



TWINNING
between the Municipality of Ascea and the Municipality of Focea
for the realisation of the Via dei Focesi

The Municipality of Ascea of the Italian Republic and the Municipality of Focea of the Turkish Republic hereinafter referred to as the Parties

WHEREAS, Focea is the homeland of the Phocian people who were among the first Greeks to undertake long maritime voyages within the Mediterranean and to found several colonies in the Mediterranean including Hyele (540 BC), which now bears the name Ascea

Considering that the Parties have the intention of enhancing the history, culture and structures built by the people they share, and to collaborate in order to carry out an even broader project to build a 'network' between all those places that preserve traces of their work

Within the scope of their competencies, the Parties agree as follows:

Article N 1
(Aims and Objectives)

Objectives:

- establish bonds of friendship and foster the exchange of historical, archaeological, geographical, social, cultural, sporting and economic information;
- exchange and share organisational approaches and methodologies for managing local development that have proven to be effective,

Purpose:

- to work synergistically in the activation of a programme to acquire the willingness of the European realities where there are traces of the historical presence of the Focesi to work together to prepare the project to be presented to the Council of Europe for accreditation as a European Cultural Route of the "Journey of the Focesi"

- build conditions to favour the development of cultural, historical, archaeological, territorial tourism for the benefit of the two communities and all those that will join them to realise the Via dei Focesi project

Article N 2

(Regulatory Uncertainty Clause)

This twinning will be implemented in compliance with the Italian and Turkish legislation as well as with the applicable international law and, for the Italian side, with the obligations arising from Italy's membership of the European Union.

Article N 3

(Collaborative activities)

Collaborative activities include: the study and exchange of information on various problems; exchanges of news and experience on the respective regulatory or administrative regulations; participation in conferences, round tables, seminars; courtesy visits in the European and Mediterranean area; relations resulting from agreements or forms of association aimed at cross-border interregional cooperation the search for public funding for joint projects to be implemented, the exchange of methodologies for the governance of territories and their development with a particular focus on tourism and culture, the experimentation of innovative learning methodologies, the design, implementation and management of training and intercultural exchange programmes.

Article No. 4

(Financial neutrality clause)

All the activities envisaged or resulting from the implementation of this Twinning will be covered, for the Italian part, by the budget of the Municipality of Ascea, without generating financial burdens for the State.

Article N 5

(Informative)

The Parties will inform the Embassies, competent for the territory of their respective countries, on the progress of the initiatives planned to implement this Twinning.

Article N 6

(Amendments and additions)

Any amendments or additions to this Twinning may be set out in writing subject to the agreement of the Parties and, for the Italian Party, in accordance with procedures similar to those provided for the authorisation of this Twinning.

Article N 7

(Differences of interpretation)

Any divergence in the interpretation or implementation of this Twinning will be resolved amicably through direct consultations between the Parties.

Article No. 8

(Effectiveness and Duration)

This twinning takes effect upon signature and will last for five years.
It shall be subject to tacit renewal unless otherwise expressly agreed by the Parties and in accordance with the procedures provided for in their respective national laws.
Either Party may terminate the effectiveness of this Twinning at any time by written notice to the other Party.

Signed at..... on in 3 original , each in the following languages:
Italian, Turkish and English, all texts being equally authentic.

SIGNATURE ITALIAN SIDE

SIGNATURE TURKISH SIDE

Mayor of Ascea Mayor of Focea

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