

Whereas the Non-profit “GIOVANI IDEE” Association has developed its mission to:

- promote the development and consolidation of a knowledge-based economy and active European citizenship aimed essentially at young people, being priority stakeholders, open to new ideas and intellectually permeable and creative;*
- promote the development of a widespread culture of civilised coexistence, as an important part of curricular and extracurricular school activities;*
- start activities aimed at identifying and implementing joint projects and initiatives for educational success and to prevent all forms of problems among young people;*
- encourage the development of talent and creativity in young people, to generate positive effects on the quantitative and qualitative growth of a new public, and promote the exchange of ideas and experiences among young people of different countries and cultures;*
- support independent schools in performing their role as sponsors of vocations in the area, together with local authorities, public bodies and local associations;*
- initiate fruitful synergies between culture and education according to the principle of “common responsibility”, studying forms of systematic and sustainable cooperation between the world of school and that of culture.*

Having acknowledged that

- among Giovani idee and some High schools in Italy and abroad, a fruitful collaboration is already in place, achieved through the international Competition promoted by Giovani idee and aimed at young students between the ages of 14 and 18 years old in high schools throughout Europe;*
- the Competition challenges students to formulate proposals in the form of creative works on topics of significant social impact and of national and European interest, to give them greater responsibility and personal independence,*

strengthen their participation in the civic life of local communities and in “representative” democracy to help renew society and create personal values of peaceful coexistence;

- the careful and guided use of new communication technologies, which are considered to be the most interesting forms of youth expression as well as unique ways of understanding the reality of modern life, give the Competition an educational value and a critical awareness that is able to develop abilities, skills and new motivation in young people;*
- the Competition, which is combined with education for the competitors, is a tool for testing out new areas for the development of youth creativity and cultural entrepreneurship;*

Having considered that

- the multiple nature and complexity of the initiatives aimed at reaching the goals set requires synergy between parties that share the mission of *Giovani idee*;*
- it serves to create a collective identity in which communicative and symbolic elements are shared with the dynamics of interaction;*
- combining the energy and resources of a group of parties to achieve a common goal promotes the specific potential of each party, allows educational activities to be planned and promotes rational forms of management of human, structural and financial resources.*

Now, therefore,

Art. 1

Object

The Network

“GIOVANI IDEE PER L’EUROPA”

Young ideas for Europe is formed, which is open to membership by public, state and private high schools in Italy, in the countries of the European Union, and in EU candidate countries.

Membership is also open to Local Authorities, Youth Associations, Businesses, Cooperatives and Agencies operating in the area of education.

Each party brings to the Network its skills and experience and, while respecting its desire for independence and wishes, undertakes to collaborate and support the activities of the Network.

Art. 2

Aims

The Network has the following aims:

- To promote dialogue between young people at a national and European level regarding multiculturalism, reflection on our political and social situation, their history, their roots, working conditions and an idea of freedom that can be shared and pursued in life, in order to educate the new generations about democracy and motivate them to become involved in politics founded on the values of solidarity, coexistence and ethics in individual and social conduct, premises for promoting the development of personal qualities in young people, such as independence, a sense of responsibility, a spirit of initiative and social and professional collaboration.*
- To encourage and facilitate educational and study support activities that focus on combining opportunities for knowledge, skill, learning/teaching and exchange with different cultures, to promote active citizenship in today’s Europe and awareness that they can be a dynamic, proactive force within Europe;*

- *To create opportunities for meeting, education and/or work that motivate the need to grow together so that everyone can grow;*
- *To educate young people to become engaged in a participatory democracy at a European level, enhancing their cognitive, relational and value-focussed skills, to foster their educational success and participation in social and working life, guiding them, on the one hand, to analyse the essential elements and problematic aspects of the process of European integration and develop their critical awareness.*

Art.3

Promoting party and member parties

The promoting party (core Network) of the Network is the Giovani idee Association with registered office in Bergamo.

The member parties of the Network are the public, state and private high schools in Italy, in countries of the European Union and in EU candidate countries, Local Authorities, Youth Associations, Businesses, Cooperatives and Agencies operating in the area of education which sign this memorandum of intent and share the principles and objectives contained therein.

Art. 4

Areas of intervention

The Network shall identify programmes and activities in the fields of common interest of the member parties, while respecting their independence, wishes and availability, defining the following activities:

- *keep the spirit of the international Competition alive, a competition announced each year by Giovani idee, which is formulated as a cultural think tank to foster debate among young people and to guide them towards discovering the European Union and its values;*
- *facilitate the mobility of educators through exchanges or visits to different national and European schools in order to foster significant professional and life experiences that help to spread and propagate best practices, as well as enhance linguistic skills;*

- *facilitate the mobility of students through exchanges/twinning which nurture their introduction to different methods of study and stimulate their adaptability and acquisition of soft skills, while improving their knowledge of foreign languages;*
- *create a shared Euro-planning workshop aimed at responding to proposals for financing from community programmes;*
- *create collaborative Networking between parties in the Network and interact with exchanges of information, human and economic resources to access public and private financing;*
- *cultivate and promote within the Network the initiatives and activities of common interest proposed by the individual schools;*
- *share experiences of solidarity and support for members of the Network who find themselves in situations of social and economic hardship or disadvantage;*
- *exchange information and activate common models of learning for education (programmes alternating school and work experience, curricular internships) provided by reference, national and/or regional, legislation;*
- *organise conventions, seminars, conferences, round tables, debates, exercises and lessons on European identity and active European citizenship, and on topics that are particularly pertinent to young people and their future in a European context;*
- *organise the publication of papers, monographs and deeds, of conventions, seminars, conferences, round tables and debates, promoted by the Network, and the works realised by the students for the international "Giovani idee" competition, using the communication tools that they are allowed;*
- *research forms of systematic and sustainable cooperation between the world of school and culture and initiate fruitful*

synergies between culture and education according to the principle of “common responsibility”.

