

Cittaslow International Charter

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International network of cities where living is good



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Preamble

Establishment of the Association

On the day 17 March 2001 in Greve in Chianti, by act of the General Secretary, Marzio Marini Rep. n.21, the Association called: **“Cittaslow –Rete Internazionale delle città del buon vivere”**: in short, **“Cittaslow”**, was legally established, though already unofficially created on 15 October at

the Orvieto theatre. **The duration of the Association is unlimited. The Association will adopt its own trademark portraying “an orange coloured snail bearing a crown of modern and historical buildings” (as per Attachment D to the present Charter): integral part of the trademark will be the wording “Cittaslow Rete Internazionale delle città del buon vivere ”, whose use will be regulated.**

Cittaslow Charter

PARAGRAPH I

Definitions and Principles

Art. 1

Headquarters

The International headquarters of the Association is in Orvieto at the Orvieto Municipality, via Garibaldi 8, and may have secondary branches.

Art. 2

Principles

The Association is a not for profit entity and its objectives are to promote and spread the culture of good living through research, testing and application of solutions for the city organisation. The identity, memory, environmental protection, justice and social inclusion, community as well as an active citizenship, are among the values which the Association promotes.

The Association fundamental principles are contained in the Manifesto of Cittaslow, which is approved and attached to the present Charter with the letter A.

Art. 3

Values

The Association founded in Orvieto on 15th October 1999, values the creation of resilient microeconomics, the exchange of good practices across the Network, promotes citizenship actions in local communities, across cities and its territories, in cultural, environmental, social and economic aspect, today and for future generations.

Art. 4

Trademarks

The name and logo of the Association are registered trademarks and assets belonging to the same. Their handling is the exclusive authority of the international coordinating office, which authorises their use based on the principles of the present Charter and according to the specific regulations (Attachment “D”), that the coordinating office will wish to pursue.

The “Supporter” and “Friends of Cittaslow” members can use a suitable Cittaslow trademark. The name Cittaslow will not be translated into other languages and is an integral part of the logo.

Art. 5

Dissolution

Dissolution of the Association is deliberated by the Members general Assembly by way of majority of two third of the Members who will appoint one or more liquidators and define the procedures

conveying any of the assets to institutions pursuing objectives similar r to those of the Association.

Art. 6

Official Languages

The official languages of the Association are Italian and/or English.

PARAGRAPH II **Managing Funds**

Art. 7

Mutual International Cash Fund

The International Association will manage its own funds which are generated by:

- payments of annual registration and membership fees;
- any reserve funds generated by budget surpluses;
- any donations, gifts and legacies;
- any contributions from public and private institutions;
- any revenues generated by projects, provision of services to members and not, and from economic or commercial activities.

Every National Coordinating Group of the individual national network may establish its own Mutual

Cash Fund (FCC).

The Association fiscal year ends as of December 31 of every year.

For the International Cittaslow, by March 30 of the subsequent year, the Coordinating Committee will prearrange the forecasted and closing budget for the subsequent fiscal year to be submitted before the Association for approval.

For the National Network, by January 31 of the subsequent year, the National Coordinating Group will prearrange the forecasted and closing budget for the subsequent fiscal year, a copy of which must be obligatorily sent to the International Coordinating Committee.

PARAGRAPH III

Joining – Commitments - Faculties

Art. 8

Joining

The International Association may be joined, as Ordinary Members, by all the cities which, normally, have not more than 50 thousands residents, except for different justified decisions by the Association organs.

Metropolitan cities may join the International Association as "**Cittaslow Metropolis**" members, by submitting one or more neighbourhoods for certification, in accordance with the general membership rules.

Are to be admitted as members cities and Towns whose application will be accepted by the International Coordinating Committee based on proposal of the national Coordinating, whereby existing. The "Status" of member is assumed after the payment of a registration fee within four months from the acceptance.

On the joining application the candidate member must declare to accept without reservations the Association Charter. The procedures for joining, withdrawing and exclusions are governed by the Association Regulations.

Art. 9

Members

Ordinary Members include all those towns that have been accepted into the Association based on the provisions of the previous article 8 and of the regulations. Every Member undertakes the commitment to implement within its own area and community the objectives guide lines of Cittaslow Association. In addition has the duty of refraining from behaviours that may contrast with the objectives, philosophy and values of the Cittaslow Association or that may seriously harm its image. If a Member transgresses these rules, the Coordinating Committee may deliberate its immediate expulsion.

