

LETTER OF INTENT

on a dialogue on regional and urban policy between the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission and the Secretariat for the Provinces of the Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing of the Republic of Argentina

In the framework of processes aimed at reducing internal economic and social disparities, the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission and the Secretariat for the Provinces of the Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing of the Republic of Argentina face similar challenges in achieving a more balanced territorial and urban development.

The regional policy of the European Union, which supports regional and sector specific strategic investment in economic, social and environmental development, together with urban policy which supports the development of sustainable cities, are fundamental in helping less favoured regions to address such challenges.

The Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission and the Secretariat for the Provinces of the Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing of the Republic of Argentina hereby envisage to establish a dialogue on cooperation on regional and urban policy. The dialogue aims to promote mutual understanding and enhance bilateral co-operation and the exchange of information on regional and urban policy. It also aims to establish communication channels so as to strengthen the exchange of information.

The dialogue is meant to address exchange of information and good practices concerning, *inter alia*, policies aimed at promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion, as well as innovation and technological development; the setting up and implementation of regional and territorial development policies, including the strengthening of administrative capacity, in particular at regional and local level; issues relating to

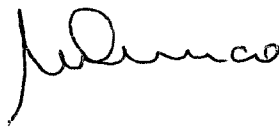
decentralization and multi-level governance; issues relating to sustainable economic development and to corporate social responsibility at territorial level.

The dialogue is intended to be open and flexible so that it can be adapted to new priorities. The Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Union and the Secretariat for the Provinces of the Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing of the Republic of Argentina intend to put in place suitable organisational arrangements for the pursuit of the dialogue, including the nomination of senior officials as co-chairpersons of the dialogue and envisage establishing contact points both in the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission and the Secretariat for the Provinces of the Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing of the Republic of Argentina. Other stakeholders including administrative representatives may be part of the dialogue, in whatever form the signatories deem appropriate. Actions organised as part of the dialogue will be conducted jointly and on the basis of mutual agreement.

None of the provisions of this letter of intent will produce legal effects binding on the signatories or create rights or obligations under international law.

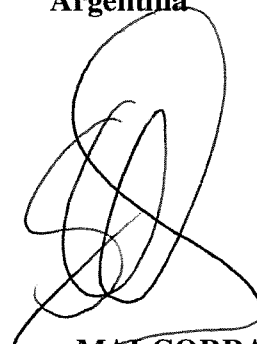
Signed on 4 July 2016 in Brussels, Belgium.

**For the Directorate-General for
Regional and Urban Policy of the
European Commission**



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**For the Secretariat for the Provinces of
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