



CITTA' DI TORINO



**FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION PACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORINO
AND
THE CITY OF KHARKIV**

The City of Torino of the Republic of Italy and the City of Kharkiv of Ukraine hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

considering that the strengthening of dialogue is a fundamental step towards the development and promotion of the relations between the Parties,

considering the links and projects that unite the Parties and their communities in their territories,

within the scope of their competences, hereby agree on the following:

Article 1

(Goals and scope)

This Friendship and Collaboration Pact aims to encourage exchanges, promote friendship and values such as democracy and social integration between their respective citizens, by collaborating in areas of municipal and economic development, education and culture, social and health care, and environmental protection.

Article 2

(Clause of compliance with regulatory provisions)

This Friendship and Collaboration Pact will be implemented in accordance with the laws of Italy and Ukraine, as well as applicable international law and, for the Italian Party, with the obligations arising from Italy's membership of the European Union.

Article 3

(Cooperation activities)

In order to achieve the objectives set forth in Article No. 1, the Parties will carry out the following activities of mere international relevance:

a) Municipal development

The Parties will promote and implement initiatives in the following areas:

- sustainable urban mobility, with efficient, environmentally friendly, reliable, and accessible solutions;
- environmental sustainability policies, including waste management, water resources, renewable energy and new technologies;
- territorial governance and sustainable city management, including the exchange of information, training, and experiences in urban and planning development, both in the public and private sectors;
- urban food policy (from the management of local trade in city markets to nutrition for children and vulnerable people, from cultural initiatives and food fairs to urban agriculture);
- youth policies, employment policies, and vocational training.

b) Local economic development

The Parties intend to support and encourage, with the support of the relevant economic bodies and trade associations, collaboration between the business systems of their respective territories in the various sectors that foster local development (tourism, commerce, agri-food and artisanal activities, the social and solidarity economy, promotion of employment and entrepreneurship, especially among young people) in order to foster economic and commercial development.

c) Educational and cultural cooperation

The Parties, with respect for the autonomy of the relevant institutions, will support collaboration between their respective educational and training institutions including through the exchange of students, teachers and knowledge, with a view to mutual scientific and cultural enrichment. These activities will be carried out in accordance with current safety requirements and, in particular, exchanges involving the stay of Italian students and teachers in Ukraine will be temporarily suspended until the current geopolitical situation has resolved.

The Parties will promote and implement activities that foster exchange and collaboration between museums and cultural, and artistic institutions in their respective territories.

They will also foster the enhancement cultural heritage and promote initiatives related to youth creativity.

d) Collaboration in social and health-related areas relevant at the local level

The Parties intend to collaborate in the implementation of policies aimed at promoting multiculturalism, inclusion, integration, gender perspectives, and equal opportunities.

The Parties will explore possibilities for collaboration in relation to social and health policies relevant at the local level.

The Parties recognize that, for shared activities and projects, they will apply the principles of territorial partnership.

Article 4

(Clause of financial neutrality)

All activities envisaged or arising from the implementation of this Friendship and Collaboration Pact shall be covered by the budget of the Parties, without generating financial burdens for the respective National Governments.

Article 5

(Disclosure)

The Italian Party will inform its Embassy of any initiatives developed and progresses made as a result of this Friendship and Collaboration Pact.

Article 6

(Amendments and Integrations)

Any amendments or additions to this Friendship and Collaboration Pact may be set forth by written agreement of the Parties in accordance with official procedures applicable to the authorization of this Friendship and Collaboration Pact.

Article 7

(Interpretive divergences)

Any divergence in the interpretation or implementation of this Friendship and Collaboration Pact shall be amicably settled through direct consultations between the Parties.

Article 8

(Execution and duration)

This Friendship and Collaboration Pact takes effect upon signature and will last for a period of five (5) years. It will be automatically renewed for further periods of five (5) years, unless the Parties expressly agree otherwise, to be notified at least three (3) months before the date set for renewal and in compliance with the procedures established by their respective legal systems.

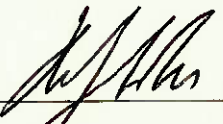
Either Party may terminate the effectiveness of this Friendship and Collaboration Pact at any time by giving written notice to the other Party.

Termination of this Friendship and Collaboration Pact will not affect the implementation of ongoing programs and activities, which will continue until their completion, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.

Signed in Torino on 1 JULY 2026 in two (2) originals each in the Italian, English and Ukrainian languages, all texts being equally authentic.

For the City of Torino

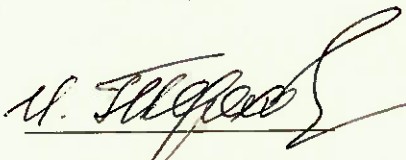
The Mayor



Stefano Lo RUSSO

For the City of Kharkiv

The Mayor



Ihor TEREKHOV