Cittaslow Area. If in an area at least three Cittaslow with proximity or territorial continuity are certified, it is possible to establish a "Cittaslow Area" without further associative burdens. The municipalities adhering to the Cittaslow Area must annually implement at least one Cittaslow project approved by the International Coordination Committee

Art. 10

“Supporters of Cittaslow”

Supporters of Cittaslow are public institutions (Regions, Provinces, Towns, Cantons, Metropolises, unions of Municipalities, etc.) which intend to support the activities and life of the Association and promote Cittaslow projects in their area.

The Supporters of Cittaslow will notify the Coordinating Committee:

- the amount of the contribution;
- reasons and interests for supporting the Cittaslow activities.
- supply of services gratuitously or on exceptional terms;
- financial support for the specific projects;
- technical and scientific cooperation;
- patronage (in case of institutions).

To acquire the status of Supporter of Cittaslow is necessary to notify the intentions through the national coordinator or the mayor of a member city which will provide to submit the request to Cittaslow International offices.

If there is a National Coordination, 80% of the membership fees of Supporters of Cittaslow will be attributable to the National Coordination. The remaining 20% of the membership fees will be passed to the International Coordination. The membership fee for Supporters of Cittaslow will be equivalent to the maximum fee payable by ordinary members as stipulated in Art. 11 of the Regulations. If there is no National Coordination, the fees will be passed to the International Coordination.

Art. 11

“Friends of Cittaslow”

“Friends of Cittaslow” include cultural and scientific associations, economic and commerce chambers, cultural and scientific associations, non-profit professional and trade associations as well as private and public businesses both in the production and services sectors and in the tourist non-profit professional and trade associations as well as private and public businesses both in the production and services sectors and in the tourist and agricultural sectors. The Friends intend to contribute to the activities of the Association through:

- a. Donation of money;
- b. supply of services gratuitously or on exceptional terms;
- c. financial support for the specific projects;
- d. technical and scientific cooperation.

Contributions may be requested by the National or International Coordinating Committees or offered by the Supporters of Cittaslow.

The National Coordinating Group proposes the acceptance by submitting to the International Coordinating Committee, which in turn hands out the decision within three months from the proposal.

If there is a National Coordination, 80% of the membership fees of the Friends will be attributable to the National Coordination. The remaining 20% of the membership fees will be passed to the International Coordination. The membership fee for Friends will be equivalent to the maximum fee payable by ordinary members as stipulated in Art. 11 of the Regulations. If there is no National Coordination, the fees will be passed to the International Coordination.

Friends of Cittaslow may associate the title of “Friend of Cittaslow” to their image (in brochures, folders and leaflets, via digital communication tools, on the web, etc) through the particular logo approved by the regulations for the use of the trademark. In case of financial support for specific projects, Friends may advertise the project supported. The Cittaslow trademark may not be used directly on consumer products.

The relevant procedures will be agreed each time through the signing of a special agreement in which will also be indicated the duration.

To acquire the status of Friend of Cittaslow it is necessary to notify your interest through the national coordinator or the mayor of a member city which is an ordinary member of Cittaslow, which will submit the request to the Cittaslow Int'l offices. “

Art. 12

Compliance with the regulations

Members are expected to comply with the regulations of the present Charter and deliberations by the Assembly and International Coordinating Committee of the Cittaslow Association, non-compliance can result, in serious cases and upon justified deliberation, in the exclusion of the member. The exclusion may be decided even for a documented activity openly contrary to the Association principles.

Art. 13

Commitments

The Cittaslow undertakes the commitment to:

- implement specific and targeted initiatives, which go beyond the normal compliance with the current laws, aimed at improving the principles of article 3 throughout their territories;
- spread the Cittaslow initiatives and publicise the initiatives implemented to achieve the objectives of the Movement;

- exchange and share the best practices and accomplished projects at local level.

- promoting a policy for involving youth in politics and decisions concerning youth topics. For example establish a youth council.

- promoting cooperation and exchanges between Cittaslow cities, also on the youth level.

