

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

for the establishment of the Association

“The Route of the Phocaeans”

The Mayors of the Municipalities of ASCEA, FOÇA, ALERIA, L'ESCALA, and SARONIKOS, and the Director of the ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARKS OF PAESTUM AND VELIA, in order to establish, in a separate venue, the Association “The Route of the Phocaeans” and to sign, as Founding Members, the specific Deed of Incorporation and the attached Statute, agree, as a preparatory step, to approve this Memorandum of Understanding, containing the fundamental elements of the Deed of Incorporation, as outlined below.

Purpose of the Association

The Association, as further specified in the Statute, aims to manage the itinerary “The Route of the Phocaeans”, promoting the cultural, social, and touristic enhancement of the historical, cultural, and archaeological heritage of the territories where the Phocaean people lived and left clear evidence of their presence and works.

Objectives and Projects

The Association’s initial purpose is to carry out joint activities, as provided for by the European Regulation, in order to apply, after two years of operation, for the accreditation of the route that connects the sites significant to the history of this people, as a European Cultural Route.

Main Areas of Action

The Association intends to undertake joint projects in the following priority areas of intervention:

1. Cooperation in research and development.
2. Enhancement of European memory, history, and heritage.
3. Cultural and educational exchanges for young Europeans.
4. Contemporary cultural and artistic practices.
5. Cultural tourism and sustainable cultural development.

Each area includes initiatives fostering intercultural dialogue, knowledge sharing, and the creation of collaborative networks across Europe.

Assets

The Association shall have an initial capital of €6,000 (or equivalent amount) as an equal contribution from its founding members, to be paid into the Association’s funds as soon as possible.

The Association’s assets will consist of membership fees, donations, bequests, public and private contributions, and funds obtained from participation in calls for proposals at national, European, and international levels.

All assets and revenues must be used exclusively for statutory purposes aimed at civic, solidarity, and social utility objectives. Distribution of profits or reserves to members, administrators, or other representatives is strictly prohibited.

Organization

The internal bodies of the Association shall include:

- The Members' Assembly;
- The Board of Directors;
- The President and Vice Presidents;
- The Honorary President;
- The Treasurer;
- The Scientific Committee;
- The Strategic Committee.

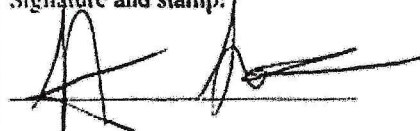
Membership categories shall include Founding, Ordinary, Honorary, and Supporting Members. The Municipalities of ASCEA, FOÇA, ALERIA, L'ESCALA, and SARONIKOS, together with the ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARKS OF PAESTUM AND VELIA, constitute the Founding Members of the Association.

Registered Office and Duration

The Association shall be based in Ascea (SA), at the Municipality of Ascea, Via XXIV Maggio.
The Association shall be established until 31 December 2050.

Signatories

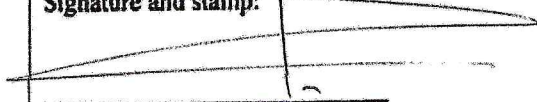
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Mayor of ASCEA (Italy)
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Tiziana D'ANGELO
Director of the ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARKS OF
PAESTUM AND VELIA (Italy)
Signature and stamp:



Ascea, October 17, 2025

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