every year unless otherwise decided by either or of the parties hereto.

The parties shall co-operate and work together on equal terms for their mutual benefit, towards the achievement of the objectives summarised herein. Should any provision or provisions of the present prove to be impracticable, the parties agree to prepare new alternatives for contributing to the aims of the Covenant

This Agreement is signed in duplicate and translated into both languages (English and Italian). The parties hereto agree that in the event of any divergence in interpretation between the two versions, the English language text shall in any event prevail.

**European Commission**  
Directorate General for Energy and  
Transport

**The Province of La Spezia**

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