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EUREGIO – THERMAL EUROPE

On the occasion of the first study and research day about thermalism in the Euregio which was held on 28th February 2013 in Comano Terme (Italy) the **Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation and enhancement of thermal resources in the Euregio** – the cross-border region made up of the autonomous Province of Trento, the autonomous Province of Bolzano – South Tyrol and Tyrol - was signed. The three countries were represented by their Health Councillors, Ugo Rossi, Richard Theiner and Bernard Tilg.

The essential element of this Memorandum is the fact that the **Euregio will be the first and only one European cross-border region** to let its citizens to freely access to the thermal healthcare treatments provided within its own territory, thus implementing the EU Directive 2011/24, coming into force from October 2013.

OMTh was strongly committed to reaching this essential goal.

The question of the free access to thermal treatments all over the Euregio was posed by OMTh at its Conference on 24th September 2011 in Levico Terme. On March 30th, 2012, on request of OMTh, Ugo Rossi organized a meeting in the offices of the Province of Trento. On that occasion they discussed and decided what the following technical steps would be in order to solve the main problems. Later on the discussion moved to the upper level, the EURAC - Euregio - Tyrol - South Tyrol - Trentino. Indeed, on 30th March, 2011 the "Dreiländertag" (joint session of the legislative assemblies of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Tyrol and the Autonomous Province of Trento, with Vorarlberg as observer) had approved a motion relating to the protection and enhancement of thermal and healing resources and – in order to implement this decision, Regional Councillor Renzo Anderle had developed a draft project on the development and coordination of the spa-offers

in the Euregio. In this context came the OMTh initiative that, if implemented, would be of particular relevance.

OMTh decided to establish a think tank coordinated by Dr. Elena Alberti EGCC / EURAC composed of representatives from the Departments of Health of three provinces: Trentino, South Tyrol and Tyrol, the OMTh, represented by President Gori, OMTh Councillor, Carlo Stefenelli and Regional Councillor Renzo Anderle. The group met at the EURAC headquarters on 19th June 2012, in Bolzano and later on – 6th September 2012 – 15th October 2012 and on 6th and 10th December 2012. After an extensive and thorough discussion, characterized by exchanges of memoranda between the different components, the "Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation and enhancement of thermal resources in the Euregio" was technically approved. This Memorandum is waiting for final approval by the three Regional Governments.

OMTh President, Ing. Gori expressed his great satisfaction for this achievement. He also highlighted once more that the **Euregio is the first cross-border European region** allowing its citizens to freely access to the thermal care and treatments in the thermal baths situated in the Euregio. This achievement will allow OMTh to spread its contents in the various geographical areas, as an effective example of innovative thermal policy and of the “new model of thermalism” developed by OMTh in its conferences.



Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation and enhancement of thermal resources in the Euregio – Autonomous Province of Trento, Autonomous Province of Bolzano – South Tyrol, Land Tyrol, by the three Regional Councillors, Ugo Rossi, Richard Theiner, Bernard Tilg.