



COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE



Venice, 1st of June 2011

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND THE CITY OF VENICE

The Council of Europe, with its Head office at Avenue de l'Europe, F-67075 Strasbourg, France, represented by Deputy Secretary General Maud de Boer-Buquicchio ("the Council of Europe")

on the one hand

and

The City of Venice, represented by:

Mr Giorgio ORSONI, Mayor of the City of Venice;

on the other hand

have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - SUBJECT

- 1(1) *With reference to the important co-operation developed between the Council of Europe and the Venice institutions, as well as to the "Venice Declaration" adopted in 2005 following the IXth Salone dei beni e attività culturali (1-3 December 2005), the City of Venice wishes to offer the Council of Europe the use of facilities located to the second floor of the building "Procuratie Vecchie" in San Marco Square, entrance from Calle del Cappello Nero 180/C, Sestiere San Marco, 30124 Venice, for the organisation of international events and conferences including:*
- a) two premises with a total of 128 m² and furnished with desks and PCs (see plan in Appendix I);*
 - b) further space or suitable for the organisation of jointly agreed events (small and large capacity conference rooms as required) available in other Venetian premises.*

Venice is the natural crossroads of people and cultures respectful of all diversities. It has a long-standing historically rooted tradition of openness and it is an ideal place for international events and conferences.

- 1(2) *The Council of Europe premises and the meeting rooms are provided free of charge and rental costs by the City of Venice. Details of implementation measures will be discussed and agreed between the parties.*

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

- 2(1) *The premises offered by the City of Venice will be used to promote Council of Europe principles and values through the organisation of international events and conferences in relation to the activities programme of the Organisation and in particular, but not exclusively, on cultural and natural heritage, cultural routes, cinema, intercultural dialogue and exchanges, education and youth. DGIV Central Office will coordinate the programme of activities of the Council of Europe in liaison with other sectors of the Organisation and the Venetian Authorities.*

ARTICLE 3 - OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

The Council of Europe undertakes:

- 3(1) *To use these facilities exclusively for the above-mentioned purposes and in the framework of the Council of Europe activities' programme.*

3(2) *To use these facilities with due care and diligence and to ensure that no damages are caused by staff members or by participants in Council of Europe meetings.*

3(3) *The Council of Europe calendar of events to be organised in Venice should be communicated and agreed with the City of Venice, in order to avoid any clash or overlap in the use of the meeting rooms with the local institutions.*

The City of Venice undertakes:

3(4) *To provide logistical support and collaboration in the development of programmes and projects through the appropriate institutions.*

3(5) *To take all necessary measures in order to assure the most efficient security inside the premises for the Council of Europe's staff, material, and participants in the organised meetings.*

ARTICLE 4 - FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

4(1) *If the activities organised by the Council of Europe in Venice involve special expenditures (e.g. for interpretation equipment), an *ad hoc* Financial Arrangement shall be agreed by the Parties in order to ensure the necessary financing by the Council of Europe.*

ARTICLE 5 - SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

5(1) *Any disputes or disagreements with respect to the interpretation or implementation of the present Agreement shall be resolved amicably by good faith negotiations between the Parties.*

ARTICLE 6 - INSURANCE

6(1) *The parties to this agreement confirm that they are and will continue to be fully insured for civil liability.*

ARTICLE 7 - TERMINATION

7(1) *This Framework Agreement is valid for one year, as from the date of signature, and is tacitly renewed.*

7(2) *If the City of Venice wishes to terminate this agreement, it should inform the Council of Europe Secretariat at least three months before the end of the annual renewal date.*

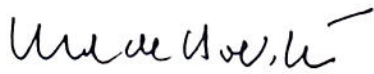
ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS

8(1) *All amendments to this Agreement shall be made solely through a written agreement between the parties.*

Done in two copies in Venice on the 1st of June 2011.

For the Council of Europe

For the City of Venice



*Maud de Boer-Buquicchio
Deputy Secretary General*



*Giorgio ORSONI
Mayor of the City of Venice*