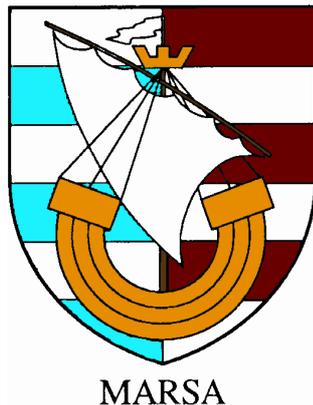


Twinning and Co-Operation Agreement

is made between



The representative of the Marsa Town Malta, Mayor of Marsa Councillor Francis Debono and the representative of the Bridgwater Town UK, Mayor of Bridgwater Councillor WJ(Bill)Monteith.

Being determined to develop mutual contacts between the communities of the two towns, they proceed to enter into a twinning and co-operation agreement.

The Parties to this agreement do declare their will to deepen and strengthen the friendly relationships between the two communities, the Town Governments and other institutions in the two towns.

The objective of this twinning relationship is also the provision of conditions for the development of mutually beneficial co-operation between the public, community and business entities in their areas, with a particular consideration for institutions, which are involved in fostering culture.

Art .1

To this end, the Parties of this agreement agreed that co-operation and twinning relationships will be developed in line with the competencies they have and agreements made between the state governments, and will focus on:

- 1 Education, culture and sports,*
- 2 Recreation and Tourism,*
- 3 Municipal management / services, trade and industry,*
- 4 Mutual exchange of experience and promotion of achievements in the
foresaid areas.*

Art.2

The parties will collaborate having full respect for the legal standards referring to the scope of competence and the capacity to undertake activities, which arises from the Parties respective legislation.

Art. 3

Education, Culture and Sports

- 1 In order to get acquainted with the education, culture, history and sports activities of both towns, the Parties will exchange documents regarding the cultural and historical context of the respective towns.*
- 2 The Parties will initiate co-operation and exchanges between schools and institutions looking after young people in order for them to know each other better.*
- 3 The parties hereto initiate the exchange of experience between physical culture associations in the field of organizing sports events and exchanging information about training methods and achievements.*

- 4 *To exchange experience and achievements in the field of education upbringing, the Parties will be getting acquainted themselves with their education systems in both public and non-public schools and other educational-upbringing units.*

Art. 4

Recreation and Tourism

The Parties will take steps in order to exchange experience and expertise in the field of recreational, tourist and leisure infrastructure and services.

Art.5

Municipal Services, Trade and Industry

- 1 *The Parties hereto will provide conditions for the development of mutual contacts between institutions, organizations and entities involved in municipal management/ services, trade and industry.*
- 2 *The Town governments will exchange relevant experience to ensure an efficient performance of their own responsibilities and improve the provision of basic municipal services.*
- 3 *The Parties will inform each other about the ways of solving identical problems in the field of municipal management/services, municipal transport systems, trash collection and recycling, environment protection and housing.*

Art. 6

Mutual Exchange of Experience and Achievements Promotion

- 1 *The Parties will be taking steps to arrange exchanges and meetings between citizens from the two twinned towns.*
- 2 *The Parties will organize conferences, seminars, and meetings on topics of interest to both parties and take actions to promote the concept of twinned towns.*

- 3 *The Parties will formulate and support common opinions to be expressed in forums of the organizations the cities are members of, in particular such opinions that promote partnership and co-operation between twinned towns.*
- 4 *The Parties will undertake actions to popularise business and tourist features of the two towns, including the dissemination of promotional materials.*
- 5 *The Parties will make every reasonable effort so that representatives of their town take part in cultural, sports, tourist, fair and exhibition events, which are intended to promote the qualities of both towns and the concept of partnership between, twinned towns.*
- 6 *The Parties will inform each other about important celebrations and events and take part in these where possible.*

Art 7

- 1 *Each of the Parties shall appoint one or more persons who will be responsible for a proper implementation of this agreement.*
- 2 *In order to ensure full implementation of the agreement, the Parties shall agree jointly details in respect of the carrying out of various feasible tasks within a reasonable time from the date of this agreement.*

Art 8

- 1 *The Parties shall agree an executive protocol and evaluate co-operation results at least once in a year.*
- 2 *Any mutual contacts, which involve exchanges of formal delegations, groups of residents or other circles shall be made using the principle of equivalence, unless the Parties hereto decide otherwise.*
- 3 *Each Party itself shall pay any travel, stay and accommodation expenses. Other expenses in respect of travel shall be paid by the hosting party or as otherwise agreed.*

Art 9

The Parties shall exchange any publications and information necessary to develop their co-operation.

Art 10

This agreement shall be effective for the period of 5 (five) years. It will be renewed automatically for the next period of five years if none of the Parties terminates it by submitting a formal notification in writing at least 3 months before the period of effectiveness expires or in the course of its effectiveness.

Art 11

- 1 This agreement is made and signed on _____ at _____ in two sets of copies in the Maltese and English language, with all sets of texts having an identical legal power.*

- 3 Each of the Parties has a copy of the agreement in both Languages.*

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