



Comune di Monopoli



Comune di Alberobello



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International Forum of Adriatic and Mediterranean Small Ports
Memorandum of Understanding

BETWEEN

The Municipality of Monopoli - Italy
Legally represented by Mayor Emilio Romani

The Municipality of Alberobello - Italy
Legally represented by Mayor Bruno De Luca

The Port Authority of Levante - Italy
Legally represented by President Francesco Mariani

The Municipality of Parga - Greece
Legally represented by Mayor Spiros Pigis

The Municipality of Kotor - Montenegro
Legally represented by Mayor Mrs. Marija Čatović

The Municipality of Koper - Slovenia
Legally represented by Mayor

The Municipality of Otranto - Italy
Legally represented by Carridi Luciano



The Port Authority of Patra - Greece

Legally represented by President George Zeppatos

The Port Authority of Igoumenitsa - Greece

Legally represented by President Dimitrios Skalkos

The Port Authority of Castellon - Spain

Legally represented by President Juan Josè Monzonis

The Port Authority of Pula - Croatia

Legally represented by General Director Mario Quaranta

The Councillor of the Albanian President of Republic

Agron Xoxa

The Honorary Consul of Croatia for Apulia

Rosa Alò – Delegate of Ambassador of Croatia

The Bay Burgas Association

Represented by Vittorio Coco

WHEREAS:

□ The signatory Municipalities, conurbations, Public Bodies, and Port Authorities are committed to developing territories whose ports are a necessary and precious resource for growth;



- Ports are important access corridors for local tourist districts, not only can they potentially become the starting point to create new routes for goods and people, but, more importantly, instruments to establish synergies and fruitful tourist and economic relations among maritime districts in the Adriatic and Mediterranean Sea.
- The presence of Unesco Sites in the local areas encourage the signatory local Bodies and the Port Authorities to detect synergies with ports in the Adriatic and Mediterranean Sea that are a landing place and passkeys to local tourist districts developed around Unesco Sites;

Considered that the action effectiveness is enhanced by the creation of networks and systems based on a shared programme of interventions and implementation of them

Whereas it has been ascertained that this strategy is consistent with the European Union Cross Border Cooperation Programme, the 2007-2013 Adriatic IPA Programme, the ENPI MED 2007-2013 CBC Programme and the 2007-2013 SEE Programme which identify as a priority the promotion of sustainable transport services to improve territorial links, with the aim of achieving integrated development of the Adriatic and Mediterranean areas and accessibility to bordering territories;

Having regard to a shared will to promote common experiences and common cooperation projects to strengthen port infrastructures and to transform ports into tourism areas



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Having regard to the institutional role of the signatory Bodies,

The parties hereby agree:

1. to undersign this this document, the goal of which is to initiate cooperation aimed at joint development and submission of applications to community programs with particular reference to the Adriatic IPA cooperation programs, ENPI Med and South East Europe and to preparing briefs and joining each other's partnership networks
2. to appoint a 'steering committee' **made up of a representative of each body to study and implement planned activities**

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims of the Partnership Agreement are:

- To enhance institutional and economic cooperation among the target areas;
- To promote concrete actions that would lead to synergies among maritime transport systems of the target areas;
- To define a network of relations between ports, regions acknowledged by UNESCO, institutions and operators, in order to develop new corridors in local tourism districts , new cruise routes, new maritime connections;
- To develop common strategies to enhance the capability of ports to become tools for the promotion of local tourism districts
- To encourage Municipalities and Authorities of smaller ports of the Adriatic and the Mediterranean Seas to engage in an exchange of views aiming at enhancing, integrating and promoting sustainable transport services



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- To launch joint strategies in order to improve port facilities making ports places of interest through urban transformation and integration actions carried out within the community
- To establish fruitful and lasting relations between the stakeholders involved;
- To lay the groundwork for expanding research projects also to other areas and other bodies
- To promote new ferry lines for passengers and new cruise routes to ensure accessibility to bordering territories;
- To establish agreements in order to participate in European Union programmes, and in particular, in the IPA Adriatic and/or ENPI MED and/or SEE calls for proposals.

ROLE OF LOCAL INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED

The signatories undertake to:

- participate with institutional representatives in events, meetings, public functions, press conferences planned according to the EU projects
- promote, through ways and means available, all aims and activities of the projects;
- seek the best ways, networks and fund-raising actions to perform and keep up project activities over time,
- join periodical activities initiatives and include local institutions and authorities as major stakeholders supporting project objectives;
- organize and support activities of the “steering committee” for the coordination of projects with the aim of improving interventions