

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
The National Research Council of Italy  
and  
the Ministry of Culture of Montenegro**

The National Research Council of Italy and the Ministry of Culture of Montenegro (hereinafter referred to as the Parties),

INSPIRED by their mutual desire to strengthen and enhance friendly relations started in the framework of common projects,

DESIROUS of promoting better mutual understanding in the field of protection and preservation of cultural properties,

CONVINCED that cultural heritage is one of the most significant potentials for exchange and cooperation, with the aim of better mutual acquaintance and understanding,

Have agreed the following:

**Article I - Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to further strengthen cooperation in conservation, restoration and research of cultural heritage in Italy and Montenegro. The Parties will, based on equality and mutual benefit, promote and support cooperation between institutions from the field of cultural heritage in research areas of most interest to both Parties.

**Article II - Forms of Cooperation**

Within this Memorandum, the cooperation may include the following activities:

- a) Joint conservation, restoration and research projects;
- b) Joint workshops and training in the field of cultural heritage;
- c) Other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon.

**Article III - Implementation**

This mode of cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 Both parties will support up to four joint research projects implemented on specific subjects with the participation of scientists from each country and will be mutually agreed in advance by both sides. The duration of a joint research project will normally be two years.

- 2.2 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced by each Party in April/May every two years. The first call for proposals will be announced in May 2019 with a deadline for application on 30 June 2019.
- 2.3 The joint research projects will be expected to start on 1 January 2020.
- 2.4 Both parties, National Research Council of Italy and Ministry of Culture of Montenegro, will a) gather all the applications from their respective sides, b) review them separately, and c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of December every two years.
- 2.5 The list of joint research projects mutually approved (those best evaluated by each Party) shall be annexed to this Memorandum.

#### **Article IV Financial Support**

The financial conditions for the approved joint research projects shall be the following:

- 4.1 The Parties agree that all initiatives mentioned in this Memorandum shall be carried out within the limits of the funds allocated in their respective annual budget.
- 4.2 The Parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the program, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 4.3 For each project, Ministry of Culture of Montenegro will provide annually up to EUR 10.000 to the Montenegrin team, and National Research Council of Italy will provide up to EUR 10.000 to the Italian team.
- 4.4 Travel (international and domestic) and accommodation expenses for participants shall be borne by the sending Party.
- 4.5 The support given by the Parties to the research teams shall complement the proper resources of each team, and is intended to subsidize the general costs linked to the international nature of the projects, the costs of international travel (mainly transportation and per-diem expenses). Each research team may apply for complementary support from other institutions.
- 4.6 Both Parties shall re-evaluate the amount of the allowances in relation to inflation and in accordance with the provisions existing in each country.

#### **Article V Medical insurance**

The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country. The responsibility for the provision of adequate insurance against accidents that may occur during the stay in the host country will rest with the sending Party.

The receiving Party will provide the visitor with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.



## **Article VI – Intellectual Properties**

Each Party shall ensure legal means for the protection of intellectual property rights of all materials obtained in the framework of this Memorandum, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in its country.

No Party shall transmit any commercially valuable confidential information obtained in pursuance of this Memorandum to any third Party without prior written consent of the Party from which such information originated.

## **Article VII – Final provisions**

This Memorandum does not exclude the realization of other exchanges in the field of culture.

Any activities carried out pursuant to this Memorandum, by any of the Parties, shall be done in accordance with the laws, regulations and procedures of that Party.


All differences that might arise in the course of this Memorandum shall be settled through diplomatic channels.

This Memorandum can be amended or modified by mutual consent of the Parties. The amendments or modifications shall be made in writing.

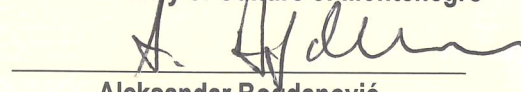
This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect until 31 December 2022. The Memorandum could be extended by the consent of both Parties.

Signed in Rome, on 31 May 2019, in two original copies, in English language.

**For the National Research Council of Italy**

  
**Massimo Inguscio**  
*President*

**For the Ministry of Culture of Montenegro**

  
**Aleksandar Bogdanović**  
*Minister*