- apply, in compliance with the local specificities, the choices shared by the Cittaslow pertaining to the initial and periodical certification and promote any verifications provided by the National or International Coordinating Committees on individual important initiatives;
- contribute, based on their own willingness, to the initiatives of general interest, which will be agreed upon for assessing the results of the initiatives;
- appoint a permanent political delegate for the Cittaslow
- identify a technical contact person within the administration who coordinates the attendance of the Institution to the life of the Association.

Art. 14

Entitlements

a) In order to fulfill statutory tasks and purposes, Cittaslow International is allowed to establish companies, foundations or third parties, involved with the Association for cultural, economic and trade aims, whose incomes will benefit institutional activities and Cittaslow projects, as long as they comply with the terms agreed with the institutional bodies of Cittaslow International.

b) Member Cities will have the right to:

- associate the “Cittaslow” trademark to their images;
- grant the use of the trademark to all public and private initiatives which would contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the movement based on procedures which will be established through an appropriate regulation by the Association;
- to associate within themselves locally for a better organisation of their activities (area Coordination of Cittaslow) when their number reaches three within the same country
- if there are less than three cities in a country it will be possible to implement, on a temporarily basis, an international coordination with the same end purposes.

PARAGRAPH IV

International Cittaslow organs

Art. 15

Organs

The following are Organs of the International Association:

- International Assembly
- International Coordinating Committee
- International President
- President Council
- Board of guarantors
- International scientific committee
- Accounting Auditor.

All organs are appointed for 3 years

Art. 16

The International Assembly

As a rule, the International Assembly meets annually; it is made up of all the representatives, or their delegates, of the member towns whose membership fees are fully paid up and which have completed all the other requisite formalities.

The International Assembly deliberates on the mutual strategies, international promotional activities and problems of international coordination.

The meeting of the assembly will be fulfilled at least 60 (sixty) days in advance through notification to members through electronic mail. On the meeting notice must be indicated the day, place and time of the meeting and agenda.

The assembly must be also called to meeting when deemed necessary or when a justified request is submitted by at least one tenth of the members.

The Assembly:

- elects the International Coordinating Committee and appoints the Board of Guarantors;
- decides for the objectives to pursue during the year and the working guide lines, parameters for the assessments and structures necessary for measuring them;
- indicates the initiatives of general interest and the necessary budget;
- establishes the annual fee of association;
- approves the forecasted and final budget according to the procedures of art. 7;
- approves the annual Mutual Fund statement (art. 7 of the present Charter);
- elects the president majority
- Officially dissolves a national network
- How to vote:

The Assembly is legally established through the attendance, in person or by valid proxies (max. N° 4 for each people), of at least half of the members and deliberates according to the simple majority of votes by the attendees.

On second convocation the deliberation is considered approved regardless the number of attendees.

Participants in the Assembly may also express their vote at a distance, using certified electronic means.

The Assembly modifies the Charter and regulations through the attendance of at least three fourths of

the members and favourable vote of the majority of the attendees.

Members can be represented exclusively by other members, but no one, however, may have the right to more than five votes.

If the Assembly is deciding on subjects affecting at the same time all members, one third of the attendees may request the meeting of the Plenary Assembly made up by all members of the Association.

Art. 17

International Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee meets at least once a year, and normally in one of the Cittaslow towns, if not at the international headquarters of Orvieto (Italy) and it is made up of a variable number of members:

- the Coordinator of each National Network or his or her delegate and one representative per 10 associated Cittaslow
- one representative from each 4 founding towns: Bra, Greve in Chianti, Orvieto, Positano.

The president of the Board of Guarantors and the Director are invited to attend the deliberations of the Coordinating Committee.

Forfeiture from the coordinating committee, even if from a founding city, occurs after three unjustified absences in one year. In case of forfeiture, the coordinating committee may provide in appointing a replacement.

The Coordinating Committee may also be conducted in open session, by extending participation to other Cittaslow.

