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Our Network's short history...

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08/12
2013

Signature of the
Memorandum
of Understanding



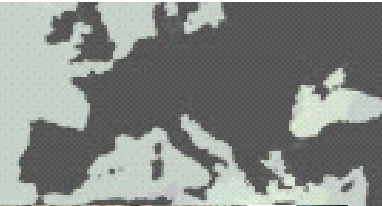


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The first moment when we were all together...
Aquileia, 07/12/2013





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The first Welcome Dinner...





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The **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** for the constitution of the Network "I Care For Europe"

**We the representatives of Municipalities
Aquileia, Bač, Čapljina, Rakovica and Tarcento**

considering

the results gained since 2011 by the bottom-up strategy of the project "I care for..." in building a valuable and effective network of small cities in South Eastern Europe dealing with sustainable development and cultural and natural heritages as factors for economic and social growth at a cross-border level;

the fact that cultural, environmental and participation rights are natural rights of all citizens;

the fact that 2013 is the European Year of Citizens dedicated to the rights that come with EU citizenship;



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the following document enacted by the Council of Europe: Articles 9, 10, 11 and 14 of the 1950 European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights, art. 2 of the Protocol 4 to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights, 1954 European Cultural Convention and 2005 European Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society;

the UNESCO, European Union and UN principles on sustainable development in connection with the enhancement of the cultural and natural heritage through tourism and economic activities (2005 Unesco Convention on the Protection and Promotion of Diversity of Cultural Expression; 2004 Agenda 21 for Culture);

the principles regulating cross-border cooperation and social and economic development and cohesion within European Union members and its neighbours;



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**Agree to sign the present Memorandum of Understanding
with the following aims:**

to foster European integration and mutual knowledge under the motto, "I care for...";

to build a structural network of small cities aiming at develop and preserve local cultural and natural heritage in a sustainable manner as common heritage of European peoples;

to organise regular network meetings and activities;

to stimulate the members to cooperate in different projects;

to stimulate bilateral exchanges and mutual knowledge between its members;



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to enhance mutual participation and active citizenship processes in different events proposed by each community;

to get to know each other and each other's way of life;

to enlarge the partnership to other small cities and communities with similar characteristics in south eastern Europe;



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The final goal of this Memorandum of Understanding is:

To create a stable network of local communities aiming at fostering communication, mutual understanding, development of European values and identities.

The participation at the network is free and without charge, in a spirit of cooperation, friendship and common sharing of experiences and objectives.

Tarcento, 08/12/2013

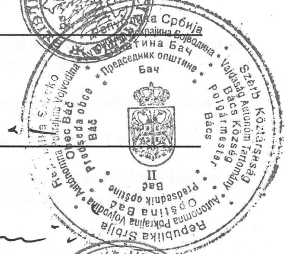
Comune di Aquileia

Uli Nard



Opština Bač

Zeljko Paulić



Općina Čapljina

Zoran

Općina Rakovica

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Città di Tarcento

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In 2014, Rab Municipality joined the Network and was the host of the second “I Care For Europe” meeting





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During that meeting, thanks to an excellent work done by the stakeholders from all the involved municipalities, it was created an Action Plan for the further common activities



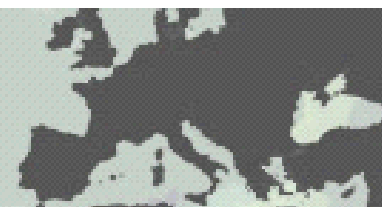


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Rab 2014, dinner organized by local associations





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In 2015 municipalities of Stolac and Piran officially joined the Network during the Local Authorities' meeting in Rakovica

In 2016 the third meeting of “I Care For Europe” was in Rakovica

In 2017 the fourth meeting of “I Care For Europe” was in Stolac

In 2018 the fifth meeting of “I Care For Europe” was in Bač

In 2019 the sixth meeting of “I Care For Europe” was in Čapljina

In 2021 the seventh meeting was in Stolac

Total direct participants until now: 1.750 citizens



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