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"ATRIUM - Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th century In Europe's Urban Memory" Association

STATUTE

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Art. 1 CONSTITUTION AND NAME

1. A European non-profit association is constituted under the name of "ATRIUM - Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th century In Europe's Urban Memory".

Art. 2 PRINCIPLES

- 1. From the wounds of an uncomfortable and difficult past, the architecture of the dictatorial and totalitarian regimes of the XX century can contribute to the construction of a common European identity, becoming an important resource for the local development of communities, provided they are managed and developed as part of a Cultural Route.
- 2. The Association's activity is inspired by the principle of the promotion of the values of democracy and cooperation between peoples as the foundation for peaceful and civil coexistence. In no case and in no way does the Association accept expressions and forms of historical revisionism, exculpation for authoritarian, dictatorial or totalitarian governments.

Art. 3 PURPOSE

- 1. The Association is established for the purpose of:
 - a) disseminating knowledge, protecting and promoting the European heritage both tangible and intangible associated with the architecture and history of the 20th century, with special focus on periods marked by dictatorial and totalitarian regimes in Europe
 - b) coordinating the local European itineraries of the Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th century within the framework of a single ATRIUM transnational route
 - c) carrying out activities aimed at fostering the study, knowledge and enhancement of the cultural and architectural sites and itineraries of the Route
 - d) cooperating with universities and research centres to carry out in-depth studies of a historical, sociological and cultural nature in general related to regime architecture
 - e) encouraging young Europeans, especially in schools, to study the theme of the European route and promote cultural and educational exchange on this theme
 - f) fostering dialogue and the exchange of good practices with other European Cultural Routes on the promotion of the itinerary
 - g) including other "local itineraries" in the association, which can enrich the original itinerary by fostering its role of promoting a common European identity
 - h) organising and promoting initiatives aimed at raising awareness among citizens of their history, by considering local identities within the framework of a consolidated common European identity
 - harmonizing promotional activities carried out in the territories, by fostering their cultural and tourist vocation and favouring the marketing of local products
 - j) ensuring the development of sustainable and ethical tourism, by supporting and fostering the construction of suitable facilities and infrastructures by the competent local authorities, to improve the accessibility of the itineraries and promote sustainable tourism
 - k) targeting the qualitative improvement of its activities through constant monitoring

- and the promotion of successful relationships with European Institutions (Council of Europe and European Union), international organisations and the European Institute of Cultural Routes in Luxembourg
- cooperating with bodies, universities and associations that, on whatever basis, work for the development, enhancement and dissemination of the ATRIUM Route.
- 2. To achieve its goals, the Association considers the recognition of the European cultural route "ATRIUM Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the XX Century In Europe's Urban Memory" fundamental. Therefore, the Association will undertake all the actions necessary to achieve this recognition and, once obtained, to provide a concrete contribution to the promotion, enhancement and management of the route.
- 3. The Association is a non-profit association. It may carry out activities related to or similar to those mentioned above, as well as enter into any transactions of a commercial, financial, tangible or intangible nature deemed necessary or useful to pursue the purposes of the Association.
- 4. The Association may join other associations, bodies and companies that carry out activities related to ATRIUM and that fall within its object, subject to a decision by the General Assembly as per art. 12 below.

ART. 4 REGISTERED OFFICE, LOGO AND DURATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 1. The ATRIUM transnational association has its registered office in Forlì, Italy, at the premises of the Ex-Gil, Viale della Libertà, n. 2.
- 2. An operating office is established in every city that adheres to the Route. The office is made available by the members of the corresponding territory that will also be responsible for operating expenses, as well as costs for human resources and any capital goods needed to ensure a minimum level of good management.
- 2.1. In the event of there being members from neighbouring territories, a single and shared office may be established, provided this is agreed in advance by the parties concerned.
- 2.2. A national contact operating office will be established in each country, to be selected from amongst the local offices.
- 3. The Association's local operating offices will implement local work plans both ordinary and for the development of the Route in compliance with the guidelines established by the Association's General Assembly. The territories enjoy organisational independence, provided the present Statute is complied with.
- 4. The operating office for Forlì and its territory will be located in the same premises as the transnational Association's office. The Municipality of Forlì will pay for the cost of rental of the premises and utilities. Personnel carrying out transnational work will be guaranteed by the Association's financial resources and approved by the Board of Governors.
- 5. The logo of the Association is its distinguishing feature and can be used by its mem-

- bers. The logo is shown in the annex to the present Statute.
 - 5.1. Use of the logo is protected and regulated.
- 6. The Association is established for an indefinite duration.