The Coordinating Committee, based on majority voting/attendance:

- deliberates the membership procedures for the cities;
- deliberates on membership application by the cities and any exclusions;
- upon acquiring the opinion by the Board of Guarantors, deliberates (officially or upon notification by a National Coordinating Group) the immediate exclusion of a member due to any behaviour contrary to the purposes of the Association that may seriously harm its image;
- deliberates on the management of the Mutual Fund;
- resolves the strategic lines of the Association after acquiring national plans from the various National networks;
- deliberates on the harmonisation of procedures and operating methods amongst the members of the Association in various countries;

- approves the general criteria for assigning the Cittaslow award making use of the Scientific Committee;
- organises activities and projects of the Association and verifies at least once a year the results;
- It co-hosts in the data collection for the Central Archive of the Association held at the head office in Orvieto;
- establishes the annual calendar of events even if organised by the members, who will boats/display the logo of Cittaslow;
- approve the forecasted and final budget for the subsequent fiscal year by 30 April; introduced by Secretary General in agreement with President Council.

Art. 18

The International President

The President legally and officially represents the Association, oversees the activities of the Association, convenes and chairs the Assembly and the Coordinating Committee and appoints the President Council.

In the event of serious shortcomings, President can commission a national network with urgency and temporarily assumes the prerogatives.

The President is elected among the Cittaslow Mayors of the Cittaslow associates and is in office for three years. He can be re-elected once only.

Art. 19

President Council (Presidency)

Is made up by the president, by deputy president vicarius and vice-presidents .

- It cooperates with the President for all the activities related to the convening and the holding of the Assembly and the meetings of the Coordination Committee;
- deliberates the initiatives to be taken to implement the decisions of the Members' Meeting;
- deliberates on matters of general order and address valid for the National Coordination of the Cittaslow Movement;
- coordinates and supports the activities of any National Coordination and may propose to the Assembly the dissolution;
- appoint the members of the Scientific Committee and the the Accounting Auditor;

- deliberates on the management of budgets and accounts;
- It can set up or manage matters which lies within the competence of the International Coordinating Committee, as stated on the Art.17.
- It Appoints the Secretary General and entrusts the necessary technical responsibilities with the execution and the management of the association activities.
- The Secretary General is attending President Council works as secretary of the Council itself.

Art. 20

Technical-Political advisory group

The President has the authority, in agreement with President Council , to entrust former mayors or administrators within a group of “experts” and/or “ambassadors” with supporting activities related to the Association projects.

Art. 21

Board of Guarantors

The Board of Guarantors is the organism of statutory and jurisdictional guarantee. It reviews the disciplinary cases submitted by the members and decides about them by issuing written measures to take within 60 days. It is made up by three members and elect within a president.

Art. 22

International Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee is appointed by the Presidency. It is made up of experts and scholars of varying disciplinary background, with the role of providing the organs of the Association with a wide and up-to-date scientific and cultural information for improving the activity and a permanent updating of the expressive design.

Members can be called, in single or associate form, to support and test the projects of Cittaslow International. In some cases, they may also be called to provide professional collaborations.

The Scientific Committee collaborates in the organizational activity of the Cittaslow Prize "Chiocciola Orange".

Art. 23

Accounting Auditor

The general assembly appoints every three years an accounting auditor.

The accounting auditor oversees audit of expenses, supervises operating administration of the association and reports to the general assembly.

Art. 24

Responsibilities of the international executive organs

The international executive organs of the association do not answer for the obligations undertaken by the member associations and national, local and territorial structures, which each answers solely through their own funds and executive organs.

Art. 25

Controversies

Any controversies amongst members and between members and the Association or its organs will be submitted, excluding any other jurisdiction, before the authority of the Guarantors. They will judge *ex bono et aequo* without any formal procedure and in the shortest time possible. Their decisions are final.

PARAGRAPH V

National Organisational Structure

Art. 26

National and/or Territorial Organisational Structures

If within the National and/or Territorial area meet at least three member cities, a National or Territorial Organisational Structure is established, which is the reference for the Coordinating Committee, called National Branch. Its activity is under the general Charter.

National Branch has got its bank account, on which the payment can be done from an one-off certification fee and payments from Cittaslow Supporters and Cittaslow Friends in compliance with the Articles 10 and 11 of Cittaslow International Charter.

The executive organ of the above structure is the National Coordinating Group which reports to a Cittaslow whose mayor undertakes the role of National Coordinator within the territory.

