

REGULATION

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY SYSTEM "MONTE LINAS"

TITLE 1 - CONSTITUTION AND PURPOSE

ART.1

An association is established pursuant to Articles 28 and 29 and subsequent amendments of Law No. 142/90 between the Mountain Community and the municipalities falling within the territory of Mountain Community No. 18 "Monte Linas".

ART.2

The association has the following general aims:

1. promoting and coordinating the development of public reading services in an organic manner with respect to the territory by forming projects and proposals for action;
2. to rationally take care of the utilisation of the library holdings and the management of the funding that the Region or other entities may make available to the System;
3. establish a single catalogue of all works owned by the libraries belonging to the System;
4. promoting and stimulating cultural activities;
5. start the interlibrary loan service within the System;
6. disseminate information through the use of already existing and newly acquired audiovisual media and systems among the libraries belonging to the System;

ART.3

The Libraries of the municipalities mentioned in Article 1 are considered to be ex officio members of the Association. Other public and private organisations and the libraries owned by the winning municipalities may apply for membership. The Management Committee, as referred to in Title 2 below, decides on their admission and how the services are to be implemented.

ART.4

The system seeks, at a technical level, forms of cooperation with other inter-municipal, provincial and regional associations.

ART.5

The municipalities commit themselves to the following points:

1. to provide the library with a suitable location for adult and children's reading and lending services;
2. ensure free public use of the services and opening hours of the Library that allow wide use by the entire community served;
3. provide the Libraries with tenured technical staff to the extent necessary for the proper functioning of the services. The municipalities that do not yet have staff undertake to create the relevant posts within the next five years and in the transitional period to guarantee the services and their expansion through the 'employment plans' financed by the Region;
4. allocate an adequate fund in the budget for book purchases, cultural activities and service needs to be rendered to its community and the System;
5. pay to the System's Administrative Accounting Office, upon approval of the annual budget, the sum of €250 (two hundred and fifty) for System management expenses, purchase of book materials and other. In turn, the office in question undertakes to set up a specific budget chapter and to account for the petty and current expenses to be incurred for the proper functioning of the System's services.

The contribution fee of the private entities joining the System will be established from time to time by the Management Committee at the time the application for membership is accepted.

ART.6

The system's libraries are expected to cooperate with each other by providing materials, tools, experience, ideas and information. The staff of the System's Libraries will have to participate in refresher and professional training courses to be organised by the Regional Labour Department.

ART.7

The administrative and accounting offices are located at the Mountain Community headquarters in Guspini.

The Management Commission meetings are normally held in the administrative and accounting offices. They may also be held in the offices of the other member Bodies following a decision to this effect taken by the Management Committee.

ART.8

The Library System is of unlimited duration.

Any institution may definitively terminate its membership in the System, meaning that it shall be deemed to have ceased on 31 December following the request, and it shall not be able to claim any rights to the assets acquired with the System's funds. In fact, the disaffiliated Library is obliged to return all the patrimony, both book and non-book, of the System, which will continue its activities in the manner and form provided for by these Rules and Regulations. The Association shall be deemed dissolved if half plus one of the member municipalities decide to withdraw. In this case the patrimony of the Association will be divided equally among all the member Municipalities; while the libraries of the Municipalities that joined after the date of its foundation will be entitled to a share of that patrimony acquired starting from the year following the Association's entry.

TITLE 2 - MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

ART. 9

In order to co-ordinate the services of the System, a Management Commission is established as follows:

- President of the XVIII Mountain Community or his delegate acting as President;
- Mayors of the member municipalities or their delegates;
- a library service manager for each member institution.

The Management Committee will remain in office for the duration of the Scheme and its members will remain in office until they are replaced by their respective institutions.

This Commission meets when convened by the President and when half plus one of its members so request.

The Management Commission is validly convened in 1st call with the presence of half plus one of the members and in 2nd call with the presence of one quarter of the members.

The functions of Secretary shall be performed by the Head of the Service of the XVIII Mountain Community.

The acts of the Management Commission are validly adopted when they carry the favourable vote of half plus one of the members present, specifying that in the event of a tie, the vote of the President shall prevail.

The System Management Commission has the following tasks:

- to approve the development programmes and detailed projects for the System;
- coordinate and manage the technical activities of the system.

GUARANTEES AND OBLIGATIONS

ART.10

The member institutions undertake to ensure the proper functioning of the library services with suitable premises and staff.

ART.11

The Mountain Community undertakes to guarantee the administrative and accounting coordination of the System and an annual contribution of 0.10 cent per inhabitant, which can be redetermined from year to year on the proposal of the Management Commission;

The Municipalities undertake to contribute, with their own appropriations, to the system's management expenses to the extent of 0.50 cents per inhabitant per year, calculated on the basis of the results as at 31/12 of the previous year, which may be redetermined in subsequent years on the proposal of the Management Commission. This financial commitment is reduced by half for municipalities that permanently employ at least one service employee in the library.

The Municipalities and other member Bodies also undertake to take charge of the assets received on behalf of the System and to be part of the System for at least six years, as managers of services of supra-municipal interest.

They use the Regional allocations according to the relevant legislation.

Donations of assets to the System may be made to individual libraries, subject to acceptance by the respective municipality.

ART.12

The Mountain Community constitutes the reference pole for the administrative management of inter-municipal library services related to the System.

To this end, the Mountain Community's budget manages the budget of the "Monte Linas" Library System, with income represented by contributions from the Municipalities, the Province and the Region, as well as from other public and private bodies, and with expenditure for the purchase of volumes, furniture, equipment, personnel management and various activities.

The Mountain Community uses the contributions and funding allocated to the realisation of the System according to the directives given by the System's Management Commission, providing for the purchases and expenses necessary for the functioning of the inter-municipal services and provides for the accounting of the contributions allocated to the System's inter-municipal services.

The members of the Management Commission, as well as its own employees, are granted a mission allowance for attending coordination meetings, as well as all the opportunities for updating.

ART.13

The deliberations for the expenditure of the System to be carried out on the budget of the Library System are adopted by the Executive Board of the Mountain Community on a proposal from the System Management Commission.

The acts assumed by the Management Committee will be carried out with determinations by the Secretary and the Head of Service or by resolutions adopted by the Executive Board depending on the competences.

ART.14

Amendments to this Regulation must be adopted by resolutions of the Council of the Mountain Community n. 18 and the Councils of the Municipalities participating in the System.