Art. 5 TRANSNATIONAL WORK TOOLS

- 1. In order to achieve the purposes indicated under art. 3 of the present Statute, the ATRI-UM Association has identified the following transnational work tools aimed at strengthening relations between partners and funded through the Association's resources:
 - a) promotion of common initiatives to pursue the purposes of the present Statute such as, for instance, exhibitions, seminars, surveys, etc.
 - b) participation in European and international projects
 - c) creation of a website in English that includes summaries in the national languages of each member with the aim of disseminating information and promoting the Association's activities and programs
 - d) participation in trade fairs in order to promote the brand and the activities of the Association
 - e) managing cultural tools for virtual route
- 2. The activities set out in point a) above, will be decided by the General Assembly of Members.

Art. 6 ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- 1. The ATRIUM Association is regulated by the present Statute.
- 2. Any internal regulations proposed by the Board of Governors and approved by the General Assembly will also regulate other aspects related to the Association's organisation and activities, in compliance with the present Statute.

Art. 7 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND ADMISSION

- 1. The bodies eligible to join the ATRIUM Association are local public authorities of a municipal, intra-municipal, provincial (departmental), regional (cantonal) and county nature, hereinafter referred to as Authorities, which have on their territory significant examples of architecture connected to European totalitarian regimes of the 20th century and which share the principles and purposes as per art. 3 of the present Statute and work to achieve them.
- 2. To become a member of the Association, it is compulsory to sign the ATRIUM Associ-

ation "Membership Charter" as per art. 20 below, which sets out the obligations that members undertake to fulfil. Becoming a member of the Association will take effect upon signing the said charter.

3. In order to be admitted, applicants should submit a specific application to the Association complete with a project for a local Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the XX century route and related scientific documents proving the eligibility of the heritage and items they wish to include in the route that show they satisfy the specific requirements to be defined in the regulations.

The scientific validity of the documents presented will be corroborated by the Scientific Committee as per art. 17.

The application and relevant documents for assessment of the same should be submitted in English.

The Authorities whose architectural heritage was included in the Transnational Survey carried out by the ATRIUM project and whose scientific value has therefore been proved and assessed thereby, do not need to submit further scientific documentation and can be admitted immediately to the Association.

- 4. Authorities wishing to join the Association should apply for admission to the Association, once their competent bodies have deliberated to approve the present Statute.
- 5. Upon proposal by the Board of Governors and having heard the opinion of the Scientific Committee, the Assembly of Members will assess the applications and documents submitted and decide on the admission of members.
- 6. Upon admission, the membership fee must be paid within 90 days of notice of acceptance of admission by the Assembly.
- 7. Membership is acquired for an indefinite period of time, the right of members to rescind, as well as their exclusion as established by art. 10, being understood.

Art. 8 ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

- 1. The "ATRIUM" Association comprises:
- founding members
- ordinary members
- 2. The founding members are the authorities that will join the ATRIUM Association by June 15, 2013.
- 3. The ordinary members are the authorities whose application for admission has been approved pursuant to art. 7 above and art. 9 below of the present Statute.

Art. 9 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

- Association members will pay an annual membership fee which will be decided by the Annual General Assembly.
- 2. The annual membership fee should be paid every year by March or within 30 days of the approval of the budget by the member's City Council.
- 3. Each Member Authority will pay costs for the participation of its representative in the General Assembly.
- 4. Each Member Authority will pay costs for the participation of its representative, preferably a member of the Board of Governors, in the meetings of the aforementioned Board.

Art. 10 TERMINATION AND EXCLUSION

- 1. Loss of membership may occur due to:
 - a) voluntary rescission through notice to be sent to the Association's Board of Governors by registered letter by 31 October of the year prior to rescission;
 - exclusion for non-payment, if a member does not pay the annual membership fee. In the event of non-payment of the membership fee, in spite of at least 2 (two) written reminders by the President, the latter will exclude the member, informing the member, the Board of Governors and the General Assembly at the next available meeting;
 - c) exclusion if the member:
 - c.1) fails to comply with the provisions of the present Statute, the Association's regulations and any decisions legally adopted by the Association's bodies;
 - c.2) is involved in activities that are in competition with or against the principles and interests of the Association;
 - c.3) falls short of the necessary requisites for admission determined by the regulations as per art. 7
 - 2. Exclusion of a member pursuant to paragraph c) above will be decided by the General Assembly following a proposal by the Board of Governors by sending written notice of any outstanding amounts and granting the member the right of reply. With regard in particular to exclusion as per paragraph c) point c.3) above, the Board of Governors will have to pre-emptively obtain the opinion of the Scientific Committee.
 - 3. Members who have rescinded or have been excluded will lose all rights to the Association's assets and will not be entitled to a refund of any membership fees paid.