Art. 27

National Coordinating Committee

The National Coordinating Committee is made up of one national network representative per town or per group of towns and has the following responsibilities:

- it elects, by majority vote, the national coordinator, who may call on the services of technical aides at the behest of the town representatives;
- it organises the association's activities by projects and audits their results at least once a year, reporting to the International Coordinating Committee accordingly.
- establishes the annual calendar of national events, even if organised by member towns, which can boast the display of the Cittaslow logo and sends copy to the International Coordinating Committee;
- Draws the forecasted and final national budget for the subsequent fiscal; ear by January 31 and sends a copy to the International Coordinating Committee;
- manages the national network fund;
- verify the application of membership from new candidate cities to submit to the International Coordinating Committee;

- notifies the International Coordinating Committee, the request for immediate expulsion of a member due to any behaviour contrary to the purposes of the Association that may seriously harm its image;

PARAGRAPH VI

Attachments

Art. 28

Attachments

The following attachments

1. Attachment A – Charter
2. Attachment B – General Regulations
3. Attachment C – Certification
4. Attachment D –Logo
5. Attachment E – Official assessment cards
6. Attachment F – CITTASLOW MARKET (Rules of the Markets)
7. Attachment G – CITTASLOW METROPOLIS (Procedure and Validation Guidelines)

Represent, together with the preambles, integral part of the present Charter.

Art. 29

Reference standards

Anything not provided by the present Charter, refer to the current legal provisions of Italian Law.

Attachments

Attachment "A" to the Charter

MANIFESTO

In the beginning man fed himself. He then sought shelter and protection: homes, villages, towns were founded.

Finally, the time of the machines came with their increasingly hectic, frenetic rhythms of life.

Today, man dreams of liberation from the many anxieties that his own progress has created.

He is looking for a more serene, calm, reflective way of life. A wise man at the end of the contradictory and restless twentieth century would propose salvation through the model of the

Towns where Living is Good

The new Cittaslow international movement wants to bring together, with a programme of the exchange of our towns' civilisations, industrious yet peaceful as they are, based on the serenity of daily life. The

towns, be they large, medium-sized or small, share common features and aim towards the same end. Towns animated by people “curious about time reclaimed”, rich in squares, theatres, workshops, cafes, restaurants, spiritual places, unspoilt landscapes and fascinating craftsmen, where we still appreciate the slow, benevolent succession of the seasons, with their rhythm of authentic products, respecting fine flavours and health, the spontaneity of their rituals, the fascination of living traditions. This is the joy of a slow, quiet, reflective way of life.

The national and international association wanted by the participating towns and the Slow Food movement will be a continuous laboratory for a rebirth of humanism at the beginning of the third millennium.

CHARTER DOCUMENT

The development of local communities is based, among others, on the ability to share and recognise their intrinsic specific traits, of regaining their own identity, visible from outside and deeply lived within.

Globalisation, although representing an opportunity of exchange and circulation, has a tendency though, to flatten-out the differences and hide the features typical of the individual communities, proposing pedestrian average models that do not belong to no one and generate, inevitably, mediocrity. But a different need is spreading, of new solutions that go toward research and spreading of excellence, without necessarily turning it in an elite event, but instead, proposing it as a cultural event, and as such universal. .

From here the success of the many who have searched specificity and have brought it to the knowledge of the world.

For this reason Slow Food, which of the search for quality, starting from taste, has made the reasons of its success and diffusion at the international level, and the Cities which have distinguished themselves in this activity, represent an international network of the Cittaslow, which decided together to live their mutual experiences, starting from a shared code of concrete and verifiable behaviours, broadening attention to a good table, quality of accommodation, services and urban fabric.

Cittaslow sign and underwrite a number of commitments whose compliance with will be verified periodically and in a uniform fashion in all joining cities, in any town in all continents.

Cittaslow are those in which:

- an environmental policy is implemented aimed at maintaining and developing the characteristics of the area and urban fabric, appreciating in first place the techniques of recovery and recycle.
- an infrastructure policy is implemented functional to the appreciations of the territory and not to its occupation;
- the use of technologies aimed at improving quality of the environment and urban fabric is promoted

- is stimulated the production and use of food products obtained through natural techniques and compatible with the environment, excluding transgenic products, and whereby deemed necessary, to the set up of facilities for the safeguard and development of typical productions in difficulties.
- the autochthonal production rooted in the culture and traditions is safeguarded and contribute to the standardisation of the area, maintaining the places and methods, promoting privileged events and spaces for the direct contact between consumers and producers of quality.
- quality of hospitality is promoted as a real moment of connection with the community and its features, removing physical and cultural obstacles that may prejudice the full and widespread use of city resources.
- amongst the citizens, and not just among the operators, is promoted the awareness of living in a Cittaslow, with special attention paid to the world of youth and school through systematic introduction of taste education.

