



FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

We,

- Mayor of Gorizia (Italy)
- Mayor of Nova Gorica (Slovenia)
- Mayor of Klagenfurt am Wörthersee (Austria)
- Mayor of Zalaegerszeg (Hungary)

Freely elected representatives of our citizens,

Certain that we act on behalf of the sincere wishes and real needs of our populations,

Affirming our value of respecting human rights, which we hold as inviolable and inalienable,

Recognizing that the growing interdependence of different national societies necessitates an international, global democratic order, the foundation for a real peace,

Convinced that the ties that bind the towns of our continent constitute a fundamental element upon the path towards developing European citizenship and thus promote a Europe of human dimensions,

According to the relationships established between our countries,

COMMITMENT THIS DAY

To maintain permanent ties between the governments of our municipalities in order to promote our dialogue, to exchange our experiences and to implement all joint activities which may foster mutual improvement in all domains that fall within our competences,

To encourage and support exchanges between our fellow citizens in order to ensure, through greater mutual understanding and efficient cooperation, the true spirit of European brotherhood for our now common destiny,

To act according to the rules of hospitality, with respect for our diversities, in an atmosphere of trust and in a spirit of solidarity,

To guarantee for all people the possibility of participating in the exchanges between our communities without discrimination of any form,

To promote the universal values of liberty, democracy, equality and the rule of Law, through our exchanges and cooperation,

To focus our efforts using all the means at our disposal to support the success of this essential undertaking for peace, progress and prosperity, which is EUROPEAN UNITY

Place ... *Gorizia*

Date ... *18/09/2014*

Signature

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