



Union of Municipalities of Montenegro

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

The Association of Communes of Romania (ACoR),

represented by Mr. Emil DRĂGHICI, President

and

The Union of Municipalities of Montenegro (UOM),

represented by Ms. Mišela MANOJLOVIĆ, Secretary General

Preamble

This Cooperation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of **24.02.2025** by and between the **Association of Communes of Romania** and the **Union of Municipalities of Montenegro**, (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), with the common goal of fostering innovation and collaboration between municipalities in Romania and Montenegro in the field of smart community solutions.

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a framework for cooperation between the Parties, to promote the development and implementation of smart community solutions, exchange best practices, and facilitate joint initiatives that enhance digital transformation and sustainable urban development. Other objectives include facilitating networking opportunities, exchanging good practices in urban planning, e-government and decentralization, and exploring strategies for securing funding.

Article 2: Areas of Cooperation

The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

1. **Smart Infrastructure Development** – Exchange of knowledge and implementation strategies for smart transportation, energy efficiency, and digital public services.
2. **E-Governance and Digital Services** – Enhancing digital governance practices and promoting citizen engagement through innovative technologies.

3. **Sustainability and Green Technologies** – Implementation of environmentally friendly initiatives to promote sustainable urban development.
4. **Capacity Building and Training** – Organizing joint workshops, conferences, and training sessions for municipal representatives.
5. **Research and Innovation** – Encouraging joint research projects and pilot programs for smart city innovations.

Article 3: Forms of Cooperation

Cooperation under this Agreement may take the following forms:

1. Exchange of technical expertise, research, and policy insights.
2. Joint participation in European and international programs related to smart communities.
3. Development of collaborative pilot projects in selected municipalities.
4. Organization of seminars, forums, and knowledge-sharing events.
5. Any other form of collaboration as mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article 4: Implementation and Coordination

Each Party shall designate a representative responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Agreement and ensuring effective communication between the Parties. Regular meetings shall be held to assess progress and identify new opportunities for cooperation.

Article 5: Duration and Termination

1. The Agreement enters into force on the date of its signing for an indefinite period.
2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other Party.
3. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect ongoing activities initiated before the termination date.

The signatories reserve the right to make amendments and/or additions to this Agreement, if necessary, subject to mutual consent.

Article 6: Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

1. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Romania and Montenegro as applicable.
2. Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably through negotiation.

Article 7: Final Provisions

1. This Agreement is concluded in two originals, in English, the language of communication agreed by both parties.
2. Any amendments to this Agreement shall be made in writing and signed by both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of their respective institutions, have signed this Agreement on the date first above written.

Signed:

Emil DRĂGHICI

President

Association of Communes of Romania, Romania

Mišela Manojlović

Secretary General

Union of Municipalities of Montenegro, Montenegro

Date: [24/02/2025]