The Cities joining the movement undertake the commitment:

- spreading the initiatives of the Cittaslow and make public the initiative implemented to achieve the objectives of the movement.
- to apply, based on the respect for the local features, the choices shared by the Cittaslow and promote verification by the subjects charged by the movement through parameters agreed upon for the assessment of the results of the initiatives.
- to contribute, based on their own willingness, to the initiatives of general concern, which will be agreed upon, and to the coordination of the movement.

The Cities will have the faculty:

- to associate their image to the logo of the movement boasting display of the Cittaslow title.
- grant the use of the logo in all public and private initiatives and activities, which contribute to the achievement of the objectives by the movement.
- participate to the initiatives that will be conducted within the movement, utilising, through procedures to be agreed upon, models and structures.

The movement activity will be directed by annual assemblies which will decide on:

- the objectives for the year and work guidelines, assessing parameters and structures necessary to measure them
- initiatives of general interest and the necessary budget, therein included coordinating activities.
- the set-up of a coordinating Committee for the activities which will include representatives of promoting Cities and a number of representatives from other Cities, insuring the presence of a delegation from every Country.

The annual Assemblies, to be held each time in different City, will represent the opportunity for a debate, even technical and scientific, on the problems of quality of life in the cities and to draw up a report on the Cittaslow.

Orvieto, 15 October 1999

Attachment “B” to the Charter

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Art.1

Organization and management

The Secretary General coordinates and leads staff’s technical activities of the headquarters and of any other external seats, as well as other third organizations (corporations, foundations, etc..) established by Cittaslow International, he draws up the financial statement mutual fund, he manages funds and estates as well as possible related services

Art. 2

Membership application

The Mayor of the town (or the President of the Town or District Council, or of the local Community Council), which intends to join the Cittaslow network, sends to the Coordinating Committee or to the Authorised National Operating Structure an application requesting membership to the association containing the following information:

- Introduction to the city;
- Reasons for choosing to join;
- Identification of the requirements met and projects in progress for meeting them;
- Institutional and technical contacts appointed for the relation with the Association.

After acceptance of the application, the city must provide in paying a the one-off payment amounting to 600.00 Euro; the membership fee provided by art. 8 of the present Regulations will be paid only after admission.

Art. 3

Certification Office

The Certification Office is composed of:

- A policy Chief, acting on the authority of the International President, who acts in accordance with the instructions and decisions of the Coordinating Committee
- The Director, with responsibility for processing the towns' applications for membership
- The Secretary, who provides all the requisite operational support and handles direct relations with the towns that apply for admission to the association

Art. 4

Verifying membership application.

The Coordinating Committee verifies the membership application.

Membership applications will be reviewed for towns which normally do not have more than 50 thousand residents and are not provincial capitals. The Coordinating Committee reserves the right to accept towns with more than 50,000 residents.

Art. 5

Membership Application Procedure

The procedure for admission to Cittaslow is as follows:

A) In countries where no Cittaslow network is already in place, the following steps are required:

- 1) A letter from the Mayor of the candidate town (or the President of the Town or District Council, or of the local Community Council), addressed to the International President of Cittaslow that:
 - Explains the reasons for the application
 - Outlines the grounds for becoming a Cittaslow
 - Identifies a delegate of the local administration and a local technical expert who will work directly with the Certification Office
- 2) The Certification Office, decides on the preliminary membership application and can send a delegate to visit the candidate town.
- 3) The candidate town receives the Certification forms and the assistance necessary for the Certification procedure.
- 4) The candidate town pays a one-off certification fee as specified in Art. 11 of these Regulations.
- 5) The candidate town completes the Certification procedure and sends the Certification form to Cittaslow head office. If the town's Certification score exceeds 50% of the requirements, it will be declared a new Cittaslow at the next appropriate official Cittaslow gathering.

- 6) The Mayor of the new Cittaslow, or a delegate in his/her place, receives the Certificate of membership from the President of Cittaslow International personally.

