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LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

The Consulate of France in Naples endorses the participation at the ATLANTIS Programme (EU – US co-operation) of the Regional Centre for Cultural Heritage, Ecology and Economy (BENECON SCaRL), belonging at four universities in the Campania region, institutional member of "Forum UNESCO University and Heritage", and the Faculty of Architecture "Luigi Vanvitelli" at the Second University of Naples (SUN) in Italy. ATLANTIS Programme aims primarily to promote understanding between people of the European Union and the United States of America and improve the quality of their human resource development.

BENECON and the Faculty of Architecture at SUN intend to establish an "International Research Network for Education in Cultural, Natural, and Intangible Heritage Management". The project proposes that researchers and Ph.D. scholars of the E.U. and U.S. partner universities analyze the case study of the five World Heritage Sites (WHSs) in the Campania region, which are Naples, Pompeii, Caserta, Amalfi, and Cilento. This is the base to develop comparatives and "best practices" analysis on cultural, natural and intangible heritage management in France and in the United States of America.

The French Consulate and Institute in Naples works to strengthen and develop France - Italian relations, among other, through creating, promoting and administering educational and cultural exchange programs that increase understanding between the peoples of France and Italy. The proposal for the ATLANTIS Programme fits strongly with our main goal. I wish the best success for this very important project.



Denis Barbet

General Consul of France

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