

Memorandum of Understanding between the cities of Città di Castello, Joué-Lès-Tours, Lörrach, Sighisoara and Smolyan

PURPOSE

Planning and implementation of activities and actions in the context of pertinent national and European programmes.

SIGNED BY

City of Città di Castello, represented by Mr. Luca Secondi, Deputy Mayor

City of Joué-Lès-Tours, represented by Ms. Sandrine Fouquet, Deputy Mayor

City of Lörrach, represented by Dr. Michael Wilke, Deputy Mayor

City of Sighisoara, represented by Mr. Tivadar Toth, Deputy Mayor

City of Smolyan, represented by Mr. Nikolay Melemov, Mayor

IN THE FRAMEWORK OF

Project MUSTER, Multi-level governance for an Integrated, Sustainable, Regional development

Programme, EUROPE FOR CITIZEN

Introduction

The cities of Città di Castello (Italy), Joué-Lès-Tours (France), Lörrach (Germany), Sighisoara (Romania) and Smolyan (Bulgaria) are engaged since September 2015 in the framework of the “Europe for Citizens” programme in the project MUSTER, Multi-level governance for an Integrated, Sustainable, Regional development. With the present Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) they intend to define the framework and lay the basis for future initiatives and actions between the towns involved, on the issues addressed during the meetings or possibly on further issues

of common interest.

The MUSTER cities recognize the need for inter-municipal collaboration in order to strengthen the individual measures and policies for an integrated sustainable local development in a common effort of exchange of information, mutual support and common actions.

Purpose

The definition of a range of activities around the subjects of common interest in the context of sustainable development will serve as a **framework for planning and implementation of activities and actions between the towns beyond the duration of the project MUSTER** possibly in the context of pertinent national and European programmes.

Scope

The present MoU is an expression of intent by the MUSTER cities on future activities and actions as a network of towns in the spirit of the Commission's programme Europe for Citizens. While this MoU is a clear expression of will of the signatories; the common activities, proposed by one or more cities, will be object of evaluation and approval by each partner city.

Project Description

In the meetings of the MUSTER cities the fields of Intelligent Climate and Energy Policies, Sustainable Mobility, Culture, Tourism, Urban Development and Social Cohesion have emerged as issues of common interest. The possible fields of action within which the cities intend to pursue further activities, result from the "Map of good practices in the MUSTER cities" which in the course of the project have been dealt with in presentations, seminars and on-site visits.

Roles and Responsibilities

The parties commit themselves to:

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- evaluate favourably all proposals that are being presented by one of the parties
- make timely decisions and take action so as to not hold up the proposed activities

Governance structure

Each party participates in the network according to the decisions taken by the competent organs of its government. The communication, information sharing and consultation process will be facilitated by the Practical Utopias Agency of Città di Castello, coordinating partner of MUSTER.

Amendment or Withdraw

This MoU may be amended at any time by writing and by mutual consent of the parties. Any of the parties may withdraw from the MoU upon written notice to the other parties.

Signatories

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