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Project 2soft/2.1/153 "RO MD Cross-Border Wine Tourism Cluster Development"

STATUTE of the WINE TOURISM CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

The international network of cooperation operating under the name " RO MD Cross-Border Wine Tourism Cluster Development ", hereinafter referred to as "Cluster" is an informal, voluntary association of economic and scientific institutions, hereinafter referred to as "Participants", which use their economic and intellectual potential, a way to create new technologies for the use of environmentally friendly wine routes through the international exchange and promotion of ideas, knowledge and experience, the introduction of new technologies, the creation of new jobs through the creation of effective mechanisms for the work of authorities, educational and scientific institutions, including on the principles of international and cross-border cooperation and public-private partnership.

1.LOCATION AND TERRITORY OF THE CLUSTER:

1.1. Location of the Cluster governing bodies:

Strada Brăilei, nr. 3, etaj 1, Galati, Romania;

Cikalov street 2/2, Comrat, Moldova

1.2. Territory of operation: Republic of Moldova and Romania(Galati, Vaslui, Iasi counties).

1.3. Mission of the Cluster - Development of wine and touristic routes.

1.4. The main goal of the Cluster is to organize and implement effective and mutually beneficial joint programs and projects (cluster projects) based on the combination of information, financial, technological, resources of the participants, as well as with the attraction of external funding in the following subject areas:

1.4.1. Development of new wine and tourist routes;

1.4.2. Introduction of new technologies in the modernization of wine routes;

1.4.3. Creating favorable conditions for the inclusion of new tourist points in the wine routes;

1.5. The joint activities of the Cluster participants are aimed at solving the following tasks: 1.5.1. Increasing the economic competitiveness of wine tourism enterprises in the territory of the Cluster of joint organized pro-innovation actions of individuals, institutions and organizations on the basis of the commercial and intellectual of its participants.

1.5.2. Intensification of actions aimed at the intervention of economic entities, institutions, self-government bodies and the formation of cross-border cooperation.

1.5.3. Promoting the development of the market for environmentally friendly technologies;

1.5.4. Assistance in the development of industrial, organizational and financial cooperation of the participants in the cluster;

1.5.5. Organization and strengthening of communication between members of the Cluster and business travel agencies, state and local authorities;

- 1.5.6. Implementation of technological innovations at the enterprises of the Cluster due to the effective interaction of participants;
- 1.5.7. Implementation of research and development work (R&D) and experimental design work (R&D) aimed at solving urgent and promising problems facing the Cluster;
- 1.5.8. assistance in training personnel for the processing industry

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 2.1. The cluster is not a legal entity.
- 2.2. For the implementation of the statutory activities of the Cluster, carried out through the system of contracts, its system of contracts, indicated hereinafter - the Leader elected by the Council of the Cluster from among the members of the Cluster.
- 2.2. Cluster participants on the basis of their projects, programs, courses, activities concluded within the framework of their activities, concluded within the framework of their activities. in accordance with this Charter.
- 2.3. This Charter does not impose any property and financial obligations on the Cluster members, and also does not establish any restrictions on their independence and autonomy in the implementation of their statutory activities.
- 2.4. Each member of the Cluster has the right to get acquainted with all the information and documentation, to carry out joint activities and common business of the participants in accordance with the current legislation.
- 2.5. The Cluster is open for other organizations to join in the manner established by the Cluster Council.
- 2.6. This Charter defines the general conditions and main directions of cooperation between the participants.

3. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF CLUSTER MEMBERS

- 3.1. The Participant does not bear legal, property or other responsibility for the results of the Cluster's activities.
- 3.2. The Cluster is not responsible for the obligations of the Participant.
- 3.3. Cluster members have the right to:
 - 3.3.1. To elect and be elected in the governing bodies of the Cluster; - have access to information materials , Cluster documentation; - to take part in competitions, programs, projects within the Cluster on a bilateral or multilateral basis with other Participants; - take part in all organizational activities of the Cluster;
 - 3.3.2. To receive information at the disposal of the Cluster about the activities of the Cluster.
- 3.4. Cluster members must:
 - 3.4.1. ensure the interests of the Cluster in relations with third parties;
 - 3.4.2. contribute to the comprehensive development of the Cluster's activities;
 - 3.4.3. maintain the confidentiality of information of a commercial nature, determined by the relevant Cluster documentation;
 - 3.4.4. to notify the Cluster members about information and materials relevant to the Cluster's activities that are essential for the operation of the Cluster.

4. SOURCES OF FINANCING

- 4.1. The sources of financing for the Cluster's activity programs are financial and other funds accumulated by the Leader:



- 4.1.2. allocated by the Cluster Members;
- 4.1.3. received under government programs;
- 4.1.4. attracted from other persons for specific projects, including and as loan repayable funds;
- 4.1.5. received from national and international funds and development institutions, including those defined by national legislation as international technical assistance.

5. GOVERNING BODIES

5.1. The supreme governing body of the Cluster's activities is the Cluster Council - a general meeting of the heads of all organizations - Cluster Participants, or their appointed representatives, acting on the basis of powers of attorney drawn up in accordance with the procedure established by the current legislation.

