



TWINNING AGREEMENT

FLAG

“PROMOTION OF NATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FLAG AND THE FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE AREAS”

This Agreement is between

Costa di Toscana

and

Distretto Mare Adriatico

VeGAL Costa Veneziana

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Fiskefrämjandet Stockholms Skärgård

Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs) members confirm that they have competencies in partnering and twinning in standards development activities to participate in this twinning arrangement. Both parts commit to actively participating in the twinning arrangement and confirm that they will comply to the Guidance and the terms of this Agreement.

The FLAGs, and their public-private partnerships, are set up at local level and work towards the sustainable development of their areas.

The FLAGs meet the goals of the fishery and aquaculture sector.

The FLAGs signatories of the Twinning Agreement aim to exchange knowledge and best practices. By planning several measures and actions, the FLAGs intent to strengthen the fish-production of coastal areas setting up national and transnational cooperative relationships. Moreover, through the agreement, the FLAGs aim to strength the potential growth of their mutual territories.

All signatories pursue the sharing of knowledge for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in compliance with environmental protection and protection of workers:

- Enforcing the cooperation identifying methods and tools already available in Europe, and facilitate their use meeting the specific needs of the local fishing industry.
- Promoting the international cooperation and suggesting legislative draft proposal to the local, national and European policy makers).
- Launching a joint project supporting knowledge sharing among the partners and identifying new opportunities.
- Ensuring cooperation between fish production areas fostering new opportunities in order to collaborate with local *governances* implementing strategies and developing local policies.
- Sharing the common goal of promoting national and transnational cooperation by creating of favourable conditions to start up new business, expanding markets and identifying new opportunities for business development.

The signatories agree as follows:

Article 1

The FLAG will cooperate with local governances, economic operators in coastal areas, business enterprises and with all stakeholders. By facilitating information's exchange and best experiences, the cooperation will provide new marketing strategies reducing the environmental impact and supporting the economic development.

Article 2

The FLAG undertake to enhance the cooperation in the following areas:

- Selective and sustainable fishing according to the environmental, social and economic aspects.

- Aquaculture: animal welfare, hygiene and food safety, sustainability environment, and simplification of the bureaucratic and administrative system.
- Mariculture: new business opportunities of fish production, planning of guidelines regulation (The Integrated Maritime Policy).
- Connected and collateral activities: marketing, fishing tourism and marine tourism.

Article 3

The Parties shall encourage the promotion of their own areas through various activities such as workshop, training, tutoring, study visits, joint studies and conferences.

Article 4

The Parties shall provide technical assistance to FLAG's economic operators, which are signatories of the Agreement, in order to promote economic development for the local enterprises.

Article 5

The Parties undertake to facilitate the working abroad of experts improving their skills and performances, and boosting the economic and social development.

Article 6

The Parties shall support each other through local, national and European forums, seeking a common cooperation of all European platforms.

Article 7

Each signatory of the FLAG Twinning Agreement will independently support the costs related to the missions and the activities listed in Article 3 in the hosting GAC.

Article 8

All FLAG shall participate to scientific conferences, seminars and meetings, as well as studying abroad among the FLAGs territory enforcing the relationship and encouraging Research and Innovation.

Article 9

This Twinning Agreement has been signed in Orbetello on the 19th June 2015 in English, in original copies forwarded to each signatories.

The implementation of the intents will begin with the signing of the agreements.

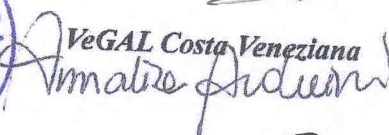
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