



FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEYOĞLU AND THE CITY OF GENOA

In Istanbul, Beyoğlu, on the 7th of February , year 2007, are present: the District of Beyoğlu, represented by the Deputy Mayor Arif Koklu, and the City of Genoa, represented by the Deputy Mayor Anna Castellano, named PARTIES, seen the previous agreements between the two countries, establish to cooperate in different domains.

Considering the ancient links and historical and cultural relations between the two cities, evidenced by the fact that Galata, nowadays part of the district of Beyoglu in Istanbul, was a genoese settlement in the time of the Republic of Genoa and by tangible signs of the genoese presence as the Galata Tower, the PARTIES intend to develop further contacts, helping the mutual collaboration, the development of common projects in the domains of tourism, economy, culture and social life, with regard of each other administrative features.

- 1) The PARTIES will promote the exchange of information and experiences in the fields of economy, culture and tourism.
- 2) The PARTIES will cooperate during the next years to the preparation and organization of events, in order to develop the mutual understanding.
- 3) The PARTIES will promote the development of collaboration in the field of tourism, as an important mean in increasing awareness of the ambient, artistic and human patrimony of the District of Beyoğlu, of the City of Genoa and the Liguria.
- 4) The PARTIES will sustain the organizations operating in tourism in their regions of competence. The PARTIES will exchange tourist information, using existing web sites, distributing promotional material in info – points, as well as taking part in fairs, seminars and tourist workshops.

- 5) The PARTIES will promote the enlargement of economic cooperation and the improvement of the relations between companies operating in the respecting cities and regions.
- 6) The PARTIES will exchange experiences on the activities carried out by Genoa, as European Capital of Culture in the year 2004.
- 7) The PARTIES engage themselves to promote exchanges of artistic groups, teams and of specialists in the fields of sports and show business during expositions, fairs, festivals or events of national relevance;
- 8) PARTIES engage themselves to promote the development of youth projects and youth exchanges in the respecting cities.

COMMISSION OF COORDINATION

The parties agree that the “Kültür Eğitim ve Sosyal İşler Müdürlüğü“, for the City of Beyoğlu, and the “Unità organizzativa Gabinetto del Sindaco” as well as the “ Unità Organizzativa Comunicazione”, for the City of Genoa, will coordinate the development of the present agreement.

EXPIRATION

This Agreement will come into force from the date of signing.

This Agreement will expire 6 month after that one party has received a written communication, by which the other party states his will to cease its legal value.

This document has been compiled in Genoa, the February 5 2007, in Turkish and in Italian, both texts are identical and have the same legal value.

Conform to what has been exposed, the present Agreement is signed in the City of Istanbul, Beyoğlu, the February 7 2007.

On the Behalf of The Mayor
Giuseppe Pericu,

The Deputy Mayor
Anna Castellano

On the Behalf of The Mayor
Ahmet Misbah Demircan,

The Deputy Mayor
Arif Köklü