

THE BARI PLEDGE FOR A CLOSER COOPERATION IN THE LOWER ADRIATIC REGION

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED,

gathered in Bari on the occasion of the implementation of the “1st Lower Adriatic Transit System (LATS) Conference” in the framework of the Interreg – IPC CBC “LASTING” project,

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT:

- the Adriatic Sea has been a region of cultural, economic, and historical exchange for thousands of years; its shores have been home to various civilizations, and interactions between these communities have resulted in shared cultural and linguistic elements;
- throughout history, the Adriatic Sea has been a crucial route for maritime trade and cultural exchange, leading to the blending of different cultural features;
- in modern times, Italy, Montenegro and Albania share common historical legacies and cultural connections despite their unique national identities;
- overall, the history of common roots between the two shores of the Adriatic Sea is a complex tapestry of interactions between diverse civilizations, resulting in a rich and diverse cultural heritage in the Lower Adriatic region,

PLEDGE OURSELVES

to design, promote and support the implementation of cooperation plans among the Institutions we represent, looking forward to building intangible yet effective bridges across the Adriatic Sea, inspired by the words of the English poet Alexander Pope: “the sea unites countries that separates”.

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