



ADDENDUM OF THE TWINNING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DUBLIN AND THE CITY OF BARCELONA

Here in the City of Dublin, on the eighth of March two thousand and thirteen,

On the one part, H.E. Mr. Xavier Trias, in his condition as Mayor of the Barcelona City Council.

On the other part, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Naoise Ó Muirí, being assisted during this ceremony by Mr. John Tierney as City Manager.

Both parts mutually recognise their power to ratify the Addendum of the Twinning Agreement in the condition they represent and,

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Both sides are satisfied with the exchanges and cooperation between Dublin and Barcelona since becoming sister-cities (1998), and with the results of the subsequent addendum (2009-2011).

In order to further develop this cooperation, within the principle of equality and mutual benefit, both sides have agreed to seek to achieve the following objectives from 2013-2016:

I. Economy

Barcelona and Dublin will further strengthen bilateral cooperation for the economic promotion of both cities and will promote initiatives for their respective innovation sectors to share and exchange experience and strengthen mutual understanding.

Both cities will interchange experiences on programmes, tools and services to support entrepreneurship, business growth, professional orientation, talent attraction and business location.

The connection of innovation systems of both cities will be promoted in Dublin and Barcelona. Barcelona and Dublin will in particular cooperate around innovations in job training and creations.

II. EGovernment and Information Systems

Both cities aim to cooperate and consolidate knowledge and best practice in the application of smart technologies in city management and economic development. As such, we will continue working on the use of smart technologies for monitoring and further enhancing of our services. We will do this through the auspices of the City Protocol Society and the Mobile World Capital initiative.

Moreover, both cities will explore the use of the Digital Maturity Model being developed in Dublin by Intel Labs to measure the depth and breadth of smart technology application in the respective cities.

III. Culture

The Cultural Departments in both cities will continue to identify and develop possible areas for cooperation, such as the exchange of experiences in the application of the Agenda 21 for Culture or the centres of creativity, as well as the organisation of joint cultural activities.

IV. Tourism

Both sides will promote the development of the tourism industry, encouraging cooperation between tourism management departments in both cities and facilitating the organization of mutual tourist activities.

Officials from both cities are charged with agreeing through the respective International Offices, specific activity and projects annually to achieve the above objectives.

This addendum is signed on March 8th, in English and Catalan in two copies. All the texts are equally authentic.

Naoise Ó Muirí
Ardhmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath
Lord Mayor of Dublin

Xavier Trias
Mayor of Barcelona