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International Network of Towns – Active Citizenship and Town Twinning

Final Policy Making Meeting

**The International Presence of Local Authorities:
Town Twinning, City Diplomacy and the Private Sector**

Venice, 16-17 October 2011

Wednesday, 16 November 2011

- 14.30 – 15.00 Registration of participants
- 15.00 – 15.45 **Opening Session: Welcoming Addresses**
Antonella Valmorbidia, ALDA Director
Andrea Ferrazzi, Municipality of Venice, Councillor to Education, sport and family policies;
Anna Cozzoli, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency of the European Commission
- 15.45 – 16.30 **“Challenges and opportunities of the European twinning system”**
Presentation and debate with participants
Manuella Portier, Twinning working group, Council of European Municipalities and Regions
- 16.30 – 17.00 *Coffee Break*
- 17.00 – 17.30 **“From Twinning to City Diplomacy: The Future of Local Authorities’ International Relations”**
Presentation and debate with participants
Representative of Local Authorities engaged in citizens’ diplomacy
- 17.30 – 18.00 **“The Role of the Private Sector in Twinning Relations”**
Presentation and debate with participants
Gianangelo Bellati, Unioncamere Veneto Region.
Representative of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia, International Relations
- 18.00 – 18.30 **“International cooperation between enterprises and Local Authorities. The experience of Leader + and GAL in Italy”**
Presentation and debate with participants
Daniele Toniolo, President CIA Veneto.
- 18.30 *Cocktail*



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Thursday, 17 November 2011

- 9.30 – 10.00 **Welcome and Introduction to Working Groups**
- 10.00 – 13.00 **Working Groups***
- a) City Diplomacy: A Practical Guide**
Representative of Local Authorities engaged in citizens' diplomacy
Mario De Donatis, Apulia Region.
- b) Technical Assistance to Twinned Towns: Needs and Potential**
Ivana Dimitrovska, Decentralised Cooperation Programme Lower
Normandy/Macedonia.
- c) How to involve the private sector in your town's international relations**
Daniele Toniolo, President CIA Veneto
Representative of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia, International
Relations
- *coffee break during the working groups*
- 13.00 – 15.00 Lunch
- 15.00 – 15.30 **Reports from Working Groups**
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Closing Session**
Antonella Valmorbida, ALDA Director
Diego Vecchiato, International Relations, Veneto Region



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