B) In countries where a Cittaslow network is already in place, the admission procedure is delegated (as regards points 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 above) to the network's National Coordinating Committee, whereas the procedure set out in points 5 and 6 remains unchanged.

C) In countries where there is no Cittaslow network, but where one or two certified towns are in operation, said towns will call on the Certification Office for support with regard to further admissions and the creation of a national network.

Art. 6

Admission

The Coordinating Committee reviews the final written report and decides on the admission for the towns which comply with at least 50% of the total requirements provided by the indicator cards (see attachments "C" and "F") implemented by the Association, with compliance with at least one of the parameters for each category.

Art. 7

Joining – Withdrawal – Exclusion.

The joining procedures are also provided by art 10 of the Charter; in addition, the status of member is not transferable and is implicitly renewed through the payment of the annual fee to the association.

The member may always WITHDRAW from the association by submitting a written request. The request of withdrawal must be notified in writing to the Coordinating Committee and is effective upon expiration of the year current, as long as sent at least three months in advance (by September 30).

EXCLUSION of a member can be deliberated by the assembly for serious reason or for not having paid the membership fees for at least two years.

Members who have withdrawn or been excluded or anyway have ceased to be member of the association, cannot request the restitution of the contributions paid, nor have any right over the assets of the association.

Membership is allowed for international Associations of cities as well as for those towns located within an environmental, archaeological

Art. 8

Periodical Verifications

The steps provided by the preceding articles, will be repeated every 5 years in each City.

Through the same intervals and procedures, the Coordinating Committee will decide on the term of permanence of the City within the network. The Coordinating Committee can provide, through appropriate advance notice, to carry out a verification even during intermediate periods and decide on the term of permanence.

Art. 9

Obligatory Rule

Member cities undertake the commitment to comply with the achievement of the objectives established each time for the campaigns proposed by the Association administrative organs.

Art. 10

Charges and fees

The following are charged to the member cities: the annual membership fees set by the Assembly, which is payable directly to the Association by and not later than June 30 of every year, excepting from other disposition agreed with the Secretary General. For determined and motivated cases, the deliberative organs of the association (Assembly and Presidency Committee), can deliberate adhesions of Members with different fees, calculated case by case.

Art. 11

Transitional Rule

The annual membership fee is set in the following amount:

Cities with less than 1 thousand residents	Euro 600.00
Cities with 1 to 5 thousand residents	Euro 750.00
Cities with 5 to 15 thousand residents	Euro 1,500.00
Cities with 15 to 30 thousand residents	Euro 2,500.00
Cities with more than 30 thousand residents	Euro 3,500.00

Supporters and Friends of Cittaslow Euro **3,500.00**

Note: the one-off Certification fee is set at Euro **600,00**.

Attachment “C” to the Charter

Requirements for excellence

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- 1.1 Air quality conservation *
- 1.2 Water quality conservation *
- 1.3 Drinking water consumption of residents
- 1.4 Urban solid separate waste collection *
- 1.5 Industrial and domestic composting
- 1.6 Purification of sewage disposal *
- 1.7 Energy saving in buildings and public systems
- 1.8 Public energy production from renewable sources
- 1.9 Reduction of visual pollution, traffic noise
- 1.10 Reduction of public light pollution *
- 1.11 Electrical energy consumption of resident families
- 1.12 Conservation of biodiversity
- 1.13 Energy communities

INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES

- 2.1 Efficient cycle paths connected to public buildings
- 2.2 Length (in kms) of the urban cycle paths created over the total of kms of urban roads *
- 2.3 Bicycle parking in interchange zones
- 2.4 Planning of ecomobility as an alternative to private cars *
- 2.5 Removal of architectural barriers *
- 2.6 Initiatives for family life and pregnant women *
- 2.7 Verified accessibility to medical services
- 2.8 “Sustainable” distribution of merchandise in urban centres
- 2.9 Percentage of residents that commutes daily to work in another town *