Art. 11 ASSOCIATION BODIES

The Association's administrative and management bodies are:

- the General Assembly of Members;
- the Board of Governors;
- the President.

The Association's technical bodies are:

- the Scientific Committee;
- the network of universities and research centres;
- the management and operating body:
- the Auditor.

Art. 12 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 1. The General Assembly is the sovereign body of the Association. It defines strategic policies and takes fundamental decisions for the Association. It comprises 1 representative for each Member Authority.
- 2. The General Assembly will meet at least once annually in one of the countries it represents, within six months of closure of the fiscal year. The General Assembly will be chaired by the President of the Association or in his/her absence by the Vice-President.
- 3. The General Assembly will be convened by the President by letter, fax or email, sent at least 15 days prior to the date of the General Assembly; communication will contain information regarding the agenda, place, date and time of the meeting. It may be convened a second time even on the same day as the first meeting.
- 4. Every Member Authority has one vote on matters concerning the General Assembly.
- 5. The General Assembly deliberates on the:
 - a) general policies and guidelines of the Association
 - b) approval and modification of the Statute and regulations
 - c) appointment and removal of the President and Vice-President
 - d) number, appointment and removal of members of the Board of Governors
 - e) appointment and removal of the Auditor
 - f) appointment and removal of members of the Scientific Committee
 - g) acceptance of new members and their exclusion, with the exception of what is provided for in art. 10, paragraph 1, point b)
 - h) approval of the provisional budget and final balance
 - i) approval of the Association's annual work plan and relevant budget
 - j) membership of the Association to other associations, bodies and companies that carry out relevant activities, within their scope, upon proposal of the Board of Governors
 - k) definition of the policies and guidelines for the Association's local work plans
 - all matters attributed to it by the present Statute
 - m) definition of annual membership fee
- 6. The General Assembly may also be convened at the request of the majority of the members of the Board of Governors or at least one fifth of the members. The General Assembly may extraordinarily be convened also by video-conference.
- 7. The General Assembly is validly convened at the first call in the presence of half the members plus one. To reach the quorum, members represented by proxy are also included. Each member cannot have more than 2 proxies.

At the second call, the General Assembly is validly convened in the presence of at least

1/3 (one third) of the members present or represented by proxy.

8. The General Assembly usually deliberates by open ballot and decisions are made based on the majority vote of the members present or represented by proxy, except in the cases indicated in paragraph 9 below. Deliberations regarding people are taken by secret ballot.

All deliberations are recorded in the minutes to be signed by the President and the minute taker.

- 9. For deliberations regarding changes to the Statute, the revocation of the President or the Vice-President, the exclusion of a member as per art. 10, paragraph 1, letter c), the dissolution of the Association and the transfer of the assets, the General Assembly is valid with the presence of at least half plus one of the members, either physically present or represented by proxy. Deliberations are validly assumed if they obtain the vote in favour of two thirds of the members present or represented by proxy.
- 10. Exercising of the functions as per the present article is rendered free of charge.

Art. 13 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- 1. The Board of Governors has executive functions and is internally elected by the General Assembly, voting by secret ballot.
- 2. First of all, the General Assembly establishes the number of components that will make up the Board of Governors for the following three-year period. Subsequently, the members present the candidates to the President. Each candidate is valid only if supported by at least 5 (five) members.

Candidates who obtain the majority of votes cast are elected. Each member has the right to a number of votes equal to the number of governors to be elected.

- 3. The Board of Governors holds office for three years and consists in a number of members ranging from 5 to 15.
- 4. The Board of Governors is entrusted with the following functions:
 - a) implementing policies decided by the Assembly and organisation of an annual transnational work plan;
 - b) preparing the annual provisional budget and final balance;
 - c) calculating membership fee adjustments;
 - d) determining remuneration for the personnel in charge of managing the transnational Route;
 - e) proposing exclusion in the cases as per art. 10, paragraph 1, letter c), acquiring in particular the pre-emptive opinion of the Scientific Committee in the cases as per letter c.3) of the same paragraph;
 - f) proposing to the General Assembly the admission of new members, after obtaining the opinion of the Scientific Committee;
 - g) proposing to the General Assembly membership to the Association of other associations, bodies and companies that carry out relevant activities within their object;
 - h) all matters attributed to it by the present Statute.

