

CAMERA DI COMMERCIO
AREZZO-SIENA

Letter of Commitment Associated Partner

With this signature, I confirm that Chamber of Commerce of Arezzo-Siena is committed in being an Associated Partner in a European Union **Erasmus+ call for European Universities - Development of deep institutional transnational cooperation** proposal "AcrossEU" submitted by the Caen University (FR). The Alliance consists of Université de Caen Normandie (France), Lapland University consortium with two members, the University of Lapland and Lapland University of applied Sciences (Finland), University of Pardubice (Czech Republic), Università degli Studi di Siena (Italy), Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (North Macedonia), Umeå University (Sweden) and Universidad de Valladolid (Spain) and one associated partner, Université de Fribourg (Switzerland). The AcrossEU Alliance will submit the proposal to the call by February 6th, 2024 deadline.

I hereby declare that *Chamber of Commerce of Arezzo-Siena* will actively contribute to the proposed activities of the alliance. In particular, our institutional commitment will focus on AcrossEU activities participating in the deepening of Europe of Regions. The Alliance will favor the collaboration between their respective regions (Lapland (FI), Västerbotten (SE), Normandie (FR), Toscana (IT), Castilla Y Leon (ES), Pardubice (CZ), Skopje (MAC) and Fribourg (CH) with an aspiration to create mobility projects, joint initiatives and actions. The AcrossEU Alliance regions will thus pave the way to a new European Identity driven through inter-regional cooperation promoting European values for all. Successful partnership between universities, regions and other stakeholders from the economic and social environment will serve as an example of new innovative European global collaboration. We engage in participating in these activities for the service of society, to deepen European citizenship and democracy. This project aims to promote the attractiveness and competitiveness of our regions and as an active body of our territory, we are keen to support AcrossEU objectives. The long-term strategy of this project will allow its sustainability and its large impact creating new future collaborations with higher education institutions, alliances and various institutions from many other countries.

In return, Chamber of Commerce of Arezzo-Siena is expecting the following benefits from the upcoming collaboration with the AcrossEU Alliance: promotion of attractiveness and competitiveness of Arezzo and Siena provinces, future collaborations and interesting partnerships for stakeholders, University and Students, improvement of global collaboration and mobility for students.

Chamber of Commerce of Arezzo-Siena acknowledges that Associate of other forms of active Partnership in this proposal does not entitle Chamber of Commerce of Arezzo-Siena direct financial contribution from the project funds. However, participation in the agreed actions, development projects and piloting actions of project will be partially covered, but are subjected to case-by-case approval by the AcrossEU partners involved. In addition, whenever possible existing partnership under for example Erasmus+, Regional ERDF funds, Interreg Europe and the like EU instruments should be utilised and intensified.

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President
(Massimo Guasconi)

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