

**Memorandum of Understanding on Development
cultural partnership between territorial communities**

Mena City Territorial Community

(hereinafter referred to as Party 1) and

**City of Silvi
(Territorial Community of the City of Silvi)**

(hereinafter referred to as Party 2), hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

taking into account the provisions _____
(title and details of the Agreement)²

Guided by the provisions of the European Framework Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities, adopted by the Council of Europe on 21 May 1980 in Madrid, as well as the Additional Protocols thereto, aware that culture is an integral part of post-war reconstruction, contributes to the preservation of identity, social cohesion, the establishment of dialogue and trust, and recognizing the key role of partnerships in the field of culture for the sustainable development of territories and international solidarity, based on mutual interest in deepening, strengthening and expanding cooperation between the Parties, excluding any interference in the internal affairs of States, respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, guided by the principles of the rule of law, good governance, voluntariness, equality, transparency and openness, mutually beneficial cooperation and partnership, and mutual responsibility for its results,

Based on the mutual interest in deepening, strengthening and expanding international territorial cooperation between the Parties;

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have concluded this Agreement as follows:

Article 1

1. This Agreement defines legal, organizational, economic and other issues of international territorial cooperation between the Parties.

2. The purpose of this Agreement is to develop and/or deepen international territorial cooperation (interterritorial, cross-border, transnational) in the relevant areas

provided for in Article 2 of this Agreement, and partnership between the Parties.

Article 2

1. The Parties agree on cooperation in the following areas:

In the field of culture:

- holding joint cultural events, such as festivals, exhibitions, concerts, theatrical performances;
- support and organization of creative residencies, artist exchanges, and professional internships;
- implementation of joint cultural initiatives and programs within the framework of international funding mechanisms, in particular the European Union;
- supporting the preservation, restoration and popularization of cultural heritage, in particular that which has been damaged as a result of armed aggression;
- digitalization and innovative development in the field of culture, in particular the creation of virtual access to cultural products;
- protection and support of intangible cultural heritage, in particular crafts, traditions, and oral creativity;
- cultural education and outreach, including exchange of experience between cultural institutions, youth, artistic and educational organizations;
- development of cultural diplomacy and mutual representation of cultures in the public space.

In the field of tourism:

- development and promotion of joint tourist routes, in particular with an emphasis on cultural, natural, and historical heritage;
- development of sustainable, rural, gastronomic, pilgrimage, ecological and youth tourism;
- exchange of experience and best practices in the field of tourism management and marketing;
- joint participation in international tourism events, forums, fairs and exhibitions;
- advanced training of tourism industry workers;
- digitalization of tourism products, creation of interactive online resources and virtual tours;
- development of partnerships between tour operators, guides, and community infrastructure facilities;
- attracting resources from international technical and financial assistance programs to develop tourism potential.

Other areas:

- participation in joint projects, programs and grant applications aimed at the development of culture and tourism;
- creation of joint institutional initiatives, platforms, advisory bodies or exchange mechanisms.

(the list of areas may be supplemented or individual areas may be removed or wording may be changed in accordance with the agreements of the Parties, taking into account the limits of their competence).

2. The Parties may cooperate in other areas of common interest to the Parties, taking into account the principle of partnership and mutual benefit.

Article 3

1. The Parties shall cooperate within the framework of this Agreement in accordance with the current national legislation of the Parties and within the competence of entities and/or participants in international territorial cooperation determined by the national legislation of the Parties.

2. The Parties shall inform each other in advance of changes in the national legislation of the Parties that may affect the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 4

1. Legal relations arising from the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be governed by the national legislation of the Parties.

2. All legal relations arising in connection with the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement and not regulated by it shall be governed by the norms of the national legislation of the Parties.

Article 5

1. In order to implement the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties may develop and implement joint initiatives, activities, projects, programs and strategies in certain areas.

2. The Parties shall take the necessary measures to attract financial instruments available to the Parties for the purpose of implementing joint initiatives.

3. Each Party shall also separately take the necessary measures to implement the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 6

1. The Parties shall, as necessary, develop and agree in writing annual cooperation plans in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

2. The Parties shall, as necessary, hold bilateral consultations on the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement and the annual cooperation plans concluded on its basis.

3. The Parties shall inform each other about the state of socio-economic development of the countries, about projects, financing opportunities and other issues in order to achieve the common goals defined by this Agreement.

Article 7

In order to implement the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties may conclude separate agreements on the establishment and/or accession to bodies of international territorial cooperation, taking into account the national legislation of the Parties.

Article 8

1. The Parties shall exchange information and experience in the areas defined by the Agreement, as well as on other issues of mutual interest to them.

2. The Parties shall hold annual conferences or meetings to assess progress in implementing the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing by the Parties and shall remain in force for a certain period of time.

2. This Agreement shall terminate early three months after one of the Parties receives written notification from the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

3. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect the Parties' performance of pending agreements, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise in writing.

4. If the term of this Agreement expires and neither Party has notified the other of its intention to terminate this Agreement, its term shall be automatically extended for another one-year period.

5. Changes and/or additions to this Agreement shall be made only by mutual written consent of the Parties and shall be formalized by additional agreements, which shall be an integral part of this Agreement.

6. Amendments and/or additions to this Agreement shall be made in the same manner as its conclusion.

7. Disputes regarding the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Agreement shall be resolved through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Done at Rome, Italy, this 10th day of July 2025, in triplicate, in the Ukrainian, English, and Italian languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.

By

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Mena City Territorial Community

City of Silvi

Yuriy Stalnychenko
Secretary of Mena City Council

Andrea Scordella
Mayor

(date and signature)

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