- *open and cultivate contacts with the Public Institutions in their area of reference.*

Art. 5 **Common commitments**

Each member party of the Network, if requested, will utilise their professional and instrumental resources to implement this Memorandum of Intent.

Each of the parties will arrange, on the basis of legislation in force, to inform and train the staff involved in the initiatives; insurance, health protection and safety in the workplace obligations remain, however, the responsibility of the organisations of origin.

The Network undertakes to ensure the widest possible diffusion of this Memorandum of Intent, its contents and the resulting initiatives.

Art.6 **Commitment of the Schools/Organisations that are members of the Network**

The individual schools and organisations that are members of the Network undertake to:

- *Identify a representative with the duty to facilitate direct relations with the Network and communicate with the same Network;*
- *Inform the Network about its initiatives, if considered by the promoters to be of common interest and useful to other parties of the Network.*

Art. 7 **Commitments of the Province of Bergamo**

The Province of Bergamo shall participate in the Network and undertakes to:

- *place an office for Network activities at the disposal of the Network named “Giovani idee per l’Europa” inside the Provincial Government building;*

- Support the Network through activities that inform, bring awareness and disseminate the initiatives promoted through the activities of the Europe Office, which reports to the Provincial Presidency;
- Promote and support, even using economic resources, provided the funds are available, the strategies and initiatives shared through activities that bring awareness and involve local authorities, institutions and socio-economic organisation of the area, using the professional and instrumental resources available.

Art.8 **The governing bodies**

The bodies of the Network are:

- 1) *The Technical - Scientific Committee,*
- 2) *the Management Board,*
- 3) *the chairman.*

The following supervisory bodies may also be formed:

- 1) *board of auditors and external auditor*
- 2) *board of arbitrators*

1. The following parties are part, by right, of the Technical-Scientific Committee of the Network:

- *Members of the Management Board of Giovani idee;*
- *The Representatives (one for each member party) of the local authorities, associations/businesses/cooperatives/agencies that are members of the Network;*
- *A representative for each school that has signed the Memorandum.*

The Technical-Scientific Committee is responsible for:

- *planning and sharing the areas of action pursuant to art.4;*
- *preparation of new proposals aimed at pursuing the objectives stated in the Memorandum of Intent;*
- *identifying the most suitable methods to ensure the most widespread diffusion of the initiatives activated by the Network;*
- *monitoring and assessing the initiatives achieved on the basis of the Memorandum of Intent.*

Fees, emoluments, compensation, attendance fees, reimbursements for expenses or other benefits however named, are not envisaged for participating in the work of the Committee.

The Technical-Scientific Committee shall be called to convene once a year by written communication sent fifteen days before the meeting.

The presence of the Representatives of the parties participating in the Network is required at the annual meeting. The place of meeting shall be, if possible, itinerant to endorse, in turn, the role of each member of the Network.

Subsequent meetings shall take place as conference calls.

Other forms of interaction are envisaged, whenever proposed by the Management Board or when requested by a third of the parties belonging to the Network, and shall take place in the form of an online forum.

2. *The Management Board of the Network is made up of:*

- The current members of the Governing body of the “Giovani idee” Association (4 members);*
- The chairman, or vice-chairman, of the Provincial Government of Bergamo.*

The Management Board is engaged in:

- the establishment of the Technical-Scientific Committee, as well as managerial and organisation positions;*
- all activities of ordinary and extraordinary administration concerning management of the Network;*
- planning the annual schedule of the Technical-Scientific Committee, developing proposals and supporting planned initiatives;*
- supervising the proper operation of the Network;*
- drawing up and presenting to the Technical-Scientific Committee an annual report on the Committee’s activities;*
- drawing up and presenting to the Technical-Scientific Committee the final economic and financial report and draft financial statements;*
- admitting new parties that ask to become part of the Network;*
- taking charge of the preliminary inquiry in the event of disputes between parties belonging to the Network and the Network itself, submitting them to the competence of the Technical-Scientific Committee which will make an assessment ex bono et aequo, without any procedural formalities. Its judgement will be final and binding. Any other jurisdiction is waived with the exception of those required by law in the case of serious and damaging conduct.*

3. The Chairman of the Network

The pro-tempore Chairman of the “Giovani idee” Association is also Chairman of the Network. He/She has legal representation and is management guarantor. He/She convenes and presides over the Technical-Scientific Committee.

Art.9

Use of names and trademarks

The Parties remain the exclusive owners of their commercial names/trademarks and service marks, and it shall therefore be mutually prohibited to use in any way the name and/or trademark of one of the Parties without the prior written authorisation of the owner party.

On expiry of this Memorandum of Intent and/or in the event of its termination, extinction, cessation, for whatsoever the cause, the Parties can no longer, however, use together with their own, the trademark, name or logo of the Network.

Art.10

Communication

The Parties undertake to disseminate, to the relevant central and territorial structures, the contents of this Memorandum of Intent, using: website, profile on the best-known social Networks (Facebook and Twitter) and conventional means.

Art.11

Duration

This Memorandum of Intent is valid for three years from the date of foundation of the Network (28th April 2018 - Kaposvár - Hungary).

Art.12

Fees for membership of the Network

Membership of the Network is free for the first year. From the second year the member shall undertake to pay the annual association fee of EUR 100 (one hundred).

The amount is established each year by the Management Board and approved at the time of the economic-financial report presented by the Technical-Scientific Committee.

Art. 13
Final Provisions

The original copy of this deed has been filed with the secretarial offices of the parties belonging to the Network and a copy has been published in their respective registers. It is registered in the event of use.