



COOPERATION AGREEMENT



between

**The Municipality of Constanta, Constanta County from Romania
and**

The City of Fort Lauderdale, State of Florida from the United States of America

The Municipality of Constanta, Constanta County from Romania, and the City of Fort Lauderdale, State of Florida from the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as Parties.

In view of the friendly relations between the local public administration authorities of the two administrative-territorial units and the communities they represent, based on mutual respect and support in different areas of common interest.

Convinced of the necessity of opening new possibilities for collaborative relations, they agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties will support the development of bilateral relations in the following areas: trade, tourism, cruise tourism in particular (exchange of experience, planning and organizing joint tourism events, promoting the Parties' tourism potential), education, culture, sport (exchange of experience, organizing cultural and sports events, support for internship opportunities, etc.), according to their competencies and to the laws in force in Romania and the United States of America.

ARTICLE 2

The Parties will consider the possibilities of promoting economic and social development projects in the areas mentioned in the Cooperation Agreement, for the benefit of the two communities.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties express their willingness to develop the mutually beneficial cooperation and, to this end, will create favorable conditions for economic and commercial activities for natural persons and legal entities operating in their territorial-administrative units under their jurisdiction. The Parties will pay special attention to the collaboration between small and medium-sized enterprises and will support their participation in fairs and exhibitions organized in the two countries. They may also agree to cooperate and exchange experiences with local authorities from other states within the legal framework established by the laws in force in the respective countries.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties will develop cooperation in the field of environmental protection by elaborating and implementing strategies to prevent and combat causes that are detrimental to the ecological balance of their cities.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties and operators in the tourism industry will organize mutual visits of businessmen and companies which carry out economic activities in the field of tourism with a view of assessing possibilities of capitalization of the local tourist potential and of the increase of the flow of tourists in both cities and adjacent areas.

ARTICLE 6

The Parties, within the limits of their economic possibilities, will intensify cultural and sports exchanges, facilitating to this end the collaboration between associations, artistic ensembles, public institutions and local organizations.

ARTICLE 7

The Parties will analyze opportunities to promote local projects with economic and social potential at international festivals, exhibitions, fairs and salons.

ARTICLE 8

Local public administration authorities will support the development of exchanges of experience between teachers and students from education establishments within their communities.

ARTICLE 9

Local authorities will engage in exchanges of experience on issues that arise within the communities they represent and the most suitable ways to deal with them. Visits will be encouraged between the residents of the Municipality of Constanta and the City of Fort Lauderdale, in order to found associations that would contribute to the development of the cooperation in areas of mutual interest. Meetings of official delegations, led by the Mayor of Constanta, respectively the Mayor of Fort Lauderdale or by other representatives appointed by them, will be held periodically and alternatively in the Municipality of Constanta and in the City of Fort Lauderdale, in order to conduct the cooperation balance and establish future working arrangements.

ARTICLE 10

Each Party shall designate a coordinator to pursue the effective implementation of this Cooperation Agreement. The coordinators appointed by the Parties will carry out an implementation plan and will propose additional actions that can be undertaken by both Parties.

ARTICLE 11

The Parties will cover independently the costs incurred during the implementation of this Cooperation Agreement, within the limits of the national laws of the two Parties.

ARTICLE 12

This Cooperation Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and shall come into force upon the date of signature. The cooperation document can be modified and/or completed by written consent of the two Parties. Changes and additions will come into force upon the date of signature.

The termination of this Cooperation Agreement will not affect the implementation of programme and projects commenced during its term of validity, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. Each Party may denounce the Cooperation Agreement by written notification addressed to the other Party. The denunciation comes into force three months after the receipt of that notification.

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this Cooperation Agreement will be amicably settled by the Parties through direct negotiation.

Signed in Fort Lauderdale, on October 8, 2019, in two original copies, each copy contains versions in Romanian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of differences of interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.



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