



ECTUN European Capitals Trade Unions' Network **OPCE** Network of the Entrepreneurs' Associations of European Capitals

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DECLARATION OF INTENT

On the occasion of the XIII Permanent Conference of the European Capitals Trade Unions, to be held in Rome from 23rd to 25th September 2013, the ECTUN and the OPCE, aware if the inter-dependence of European Capitals and their driving role in the various Country system, met in order to launch a phase for comparison, discussion and collaboration aimed at fostering economic-social development and employment in the areas of their respective competence.

A solution to the present generalised crisis in Europe, and in particular the economic recession and the high unemployment rate, can be possible if, among other things, the public institutions and the social forces of the various European countries, assume jointly and in practice a common position of responsibility.

Therefore the two Organisations maintain that it is necessary, within the sphere of the priorities defined in the EU 2020 strategy and, more specifically, on subjects relative to the *green economy*, a common commitment in order to stimulate the regional and local institutions of the European capitals to undertake concrete initiatives for sustainable development at local level.

In the wider framework of the topic of Smart Cities – understood as places where investments in human and social capital together with the traditional and virtual communication infrastructures contribute towards sustainable economic growth and a high quality of life – and the specific form of Smart Cities, i.e. Human Cities, they have identified, in particular, certain points on which to develop the operational actions of social dialogue at local level and in the diverse metropolitan contexts:

- Sustainable mobility;
- ICT/digitalisation (especially for public administration and an e-health service)
- Urban liveability;
- Systemic actions aimed at environmental education and sensitisation in respect of the commitment of the world of work, of companies and of the public administration/institutions to promote and give information on ecocompatible behaviour.

The ECTUN and the OPCE also undertake to periodically check on the result of the common initiatives in the various areas of the European Capitals, also by the exchange of delegations on the occasion of their respective annual conventions.

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Signed

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