



Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Athens and the City of Adelaide

The **City of Athens**, represented by **Mayor Haris Doukas**, and the **City of Adelaide**, represented by **Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith AM**, (hereinafter referred to, collectively, as the **Parties**, and each, a **Party**);

Recognizing the crucial role of cities in the stability, development, prosperity, sustainability and well-being of their societies and their citizens;

Wishing to establish their cooperation, exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on multiple levels;

Hereby agree to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) according to the following provisions:

I. Cultural Cooperation

- The Parties shall pursue cultural and artistic cooperation and exchanges by organizing joint exhibitions, festivals or other relevant events.
- The Parties shall encourage high level cultural exchanges allowing their respective visitors to have a positive multiplier effect on the branding of their cities.

II. Tourism Cooperation

- The Parties shall establish their tourism cooperation by facilitating contacts between their competent municipal Council, city, departments and/or agencies.
- The Parties shall examine appropriate ways to encourage travel of their citizens to each other's respective city in order for them to visit their monuments and local landmarks, thus becoming acquainted with the local history, tradition and culture.

III. City Resilience and Smart City Solutions- Digitalization of Services

- The Parties shall exchange best-practices and know-how on areas relevant to the resilience of modern urban centers, such as energy efficiency of municipal buildings, natural disaster prevention and emergency planning, public health protection measures and climate change mitigation challenges.
- The Parties shall facilitate contacts between their respective municipal departments or agencies and they shall exchange their experiences on their respective design policies and practices pertaining to green spaces, public squares and public areas.
- The Parties shall make every effort to use digital solutions for the benefit of its inhabitants and business.
- The Parties shall exchange best practices and know-how on the digitalization of municipal services, such as the issuance of official forms, licenses, and electronic applications without requiring the citizen's physical presence.
- The parties shall share information about initiatives and approaches to effectively leverage digitalization to boost citizens' well-being through smart technologies, applications and digital innovations including cybersecurity and artificial intelligence (AI).

IV. Cooperation in the field of environmental protection

The Parties undertake to promote cooperation in the field of environmental protection by facilitating contacts between their respective departments or municipal bodies.

The Parties will exchange best practices and share information on the resilience of modern urban centers, specifically on issues related to the challenges of climate change mitigation and its impact on people's well-being.

VI. Implementation, Duration and Modification of the MoU

- This MoU shall be implemented taking into consideration the respective jurisdiction limits and national legislation of each Party.
- All measures and provisions of this MoU shall be implemented with due regard to the organizational and financial resources available by the Parties at any given time.
- The exchange of visits should be announced in good time so as to allow for thorough and in time preparation and organization by the welcoming Party. The travel and accommodation expenses arising from a delegation's visit shall be covered by the delegation itself, unless mutually agreed otherwise by the Parties.
- This MoU enters into force on the date of its signature and is set to be valid for 3 years, with the possibility to be renewed upon mutual agreement. Either Party may terminate this MoU through written notice to the other party.
- Six months prior to the scheduled conclusion of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall liaise regarding the potential for its mutually agreed extension or termination.

- This MoU is not intended to be legally binding for either party.

Signed in Athens/Adelaide on .../.../202.., in two original copies in Greek and English.

On behalf of the City of Athens

Haris Doukas
Mayor of Athens

On behalf of the City of Adelaide

Jane Lomax-Smith AM
Lord Mayor of Adelaide