



## EUROMED CITIES NETWORK CHARTER



### ARTICLE 1

Hereby, the actors of the *Euromed Cities Network* confirm their engagement to the general principles of The Barcelona Process of 1995 to create a space of peace, stability, prosperity in The Mediterranean by enhancing dialogue and cooperation between the territories in the economic, social, cultural and security fields.

The actors of the *Network* confirm their will to achieve the aims, reaffirmed and developed during the Euro-Mediterranean conference of foreign affairs ministers in Stuttgart on the 15th and 16th April 1999. They will do their best to strengthen democracy, respect for human and fundamental rights, rule of law, the good strategy of public affairs, as well as a balanced, sustainable, social and economic development by taking measures intended for fighting poverty and by enhancing a better understanding between cultures.

In this way, the actors of the *Network* intend to fulfil these fundamental principles and the international commitments of the entities they belong to, to develop exchanges of experiences, multilateral and bilateral cooperations, specially economic, in particular about Euro-Mediterranean matters related to:

- youth employment,
- the fight against climate change and its effects,
- city jobs.

The *Network* is essentially observing the regional cooperation policy of the European Union, which is its principle reference.

### ARTICLE 2

The priority objectives of the *Network* centre around the following fields:

- Fostering interactive dialogue between territories of the northern, southern and eastern shores of the Mediterranean sea in order to resolve shared problems,
- *Protecting the environment against the effects of climate change, which must be reduced in particular through Mediterranean sea sustainable policies, water (drinking or to be sanitized), wastes and energy through a sustainable urban development and a responsible organization of civil services,*

- Promoting social and economic development in particular throughout settling and clustering companies, supporting education, research, new technologies and innovation but also by promoting social inclusion and fighting against poverty,
- Easing feedback experiences in civil services strategy and organization,
- Cooperating in projects of actors willing to benefit from technical and engineering support,
- Highlighting philosophy, story and memory exchanges related to the Mediterranean by developing think tanks on its common identity and future,
- Cooperating in cultural and artistic fields as means to achieve the priorities mentioned above.

### ARTICLE 3

In order to assume more efficiently the achievement of the objectives of the present charter the actors will do their best to implement, as far as they can and according to their respective means, a strategy focused on reciprocal cooperation.

The actors undertake, as a general rule, not to do anything or act in anyway, that may directly or not, complicate or make impossible the application of the present charter.

### ARTICLE 4

The permanent General Secretariat is located in Nice (France) and assumed by the city of Nice as the general assembly, decided on the 9th and 10th February 2012. Its function is to implement the decisions approved by its actors, to foster dialogue between them, to propose and develop strategies and actions that give a boost to the *Network* and participate in its radiance.

### ARTICLE 5

This present charter is adopted, by its present or represented actors by delegation of power, during the general assembly which took place in Nice on November, 04<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Each actor undertakes to perform the provisions of the present charter after signing it.

### ARTICLE 6

The present charter will pertain to all actors, once they sign it.

The charter could be modified by the General Assembly unanimously by present or represented members.

### ARTICLE 7

The actors of the *Network* undertake to fulfill the obligations displayed in the internal rule, appended to the present.

Nice, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2016