- 5. The Board of Governors ordinarily meets at least once a year. Furthermore, it can meet on the request of at least a third of its members.
- 6. The Board of Governors is convened by the President who will notify members of the meeting at least 20 days before it is due to take place in writing by fax or email. The meeting is validly convened at the first call in the presence of half the members or members represented by proxy plus one. Each member cannot have more than 2 proxies. At the second call, the meeting is validly convened in the presence of at least 1/3 (one third) of the members present or represented by proxy.
- 7. Decisions and resolutions are passed by an absolute majority of those present and are suitably recorded in minutes by the management and operating body.

 Board members who are unable to personally attend meetings can also participate by videoconference.
- 8. Exercising of the functions as per the present article is rendered free of charge.

Art. 14 PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

- 1. The President is the legal representative of the Association; he/she vouches for the attainment of the Association goals, as well as for the observance of the Statute.
- 2. The President is elected by secret ballot, by the annual General Assembly of members from the components of the Board of Governors. The principle of rotation is deemed preferable.
- 3. The President holds office for three years, automatically losing the position should the body or authority he/she represents withdraw from the Association.
- 4. The General Assembly elects and annuls the President's appointment as per the methods indicated in article 12.
- 5. The President is entrusted with the following tasks:
 - a) officially representing the Association on a national and international level;
 - b) convening the General Assembly and the Board of Governors;
 - c) implementing the managerial policies of the General Assembly and the Board of Governors:
 - d) defining the functions to entrust to the management and operating body as well as its composition, depending on the Association's available funds;
 - e) monitoring compliance with the present Statute and the Association's regulations;
 - f) chairing the General Assembly and Board of Governors and signing the relevant minutes;
 - g) deciding the exclusion of members, under the provisions of art. 10, paragraph 1, letter b) and notifying it;
 - h) authorising external subjects who have made a specific request to use the Route's logo;
 - j) all matters attributed by the present Statute.
- 6. The Vice-President elected from among the members of the Board of Governors as-

sists the President and replaces him/her in the event of absence or impediment.

- 7. In the event of resignation or any impediment to exercising the role of President or Vice-President, replacements will be decided during the first available General Assembly.
- 8. In order to carry out the Association's activities and implement resolutions passed by the relevant bodies, as well as manage the Route's international activities, the President avails himself or herself of a management and operating body.
- 9. Exercising of the functions as per the present article is rendered free of charge.

Art. 15 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING BODY

- 1. In order to pursue the Route's transnational aims mentioned in art. 3, the Association's President entrusts a management and operating body with achieving the objectives of ordinary running and strategic development, namely the goals planned by the Association's bodies. The offices of the management and operating body are at the Association's transnational office.
- 2. The management and operating body consists of
 - 1 director appointed by the President
 - 1 expert for every member appointed to work for ATRIUM on a local level as per the provisions of art. 4, paragraph 2 above
 - personnel at the Route's transnational office, consisting in Member Authority employees and/or subjects considered suitable based on their *curricula* and expertise; such personnel receive *ad hoc* collaboration assignments.

Art. 16 AUDITING AND SUPERVISORY BODY

- 1. The body in charge of auditing accounts consists in 1 member appointed by the General Assembly, usually from the members' personnel.
- 2. The auditing and supervisory body:
 - a) oversees the correct use of Association resources on a financial and accounting level;
 - b) inspects the provisional budget and final balance, drawing up suitable accompanying reports;
 - c) participates, whenever convened, in meetings of the office of the President and the General Assembly.
- 3. Exercising of the functions of auditing and supervision may be rendered on equitable remuneration.

ART. 17 SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

1. A Scientific Committee is constituted in order to exercise the following functions:

- a) examining documents regarding new membership applications, expressing an opinion and corroborating the scientific importance of the documents based on the provisions of the regulations as per art. 7;
- b) expressing opinions on the activities proposed in the Association's work plan;
- c) expressing its opinions on the scientific quality of the transnational and local promotional material;
- d) drafting an annual report on its activities;
- e) advancing proposals;
- f) monitoring the scientific quality of the activities carried out and expressing opinions on the presence of the eligibility requisites provided for by the regulations as per art. 7.
- 2. The Scientific Committee appointed by the General Assembly consists in a number of members ranging from 3 to 7.
- 3. Experts in subjects pertaining to the Association's purposes and goals are part of the Scientific Committee. Interdisciplinarity and territorial plurality are guaranteed.
- 4. The Scientific Committee internally appoints a President who takes part with no voting rights in the meetings of the Board of Governors and coordinates the Scientific Committee's work.
- 5. Costs for running and managing the Scientific Committee are at the expense of the Association.

