

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between:

Associazione Nazionale dei Comuni Italiani, hereinafter referred as **ANCI**, 46, Via dei Prefetti , 00186 Roma, represented by Secretary General Mr Angelo RUGHETTI

And

International Management Group, hereinafter referred as **IMG**, 49 rue de Trèves, B-1000 Brussels, represented by its General Manager Mr. Dino BICCIATO,

Hereinafter referred as the "Parties", conclude the following Partnership Agreement.

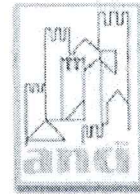
Whereas

ANCI (Associazione Nazionale dei Comuni d'Italia)

- is the National Association of Italian Municipalities, established in 1901 in order to represent and safeguard the municipalities' interests towards Parliament, Government, Regions, and other Central and International Institutions;
- promotes initiatives and studies related with municipalities and metropolitan cities issues, in order to strengthen its own institutional capacity to manage local policies and to anticipate trends, changes and critical situations in local public sector;
- promotes dissemination of administrative best practices among local institution in order to improve institutional capacities and cooperation between local Authorities;
- promotes the participation of citizens in building municipal policies and programs through proactive campaigns and focused territorial initiatives;
- promotes and co-ordinates the Italian Municipalities initiatives at international level and strengthen the international municipal co-operation.

And IMG

- is an international organization established in 1994 enjoying all privileges and immunities under international law.
- has as a mandate to assist its members and the international community in its interventions in different geographic areas and sectors.



- supporting the international community, provides technical expertise for beneficiary countries in crises, in post-war situations and in the transition and development process.
- intervenes all along the project cycle: identification, assessment, implementation and evaluation; its main areas of expertise have been developed through significant projects in infrastructure, water and sanitation, energy, rural development, SME development, education and governance, services supply and works contracts, supervision, monitoring and evaluation.

It has been agreed:

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

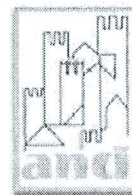
ANCI and IMG, in the context of this partnership, agree to develop joint activities and projects in order to increase their mutual capability and scope of interventions at European and international level;

ARTICLE 2: CONTENT OF THE PARTNERSHIP

a) The partnership shall be directed at conducting the following activities, the list not being restrictive:

- to develop initiatives in order to empower local authorities in planning and programming local development policies;
- to define instruments and methodologies in order to support local and central Authorities, at European and international level, in terms of territorial development and cooperation among territories;
- to identify and enhance best practices implemented by Municipalities at EU level aimed at creating thematic networks for exchange of experiences and mutual learning;
- to establish an European platform of the IMG Partners. This Platform will constitute a flagship initiative to promote the Partners notably vis a vis the EU or other donors.
- to promote cooperation for further participation in projects and programs.

b) Moreover, with specific regard to the Eastern Partnership process (EaP) which foresees a substantial upgrading of the level of engagement of EU with the six Partner Countries in the East (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine), IMG and ANCI will collaborate on the identification of a Pilot Regional Development Program (PRDP) aiming at addressing regional, economic and social disparities in the 6 countries above mentioned. A



first draft of the proposal to be addressed to European Commission is attached to the present Agreement .

ARTICLE 3: COORDINATION AND FOLLOW-UP

In order to ensure the proper and implementation of this Partnership a Coordination Committee will be established. The following officials of the Parties will be entrusted:

- Eric Tonon – IMG permanent Representative to the European Commission;
- Francesco Monaco – Head of the European Department of ANCI - Association of Italian Municipalities.

Ancitel, as main operational agency of ANCI, will support the Coordination Committee by carrying out all technical secretarial activities related with the effective implementation of this Agreement. In particular, the technical secretariat will be composed of Elisabetta La Gala and Roberto Lippi, both from Ancitel - Unit for European and International project.

ARTICLE 4: FINANCIAL ISSUES

Each specific joint project or common activity involving financial aspects will be conducted in accordance with a separate Financial Protocol to be concluded.

ARTICLE 5: FINAL PROVISIONS

This Partnership may be amended in writing by common consent of the Parties.

This Partnership Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature by both Parties and is done in two original copies.

Rome,

General Secretary ANCI

Angelo Rughetti

General Manager IMG

Dino Biciato



10 May 2011