
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Whereas the “Associazione Culturale Paese dell’Acqua” - from now on PDA - was born as a natural consequence of a process developed in collaboration with the Municipality of Sassinoro (BN), in conjunction with the World Water Day established by the United Nations. In 2008 the first edition of “Sassinoro Paese dell’Acqua” took place, a public event about the protection and the safeguarding of water resources, in an area known for the wealth of springs and public fountains;

Whereas PDA was created with the aim of protecting a natural heritage of fundamental importance for humanity, to disseminate the concepts relating to environmental protection anytime and anywhere;

Whereas PDA wants to communicate through an innovative and universal language, characterized by the widest independence and the possibility of being open to the contributions and ideas of anyone who cares about the water heritage of our planet:

Whereas PDA over the years, has become a point of reference for the provincial territory, with the involvement of numerous professionals from all over Italy and abroad, with the official support of the Province of Benevento, the Ministry of the Environment, the Parliament’s Intergroup “Sviluppo per la Montagna”, UNCEM (the National Union of Mountain Towns and Communities), and the collaboration with “H2O”, a national event organized by Bologna Fiere S.p.a.;

Whereas The event has definitely taken on a national territorial dimension, changing its name to "Paesi dell’Acqua", with the involvement of neighbouring municipalities and opening to numerous collaborations in various Italian regions, in which the network is developing through itinerant environmental culture events;

Whereas PDA is an official partner of Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), a global partnership made up of governments, civil society organizations and other development partners, who work together to coordinate high-level actions and to improve the conditions of access to

drinking water and sanitation.

Furthermore, SWA has made a formal request to PDA to stimulate institutions at local, national and international level through cooperation systems and proposals, in order to pursue the objective of guaranteeing the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (SDG n° 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation);

Whereas PDA is a recognized member of the Sustainable Development Forum of the Ministry of the Environment (MATTEM) for those who work in the field of sustainability policies, to ensure the active involvement of civil society, in the implementation of the National Strategy for sustainable development and in the related three-year updating processes;

Whereas PDA collaborates with organizations that have been operating for years in the sector of local authorities and utilities, providing training, assistance and consultancy services for the management of the integrated water service;

In the light of the above:

The "Associazione Culturale Paese dell'Acqua", through this Memorandum of Understanding proposes to the:

Municipality / Association / Organization

to sign this Memorandum of Understanding to be valid between the parties for effective collaboration on the issues mentioned in the introduction and with the commitment to pursue the following objectives:

A. To create an intangible network - RETE DEI PAESI DELL'ACQUA (PDA Network) - without administrative or other boundaries, composed of institutions, associations and other civil society organizations that are culturally characterized or identified with the water resource and in any case in general, with the protection of the environment. A "container" that is able to respond effectively to the territorial challenges, to promote initiatives, studies and research and to encourage a constant debate, in order to preserve the experiences gathered,

generating the necessary conditions to start a process of development and innovation capable to constantly exchange good practices, to trigger innovative processes for the protection of the water, landscape and cultural heritage, especially in the so-called internal areas of Italy;

B. To promote cultural, scientific, educational or other events, in order to generate work/collaboration opportunities, in view of the contents set out in the previous letter A;

C. To identify PDA Network as a virtual place for comparison on projects of all types and levels, for the monitoring and scouting of public and private (local, national, European) tenders, proposing individual or partnership initiatives to members.

D. Obtain the inclusion of the Partner's name and logo on the homepage of the PDA web site, and in every event organized by the PDA network including promotional material that may be distributed to companies, potential investors, through PDA volunteers, during events abroad and in Italy and on other networking occasions;

E. Access the PDA Network with the possibility to participate, as guests, in networking events promoted by the same or even as speakers in seminars and conferences.

F. Allow PDA to involve other public and private organizations that recognize themselves in the objectives set out in this protocol and to convey the initiative to other national and international territories, in a perspective consistent with the upcoming European 2021/2027 programming.

In order to formally adhere to this Memorandum of Understanding, it is necessary to send the form below, duly completed and signed in its entirety, to the following email address: info@paesellacqua.it.

APPLICATION FORM:

To the attention of the:
Culturale association PAESE DELL'ACQUA
Via Porta Iasimone 1
82026, Sassinoro (BN)

The Undersigned _____
date of birth: _____ place of birth: _____
resident in _____ address _____, n. _____
Tax Identification Number _____ as owner /legal representative
of the Municipality/Association/Organization _____
having its registered office in _____ address _____
Tax Identification Number _____ or VAT number _____

Declares:

- the desire to participate in all the initiatives carried out by the Associazione Culturale Paese dell'Acqua for the identification and establishment of the "Paesi dell'Acqua" network (PDA Network);
- that the proposed identification of the "Paesi dell'Acqua" network is consistent with the objectives practiced by the Applicant;
- to undertake to collaborate with PDA to achieve the objectives set out in this memorandum of understanding;
- not to be obliged to commit any economic sum for the signing of this agreement and for the pursuit of the objectives contained therein;
- to be able to withdraw from this agreement, communicating it at any time, by sending a certified electronic mail to the following email address: paesedellacqua@pec.it, or to: info@paesedellacqua.it;
- to authorize, in accordance with Articles 13, 14 and 15 of Regulation (EU) 679/2016, the acquisition and processing of the data contained in this form for the purposes of checks carried out by community, national and regional bodies.

The undersigned, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. 445 of 12/28/2000, declares that all the information contained in this form is true and he assumes full responsibility for it.

The undersigned, as the data subject, declares to have received the information and authorizes the processing of personal data in accordance with and for the purposes of Articles 13 and 14 of European Regulation EU / 2016/67.

Date _____.

Signature of the Applicant_____