



## **AGREEMENT FOR THE CREATION OF THE *TOWARDS GLOCAL ADMINISTRATION NETWORK***

In the town of Mataró (Barcelona), 6<sup>th</sup> October 2001

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Stuart Gibson, on behalf of Head of Economic Development and Partnerships. Blackpool Borough Council.

Alessandro Scarpati, representative of the President of the Provincia di Savona – Mr. Alessandro Garassini.

László Virág, Vice Chairman of the County Assembly of Hajdú-Bihar.

Kurt Larsson, Chairman of the Board of Association of Local Authorities in Norrbotten.

### **AGREEING ON THE FOLLOWING:**

FIRST.- The transformation of the States in Europe as a result of the globalisation process and European integration processes offers opportunities for institutional innovation. Even more, so for the local governments, due to the importance of the territory in this context.

SECOND.- Most of the practical solutions to the challenges in globalisation find a better answer from a local point of view. Thus, the subsidiarity principle is invoked everywhere as an instrument that, in the global age, allows to solve the

old problems (rubbish processing, transport, home...) as well as face the new challenges (linked, basically, to environment and social cohesion). The phrase that summarises all this is: *Think globally, act locally*.

THIRD.- The empowerment of local governments comes as an outcome of cooperation between town councils and regions, and it will allow to generate economies on a larger scale and to create networks by putting efforts together in service provision, strategic planning, territorial ordering or, simply, exchanging experiences.

FOURTH.- The responsibility of intermediate local entities in the new “glocal” order is responsible for facilitating these concentration processes, in order to achieve a better life quality for the citizens of the countries that are or will be part of the European Union.

To this end,

#### **THE AFOREMENTIONED, DECIDE TO:**

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FIRST.- Create the *Towards Glocal Administration network*, composed basically of local governments of member and candidate countries of the European Union, compromised with a cooperative local governance that ties the global with the local.

SECOND.- The aims of the network are the following:

- To strengthen the links between local administrations taking part in the network, as a measure for reciprocal knowledge on different administrative organisation models and the extension of European awareness.
- To establish a stable partnership that makes the European institutions aware of the problems of second level local administrations.
- To encourage the exchange of information and good practices between the twinning local administrations, as a multiplier effect for the other government levels and the citizens.
- To establish a stable partnership so that all or some of the network members jointly submit, European projects within different fields of work (urban organization, economic development, culture, personal and social services, environment, health, new technologies, transport and communications, ...).
- To open the *Towards Glocal Administration network* to other interested partners.

THIRD.- The partners of the *Towards Glocal Administration network* compromise, in accordance to their possibilities, to plan, agree and, eventually, adopt those specific

measures which contribute to the better achievement of the aims defined in the second pact.

FOUR.- The incorporation of new partners to the network will take place by the signature of a letter of intention with the same content as of this agreement.

FIVE.- The agreement establishes a free collaboration framework among their members. Any member can leave the network at any moment, with the only condition of a previous written communication. Furthermore, any member can ask for the modification of the agreement.

SIX.- The agreement will come into force on the date of its signature.

To this end, the partners sign it in the place and in the date aforementioned.

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