

Joint Protocol for International Cooperation

Between:

- **A.R.P.A.V. – Regional Agency for Environmental Prevention and Protection of Veneto** – which address is Via Matteotti, 27 – 35137 Padova ITALIA, Represented by its General Director, Mr. Andrea Drago, hereafter called ARPAV;

and

- **E.C.A.T. – Environmental Centre for Administration and Technology**, which address is Rr."Abdyl Frasheri" Pall.16,shk.6.ap.53 - Tirana, ALBANIA Represented by its Executive Director, Mrs.Marieta Mima, hereafter called ECAT;

Hereafter jointly called the PARTS;

Considering

- That ARPAV is a public body which goal is to control and preserve the environment in order to help the identification and elimination of risks to humans and to the environment. Its principal activities are:
 - controlling of the environment including sources of pollution (e.g. industrial emissions, waste, radiation);
 - monitoring of the state of the environment, particularly the quality of air, water, and soil;
 - preventing risk factors and promoting an education aimed at favouring life styles, which respect the environment.
- That ARPAV coordinates its activities closely with others public bodies and private organisations in order to complete its tasks and to develop, also on international landscape, its expertises, exchanging best practices and being constantly partner and leader within several international projects or cooperation activities.
- That ECAT is a centre – part of a network which aim is promote sustainable development principles in Eastern Europe and Russia – that develops international cooperation to establish best technologies and identify sources for funding environmental actions in cities, regions and countries.
- That during the past months ECAT contacted ARPAV, in order to assess the possibility to start joint activities of environmental cooperation;
- That this aim is consistent with the European Partnership with Albania for the Stabilisation and Association Process started with the negotiations of Thessaloniki summit in 2003 and formally subscribed by Albany Government in December 2006 with the signature of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (ratified from Italian Government on January 2008).
- That European Union encourages regional cooperation between the countries of the Western Balkans region and cross-border cooperation with EU Member States aimed

to help those countries to reach European standards relating to aspects of the Community acquis, sectoral policies (i.e. environment), justice, freedom, security, etc.

After considering all that:

1. The PARTS with this Protocol, express their aim to develop a shared cooperation and agree on the need to increase knowledge and well established best practices exchange concerning the use of passive sampling as an indicative method for preliminary evaluation of air quality related to traffic in Tirana area, through the creation of a partnership and through the mutual availability of know-how, specific professional, technical and scientific skills and, if needed, specific training.
2. ARPAV undertakes to provide the services, the products and the activities detailed sub 3) in consideration of the payment detailed sub 4).
3. ARPAV warrants to ECAT its technical and scientific support to carry out one air quality monitoring campaign of NO₂ levels in the city of Tirana, through the following tasks:
 - to purchase Radiello ® passive samplers for NO₂ monitoring survey, to be used in 35 sites x 1 survey (autumn season);
 - to support ECAT's technical personnel in selecting and geo-referencing the sites to be monitored;
 - to train ECAT's technical personnel in positioning, collecting and handling the Radiello ® samplers;
 - to support ECAT's technical personnel in positioning the Radiello ® samplers during the survey;
 - after the ambient exposure, to analyse the content of NO₂ in Radiello ®'s cartridges; samples will be sent by ECAT to ARPAV's laboratory following the expert's instructions;
 - to send the technical results within the maximum term of 35 days after the samples have been received.
 - to prepare a technical report on activities held in Tirana during the NO₂ monitoring survey including NO₂ monitoring results.
4. For the tasks listed below, the PARTS agree on a mission of 4-5 days, in the city of Tirana, for one ARPAV's air quality expert. The PARTS agree on the fact that the costs for the mission and all the technical activities and support mentioned above will be in charge of ECAT as detailed below:

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5. ECAT will reimburse ARPAV for all expenses incurred in the discharge of his obligation within the terms of 60 (sixty) days from the receiving of ARPAV formal payment request (with statement of expenses), to TESORIERE UNICREDIT BANCA AGENZIA di PADOVA - VIA TRIESTE 51 **code BICSWIFT - UNCRIT 2B920 - IBAN code: IT56C0200812100000040463719**. Expenses have to be accounted for and reimbursement will be made against vouchers and according to the budget.
6. The services shall be carried out by the PARTS with all due despatch, care, accuracy and attention, and in compliance with the highest standards of relevant established current concerning professional practice, within the deadlines set

herein.

7. All communications and all informations whether written, visual or oral and all other material exchanged by the PARTS in pursuance of this Protocol and relating to any improvement, report, recommendation or advice given shall be treated by the each of the PARTS as confidential and shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of the other, nor used for any purpose other than pursuant to and for the purpose of this Protocol.
8. This Protocol will be governed by, and construed in accordance with the substantive Law of Italy. Any dispute arising in connection with this agreement will be amicably settled between the parts. If, in spite of such attempt, the dispute is not amicably resolved within 15 days from the date it has been raised by one part to the other, it is agreed that either parts shall resort to arbitration in accordance with the Rules of the Chamber of Commerce in Padova. The arbitration procedure will be led in English and will be held in Padova, Italy.
9. This act is written and signed in two copies, in English language.

Padova – Tirana, October 2008

Read , approved and signed.

A.R.P.A.V.

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