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Art. 1 – Name and juridical nature

The Observatory of European Island Tourism, named O.T.I.E., is a non-profit making association, regulated by the present statutes.

The Observatory is a mean for knowledge and analysis of tourism and island economies.

The association's name and brand are protected by the law.

Art. 2 – Seat and duration

The O.T.I.E.'s head office is located in Palermo, Italy.

The council, with its own deliberation, can modify the seat of the Observatory, and can set up delegations in the Euro-Mediterranean's countries.

The O.T.I.E. has been created for an unlimited duration.

Art. 3 – Aims and social purposes

The Observatory intends to organize and develop the activities of survey and research, as well as the development initiatives in the sectors of tourism and industries that are connected on insular territories.

The main aim consists in collecting and analyzing the real data, in order to carry out the surveys and researches useful for the development and the reinforcement of the insular economies.

To achieve these objectives, the Observatory can expect the collaboration of public organisms, local institutions, trading associations, organisms that represents interests connected with the sector of tourism, mass-medias, schools, Universities, professionals and experts.

As a consequence, the Observatory will be devoted to :

- Identifying the dynamics and particularities of the tourist supply and demand;
- Looking further into specific topics of interest;

- Telling organisms and operators about the market developments and evolutions;
- Informing about new investment opportunities in the insular territories;
- Planning the trainings of the tourist industry's staff;
- Planning the trainings for public operators;
- Setting up and broadcasting the databases that concern the sector's operators;
- Organizing intercultural exchanges;
- Giving suggestions and propositions concerning the strategies to pursue in planning as well as in the tourist politics;
- Publishing annual reports on the insular tourism.

Art. 4 – Members

We can distinguish among the Observatory's members : Founders, associate members, and ordinary members.

Founders are the members that participate to the Observatory's constitution. The associate members are the organisms and public operators that, in touch with the tourist sector, bring voluntarily financial contributions and/or their staff collaboration.

The ordinary members are the organisms, economic operators, professionals and experts linked to the sector of tourism who pay the annual subscription and who pursue the Observatory's objectives.

The subscriptions or associative contributions can't be transferred, except in case of death, and can't be revaluated.

Art. 5 – Members' admission

The Observatory's members can be admitted by sending a written application to the President, which whose they confirm they accept the association's goals, and after payment of their subscription and/or their declaration of provision of staff.

Art. 6 – Bodies

Are bodies of the Observatory :

- The Assembly
- The Directive Committee
- The President
- The Scientific Technical Committee

Art. 7 – The Assembly

The Assembly is composed of the founders, the associate members, and the ordinary members, and meets in regular meeting once a year. The quorum at regular meetings shall be the presence of the majority of the members.

If its representative at the Assembly is detained, each member can delegate a substitute aimed to represent it; each substitute can't be delegated more than two times.

The Assembly is lead by the President of the Observatory, and the votes shall be resolved by the majority of the present members.

Art. 8 – Attribution of the assembly

The Assembly :

- Elects the members that sit at the Directive Committee;
- Approves the general program of activity;
- Approves the balance sheets;
- Approves the statute modifications;
- Discuss the association dissolution.

Art. 9 – The Directive Committee

The Directive Committee is composed by three to five members, as well as the President and the Honorary President. A member of the Committee must be chosen among the Founders.

The Committee's members are elected for five years, and can be re-elected. The quorum for the meetings shall be the presence of the majority of the members. The votes shall be resolved by the majority; in the event of equality, the President's vote prevails.

Art. 10 – Attribution of the Directive Committee

The Directive Committee :

- Appoints the Honorary President;
- Sets the annual subscriptions;
- Prepares the balanced sheets;
- Establishes delegations on the insular territories;
- Proposes modification for the statute;
- Decides for the participation of the Observatory to other organisms, like associations, consortiums, companies and others for the management of project, programs, initiatives, and activities in accordance with the institutional objectives.
- Decides on the members' admission.

Art. 11 – The President

The President :

- Is the legal representative of the Observatory;
- Convenes the Assembly, The Directive Committee, and The Scientific Technical Committee;

- Chairs the Assembly, The Directive Committee, and The Scientific Technical Committee;
- Appoints the director of the Observatory, with relations of professional collaboration.
- Appoints the components of the Scientific Technical Committee.

The Honorary President will substitute the President in case of need or absence. The President is elected for five years.

Art. 12 – The Scientific Technical Committee

The Scientific Technical Committee is made up of the President, the Honorary President, and of five to seven members appointed among the Universities, research and statistic institutes, organisms, organizations, professionals and experts of the tourist sector of the Euro-Mediterranean insular territories.

The Committee is chaired by the President of the Observatory. The Committee's members are appointed for three years, renewable.

The Committee deals with the collect and the analysis of the real data, in order to carry out the surveys and researches useful for the development and the reinforcement of the insular economies.

He also deals with the development of the Observatory's activity program and with the predispositions for the projects and initiatives for the achievement of this program.

Art. 13 – Financing, assets, and Administration

The incomes of the association are the ordinary members' subscriptions, the associate members' contribution, and the contributions, bequest, donations, profits, and others. The assets are the Observatory's goods and real estates. The subscriptions are set annually by the Directive Committee. The Observatory have a total financial and administrative autonomy.

Art. 14 – Dissolution and liquidation

The decision of breaking-up the Observatory, taking by the Assembly, must assign a liquidator, who has the power of transferring the possible remaining assets to other associations or organisms that have similar objectives.