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Comune di Albissola Marina

Friendship agreement between Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune.

The municipalities of Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune hereby enter into this friendship agreement.

The aim of the co-operation is to encourage international understanding, strengthen the liaison of culture and friendship between our citizens, support local businesses in marketing their products, and create our own, unique identity in the global market.

Through active teamwork, joint participation in regional and international networks and common projects our two local communities can benefit from international strength, knowledge and financial support.

All of this will contribute to a positive development in the local communities.

Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune are both self-supporting municipalities.

The starting point of our mutual interests and challenges is our resemblance in a number of areas. These similarities form a natural vantage point for the co-operation and further development.

Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune are both independent authorities and financial units of limited size and resources.

Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune share a near-coast geography, and the sea is an important premise of origin and development in our societies.

Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune both depend on tourism as their main occupation.

Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune offer culinary experiences and fine produce, with a shared emphasis on tourism as their primary occupation.

Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune share the rich historical heritage of Asger Jorn's life – in the form of houses, activities and works.

Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune are both active art societies with art studios and creative artists; potters in particular.

Internationalization and globalisation have an impact on the everyday life of citizens, institutions and companies, and define a new framework for the options available to us.

Increased competition for jobs and employees makes bigger demands on service and innovation, renewal and reorganisation in the local communities.

Globalisation is reinforced by the still increasing role and leverage of the EU on the portfolio of tasks in the local communities.

We see an important point in taking advantage of the shared knowledge and relations, to build the future on.

We will work together in numerous areas of particular relevance.

The form of the co-operation should, to a large extent, be defined by specific projects with different partnerships, depending on the subject matter.

We will apply for EU-funds in support of citizens in Europe and national programmes, co-financed by the municipalities involved, and with the support of funds and programmes in the EU.

The friendship agreement builds on the intent to work for the general objectives of our friendship, and the focus areas that we choose, locally and together, throughout the period.

We will set up a task force in both Albisola Marina and Læsø Kommune, who will jointly define action plans and ensure the formation of networks, relations and exchange. The task force will consist of office representatives of the political managements and town councils, as well as representatives of our cultural institutions, tourism and other business areas and local associations.

Together, we will start up and develop friendship projects. The projects will add new skills and draw attention to the potential synergies that lie within a common coordination of efforts in different focus areas.

The aim of the friendship agreement applies for all levels, whereby local politicians, council officers from both the local administrations and all local citizens can be part of the friendship initiatives and networks.

We will establish a number of formal co-operation fora and procedures for the official meetings.

We will determine joint communication procedures for websites etc.

In some cases, we need to investigate the funding potential of joint projects.

The friendship partners communicate in English.

Signatures

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