Art. 18 UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH CENTRE NETWORK

- 1. In order to develop the Route and better qualify the activities implemented on a local and transnational level, the Association will promote the creation and avail itself of the scientific contribution of an "Academic Network" made up of European universities and research centres interested in studying and promoting the themes of the ATRIUM European Route, as well as fostering the realization of exchange programmes between universities and courses centred on the Route's main themes.
- 2. The cooperation between the Association and the Academic Network is formalised by endorsing a special declaration of intent.

Art. 19

FRIENDS OF THE "ARCHITECTURE OF TOTALITARIAN REGIMES OF THE XX CENTURY IN EUROPE AND URBAN MEMORY" ASSOCIATION

- 1. Friends of the ATRIUM Association, called "Friends of the Route" for short, are those non-profit institutions and public and private associations which by making financial contributions or operating in favour of the Association carry out activities in support of the overall project for the promotion of the Route that is the object of the present Statute.
- 2. To be one of the "Friends of the Route", the above mentioned bodies have to endorse the "ATRIUM Cultural Route Ethical Commitment Charter" mentioned in art. 20 below and comply with its provisions.

- 3. Friends of the Route can use the ATRIUM Association's logo following authorisation issued by the President, requesting it each time.
- 4. The association can establish relations with other specialist networks (for example, a network centred on historical institutes of the resistance), in order to develop the Association's activities and promote the Route.

Art. 20 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CHARTER AND ETHICAL COMMITMENT STATEMENTS

- 1. The Association adopts a Membership Charter that defines the obligations deriving from joining the Association itself, including the obligation for members to:
 - a) promote the ATRIUM Cultural Route
 - b) raise awareness in schools by encouraging exchange and twinning programmes
 - c) make a person and a place available for Route's local activities.
- 2. In order to develop the Route in compliance with the principles that have inspired it and guarantee legitimate use of its logo, as well as all Route-related logos, the Association adopts one or more European ATRIUM Cultural Route "Ethical Commitment Charters".
- 3. In general, the Ethical Commitment Charters define the terms and conditions of AT-RIUM's relations with external subjects as mentioned in art. 19 above, as well as with economic partners.

Art. 21 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- 1. Administrative documents and accounts records held in the registered office archives are in Italian, but upon request by a member can be translated into English.
- 2. Official communications and operational documents are drawn up and sent in English.

ART. 22 FINANCES AND PROPERTY

- 1. In order to pursue its aims, the Association has the following income available:
 - a) annual membership fees;
 - b) income from various activities and projects;
 - c) contributions and funding from public and private bodies;
 - d) any refunds from special agreements;
 - e) any other income contributing to increase Association assets.
- 2. The Association's property consists in:
 - a) movable and immovable property given to the Association by any means (donations, contributions, etc.) by individuals and bodies or directly purchased;
 - b) reserve funds deriving from budget surpluses.

Art. 23 PROVISIONAL BUDGET AND FINAL BALANCE

- 1. The Association's financial year begins on 1st January and closes on 31st December.
- 2. Every year, by 30th June, the Association's Board of Governors must be convened to draw up the provisional budget and final balance to be submitted to the General Assembly by 30th June.

Art. 24 DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. Should the Association be dissolved for whatever reason, its property will be donated to other associations pursuing similar aims.

Art. 25 DEFERMENT TO APPLICABLE LAW

- 1. For anything not provided for under the present Statute, currents laws and provisions applicable in Italy, as well as the general principles of the Italian legal system, will apply.
- 2. Any controversy arising from or connected to the present document, as well as any relationship between members dependent on the same, will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts in Forlì, Italy, with the application of Italian law.

Art. 26 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 1. The first General Assembly will be held on the occasion of the constitution of the Association. The Assembly will be chaired by the representative of the Municipality of Forlì, as Lead Partner of the Atrium project and will arrange to elect the Association's bodies.
- 2. Members that have signed the Memorandum of Association can participate in the first General Assembly.