QUALITY OF URBAN LIFE POLICIES

- 3.1 Planning for urban resilience **
- 3.2 Interventions of recovery and increasing the value of civic centres (street furniture, tourist signs, aeri-als, urban landscape mitigation conservation *)
- 3.3 Recovery/creation of social green areas with productive plants and/or fruit trees **
- 3.4 Urban livableness (“ house-work, nursery, company hours etc)
- 3.5 Requalification and reuse of marginal areas *
- 3.6 Use of ict in the development of interactive services for citizens and tourists *
- 3.7 Service desk for sustainable architecture (bioarchitecture etc) *
- 3.8 Cable network city (fibre optics, wireless) *
- 3.9 Monitoring and reduction of pollutants (noise, electrical systems etc) *
- 3.10 Development of telecommuting

- 3.11 Promotion of private sustainable urban planning (passivhouse, mater. constructin, etc.)
- 3.12 Promotion of social infrastructure (time based currency, free cycling projects etc)
- 3.13 Promotion of public sustainable urban planning (passivhouse, mater. construction, etc.) *
- 3.14 Recovery/creation of productive green areas with productive plants and/
or of fruit within the urban perimeter **
- 3.15 Creation of spaces for the commercialization of local products *
- 3.16 Protection /increasing value of workshops- creation of natural shopping centres *
- 3.17 Metre cubes of cement (net infrastructures) in green urban areas

AGRICULTURAL, TURISTIC AND ARTISAN POLICIES

- 4.1 Development of agro-ecology **
- 4.2 Protection of handmade and labelled artisan production, (certified, museums of culture, etc) *
- 4.3 Increasing the value of working techniques and traditional crafts *
- 4.4 Increasing the value of rural areas (greater accessibility to resident services) *
- 4.5 Use of local products, if possible organic, in comunal public restaurants (school canteens etc) *
- 4.6 Education of flavours and promoting hte use of local products, if possible organic in the catering industry and private consumption *
- 4.7 Conservation and increasing the value of local cultural events *
- 4.8 Additional hotel capacity (beds/residents per year) *
- 4.9 Prohibiting the use of gmo in agriculture
- 4.10 New ideas for inforcing plans concerning land settlements previously used for agriculture

POLICIES FOR HOSPITALITY, AWARENESS AND TRAINING

- 5.1 Good welcome (training of people in charge, signs, suitable infrastructure and hours) *
- 5.2 Increasing awareness of operators and traders (transparency of offers and practised prices, clear vis
ibility of tariffs) *
- 5.3 Availability of “slow” itineraries (printed, web etc)
- 5.4 Adoption of active techniques suitable for launching bottom-up processes in the
more important administrative decisions
- 5.5 Permanent training of trainers and /or administrators and employees on cittaslow slow themes **
- 5.6 Health education (battle against obesity, diabetes etc)
- 5.7 Systematic and permanence information for the citizens regarding the meaning of cittaslow (even p
re-emptively on adherence) *
- 5.8 Active presence of associations operating with the administration on cittaslow themes
- 5.9 Support for cittaslow campaigns *
- 5.10 Insertion/use of cittaslow logo on headed paper and website *

SOCIAL COHESION

- 6.1 Minorities discriminated
- 6.2 Enclave / neighbours
- 6.3 Integration of disable people
- 6.4 Children care
- 6.5 Youth condition

- 6.6 Poverty
- 6.7 Community association
- 6.8 Multicultural integration
- 6.9 Political participation
- 6.10 Public housing
- 6.11 The existence of youth activity areas, and a youth center

PARTNERSHIPS

- 7.1 Support for Cittaslow campaigns and activity
- 7.2 Collaboration with other organizations promoting natural and traditional food
- 7.3 Support for twinning projects and cooperation for the development of developing countries covering also the spread philosophies of Cittaslow

*= **Obligatory requirement**
 = **Perspective requirements

Attachment “D” to the Charter

Logo

The Cittaslow logo, consisting of an orange coloured snail turned to the left and bearing houses and steeples of a city, is a registered trademark and heritage of the association. It can not be modified in the graphic and its use is governed by a special regulation approved by the International Coordinating Committee, which is an integral part of this General Regulations.



Attachment “E” to the Charter

Official assessment cards

The cards display the results achieved by the applicant cities at the time of verifying their quality and quantity standards.

Note: the scoring ranges from a minimum of 1 to a maximum of 5.

Attachment “F” to the Charter

CITTASLOW MARKET

(Rules of the Markets)

Attachment “G” to the Charter

CITTASLOW METROPOLIS

(Procedure and Validation Guidelines)