"Pilot Project Learning Cities" - Partnership agreement

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between

For Italy:

- The Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia (hereinafter also referred to as the "FVG Region"), as leader, with headquarters in Trieste, represented by Alessia Rosolen;
- The Municipality of Trieste, based in Trieste, represented by Serena Tonel;
- The University of LiberEtà of Friuli Venezia Giulia with headquarters in Udine represented by Pina Raso;

For Israel:

- The Federation of Local Authorities - Israel - represented by Haim Bibas;
- The Municipality of Modi'in Maccabim Reut represented by Haim Bibas;
- The Modi'in Multidisciplinary Center for Learning Cities based in Modi'in, Israel - represented by Orna Mager.

For SRPSKA Republic:

- The Municipality of Banja Luka based in Banja Luka - SRPSKA Republic represented by Igor Radolličić

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In 2015, UNESCO established a "Global Network of Learning Cities", a network of learning communities and cities, with shared objectives, such as the promotion of learning from school to university studies, quality and excellence in learning, and a culture of lifelong learning.

The Learning City model assumes that the main actor is the person, as a citizen who learns.

The State of Israel, thanks to the Municipality of Modi'in Maccabim Reut and The Federation of Local Authorities in Israel, and growing from the experience of the Multi-Disciplinary Center of Modi'in - a center of excellence for adult education and incubator of the Learning city model - is implementing a national project network of Learning cities.

From 2018, the Municipality of Modi'In Maccabim Reut, The Federation of Local Authorities, The Multidisciplinary Center, the FVG Region with the University of LiberEtà di Udine have started a positive comparison of experiences, paying particular attention to the interaction between formal and non-formal learning and interventions aimed at developing transversal skills.
Strong is the willingness of the Parties to share the principles and objectives that are the basis of the Learning City model, considered to be fundamental for the development of a knowledge-based society.

The Friuli Venezia Giulia FVG Region has laws that enhance lifelong learning through the involvement of institutions, companies and organizations; therefore FVG Region intends to include in its planning documents the objectives envisaged by the Learning City model with the ambition to make lifelong learning a transformative experience for the person and consequently for the community, making them more capable of dealing with exponential changes and complexity.

It is in the interest of all Parties to spread the Learning City model in their reference territories, capitalizing on the good experiences of adult education centers operating in the non-formal field, such as the Modi'in Multidisciplinary Center and the University of Freedom of Udine.

This objective can be achieved thanks to the "Pilot Project Learning Cities" which, thanks to the collaboration with Israeli Partners, intends to experiment the model of learning Cities in the territorial realities of the Italian and Banja Luka Partners. The Pilot Project pays particular attention to interventions aimed at "revitalizing learning in families and communities".

All Parties intend to share the excellent model developed in Israel.

Said that,

The Parties, within the sphere of its own competences, agree to strengthen mutual cooperation for the implementation of the following activities in the framework of the "Pilot Project Learning Cities":

1. Create opportunities for discussion and learning through study visits in Israel and in the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region in the period November 2019 - July 2020.

2. Test the Learning City model in the Municipality of Trieste and in any other cities of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region.

3. Support the activities necessary to obtain recognition of Learning City and Learning Region by FVG from UNESCO.

4. Present the results at a public event to be held in Trieste on the occasion of the ESOF - Euro Science Open Forum 2020 event, to share the Israeli experience and to create opportunities for comparison with other recognized world cities such as UNESCO's learning city.

In order to define and implement the project activities, the Partners undertake, through constant updating report, to share the main implementation decisions.

This Partnership Agreement is effective from the date on which it is signed until the date of conclusion of all the activities, scheduled for September 30th 2020, unless extended by the Parties.

The contents of this Partnership Agreement will be implemented in observance of the respective national legislations and in the respect of the assumed engagements from the Governments of the Parties and deriving from international agreements to which the Italian Republic adheres, the State of Israel, the SRPSKA Republic or all the States.

The partnership agreement signed on the date November 10th, 2019 in the city of Modi'in-Maccabim-Reut, and it will end on the closing date of the Project activities.

Signed in the city of Modi'in-Maccabim-Reut on November 10th, 2019 in four copies, each written in Italian, in Hebrew, in Serbo-Croatian-Bosnian language and in English. All texts have the same value.
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