



## CEPLI PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Based on the provisions of the CEPLI Charter of Avignon, signed on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 establishing the CEPLI's objectives, the members and associated networks of this Confederation agree to work together in order to obtain a legal status which could have the form of an EGTC (European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation).

Meanwhile, all the CEPLI members and associated networks agree to observe the following organizational provisions, aimed at facilitating the achievement of the Confederation's objectives.

### I) Membership

1. CEPLI's founding members are those national associations of intermediate local authorities administrations and associated networks that participated in the Constitutive Conference in Villeneuve-les-Avignon and that signed the founding charter.
2. Other national associations of intermediate local authorities of the EU Member States can become members of CEPLI by sending a letter to the CEPLI president expressing their will and ratifying the CEPLI Charter and the present partnership agreement. The political conference will approve the accession. Meanwhile, these associations will have the status as observers.
3. Other networks of intermediate local authorities can become associated members whenever their members belong to two or more EU Member States, and proceed as indicated in paragraph I.2.
4. The **Political Bureau** can welcome other associations of local authorities as observers.

### II) Governing bodies

1. The **CEPLI Political Conference** is the CEPLI sovereign body where all CEPLI members and associated networks are represented. The CEPLI Political Conference is constituted by the Presidents of the national associations and associated networks. The Presidents can delegate a political representative.
2. The CEPLI Political Conference will meet at least once a year, its main role being to decide on the CEPLI's political priorities, the presidency and vice- presidencies of CEPLI and to adopt the annual reports and the annual action plans and decide on financial issues.

3. The political representation of CEPLI is carried out by a one year rotating **Presidency** elected by consensus in the Political Conferences, amongst the presidents of the national associations.
4. The CEPLI president is assisted by **three Vice-presidents** elected by consensus in the Political Conferences, amongst the presidents or a permanent political delegate of the national associations for a one year rotating mandate.
5. The CEPLI President will be entitled to delegate its prerogatives to the CEPLI Vice-presidents.
6. The CEPLI President and the Vice-presidents form the **Political Bureau** meeting as often as necessary and having as main objectives to observe the implementation of the political priorities and agenda of the Confederation within the framework of the action plan approved by the CEPLI Political Conference.

### III) Technical bodies

1. The **Technical Working Group** is formed by the technical representatives of the national associations and associated networks. It will meet as often as necessary, being in charge with the development of the action plans. The Technical Working Group makes also proposals to the Political Body concerning the preparation of the Political Conferences and proposes the agenda of the meetings as well as on other initiatives agreed in its meetings.
2. CEPLI **Coordinator** within the Technical Working Group, run by a Brussels Office of a CEPLI member, will be in charge of the internal and external communications, coordinating the organisation of meetings.

### IV) Voting system

1. All CEPLI decisions, either political or technical will be adopted by consensus.

### VI) Financial issues

1. CEPLI functioning will be based on the technical support of each of its members. Each agreed project or event having financial implications has to be accepted by the CEPLI's Political Bureau, which decides on the better funding modality. The general principle guiding the financial decisions will be: co-responsibility of all CEPLI members and associated members.
2. The member in charge of the CEPLI Secretariat will not be entitled to be funded by the Confederation for developing that role.

This partnership agreement will be in force until the date CEPLI will have legal personality.

Adopted in the city of Cáceres. 6th February 2009.

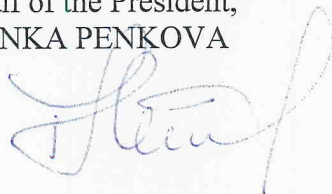
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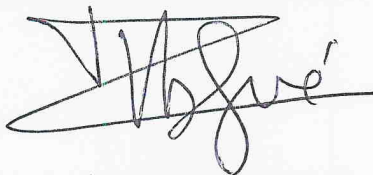
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On behalf of the President,  
Mrs. PENKA PENKOVA



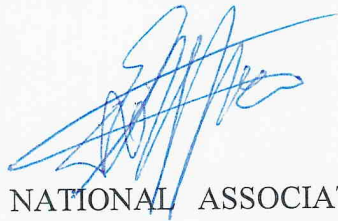
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The President,  
Mr. Claudy LEBRETON

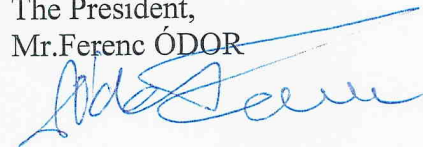
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On behalf of the President,  
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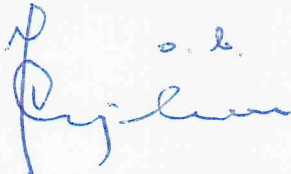
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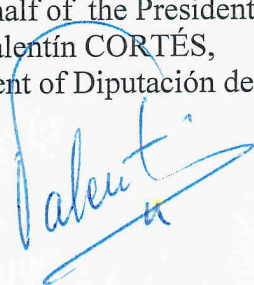
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Mr. Valentín CORTÉS,  
President of Diputación de Badajoz



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ARCO LATINO,  
On behalf of the President  
Mr. Ignacio GRAU,  
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