5.2. The permanent collegial governing body of the Cluster is the Innovation and Investment Center, which operates for the period between the Council of the Cluster and consists of authorized representatives of the following members:

5.2.1. STABILITY

5.2.2. SMART

5.3. Innovation and Investment Center of the Cluster:

5.3.1. considers the issues of organizing joint activities of the Participants within the framework of this Charter;

5.3.2. approves short-term, medium-term and long-term plans of the Cluster's activities;

5.3.3. hears projects of joint programs, developments, research, other events in which the Participants are interested, recommends them for implementation by the Participants on the basis of separately concluded contracts;

5.3.4. makes a decision on admitting new Members to the Cluster and on leaving the Cluster;

5.3.5. makes decisions on other issues of the Cluster's economic activities within its competence.

5.4. The Cluster Innovation and Investment Center is headed by the Chairman, who is elected from among the members of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center by a simple majority of votes - members of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center.

5.5. Chairman of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center:

5.5.1. represents the interests of the Cluster in relations with government bodies, with individuals and legal entities on the basis of the decision of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center;

5.5.2. convenes the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center and presides over its meetings;

5.5.3. signs minutes of meetings of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center, as well as letters, appeals, and other Cluster documents drawn up in accordance with the decisions of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center.

5.6. An innovation and investment center of a Cluster is eligible if more than half of its members are present. In the absence of the Chairman at the meetings of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center, his powers are exercised by the Deputy Chairman elected from among the members of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center by a simple majority of votes of the members of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center. If necessary and on behalf of the Chairman of the



Cluster Innovation and Investment Center, the Deputy Chairman performs his duties between meetings of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center.

5.7. All members of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center have an equal number of votes when making decisions.

5.8. Decisions of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center are made by a simple majority of votes, unless otherwise established by the decision of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center.

5.9. The Cluster Innovation and Investment Center is convened by the Chairman of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center or on the initiative of the Leader as needed, but at least 2 times a year. When sending a notice of its meeting (by e-mail, telephone message, by fax, or in any other way confirming its receipt), the agenda items to be discussed, the date, time, and place of its holding must be indicated.

5.10. The decisions of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center can be both advisory and mandatory for all Cluster Members.

5.11. Following the meeting of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center, a protocol is drawn up, which is signed by the Chairman of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center and the Executive Director.

5.12. The executive body of the Cluster is the Executive Director.

5.13. The executive director is part of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center.

5.14. Executive Director:

5.14.1. organizes the current activities of the Cluster;

5.14.2. Coordinates the activities of the Cluster members;

5.14.3. Supervises the work of working groups,

5.14.4. Prepares the meetings of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center;

5.14.5. Participates in determining the priority areas of activity and the procedure for financing the programs and projects of the Cluster,

5.14.6. Promotes the attraction of funds allocated for the implementation of the Cluster's programs.

5.15. To implement large and significant projects, the Cluster's Innovation and Investment Center determines the Leader, who, in accordance with the consortium agreement, participates on behalf of the Cluster in negotiations, tenders and after winning concludes a contract with an investor or customer, with the subsequent distribution of work between the Cluster members on the basis of subcontracting agreements and supply agreements.

5.16. The leader of the cluster project of the Cluster is determined for each cluster project by the Innovation and Investment Center of the Cluster.

5.17. To solve the tasks of the Cluster, working groups can be created for the implementation of projects and the solution of individual tasks. Working groups can include both Cluster members and external representatives of government bodies, business associations and other specialists. The general coordination of the activities of the working groups is carried out by the Executive Director.

5.18. The candidacy of the Executive Director is nominated by the Chairman of the Innovation and Investment Center and approved by a simple majority of votes of its members.

5.19. The advisory bodies are the Expert Council of the Cluster and Departments: strategic development and financing of the cluster, technological improvement and education.



5.20. The Expert Council is a consulting body composed of scientists, specialists and practitioners in the area of the Cluster's interests. The formation of this body, the procedure for its work and the registration of its results in the form of conclusions and recommendations takes place for each specific project with the direct participation of the Cluster Innovation and Investment Center.

6. MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUSTER AND THE PROCEDURE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM IT

6.1. The Cluster is open for other organizations to join it on the basis of a written application sent to the Cluster Council, subject to the consent of all Cluster members, expressed at a meeting of the Cluster Council and drawn up in the minutes of the Cluster Council meeting.

6.2. The accession of participating organizations to the Cluster is carried out by signing a Cooperation Agreement.

6.3. At the next meeting of the Cluster Council, a decision is made on the entry of a new Participant into the Cluster, about which an extract from such a decision signed by the Chairman of the Cluster Council is sent to the new Participant.

6.4. Withdrawal from the Cluster is carried out in a notification manner by sending an appropriate application addressed to the Chairman of the Council of the Cluster. The fact of the Participant's withdrawal from the Cluster is confirmed by an open letter from the Chairman of the Cluster Council and notification of all Cluster Participants.

