

## **DECLARATION OF INTENT (DOI)**

**29 October 2010**

**The joint declaration of intent on cooperation between the European based Global Compact Local Networks and the UN Global Compact on the occasion of the conference**

**European trends in CSR development:  
enhancing cross-border dynamics within the UN Global Compact**

**Reaching out to the development of a strong cooperation  
between the European Global Compact Local Networks**

“Dialogue and knowledge-sharing have always been central to the Global Compact’s mission. Tangible progress can only be achieved if challenges are addressed collectively and if good practices are shared widely across industry sectors, and across borders.

I applaud the European Local Networks in the Global Compact for this effort to advance regional cooperation in the spirit of our shared objectives.”

*Georg Kell – Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact*



**WE SUPPORT**

## **1 PARTIES TO THE DOI**

This DOI is between the Global Compact local networks in Europe and the UN Global Compact.

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## **2 BACKGROUND**

The UN Global Compact is a strategic policy initiative for businesses that are committed to aligning their operations and strategies with ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

Whereas 2010 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Global Compact, one of the primary challenges ahead is to bring responsible businesses to true scale.

Whereas the Global Compact Networks from Europe recognize the great potential to develop the Global Compact in the region, this declaration establishes a commitment to continue, expand, and intensify the cooperation between the European Local Networks.

## **3 JOINT OBJECTIVE**

The joint objective is to increase communication and collaboration between the European Global Compact Networks and to undertake initiatives to confirm the Global Compact as a strong and attractive European sustainability initiative.

- Reaffirming the importance to mainstream the universally accepted ten principles in business activities around the world and catalyze actions in support of Global Compact objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals.
- Exploring potential for joint initiatives to exchange sustainability knowledge across the borders and strive to build stronger sectorial cooperation (e.g. financial services, technology, utilities, automotive, retail...) in coordination with UN Global Compact and academic partners as a result of the data available from the European Global Compact Networks.
- Providing inputs for bilateral and international cooperation on the implementation of the universally accepted Global Compact ten principles and the Millennium Development Goals.
- Promoting research, development and dissemination of innovative sustainability and corporate citizenship programs, with the participation of relevant local partners and interested public and private institutions, including joint pilot projects, taking the best practices of the experiences and capabilities of the European Global Compact Networks.
- Encourage the participation of member companies in high level events on issues of sustainability and corporate citizenship organized by each local Global Compact Network such as conferences, meetings and workshops.
- Encourage the organization of a regional conference once a year hosted at the location of a different Network each time. The outcome of this conference could be shared at the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit.
- Monitor and evaluate the results of this DOI at the next European Global Compact Local Networks conference end 2011 in Italy, as agreed by the European Global Compact Networks.

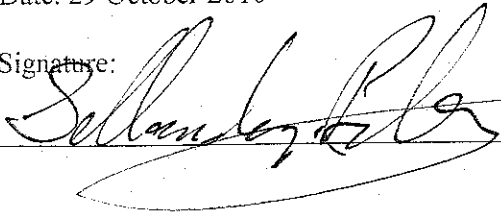
## **4 TERM**

The parties agree to work towards the realizations of the intentions of this DOI in the period 2010-2012. For this purpose they agree to explore establishing a voluntary forum, drawn from local networks, which would be in charge of the development of a joint action.

5 SIGNATORY PARTIES

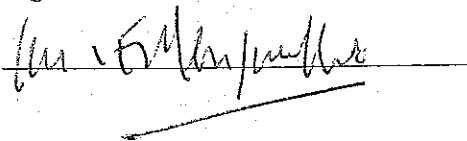
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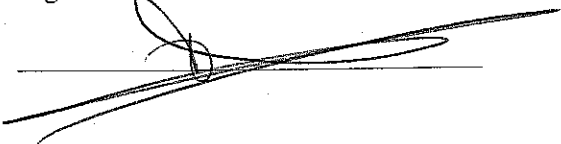
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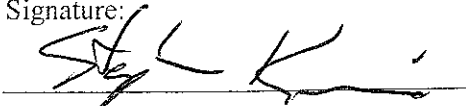
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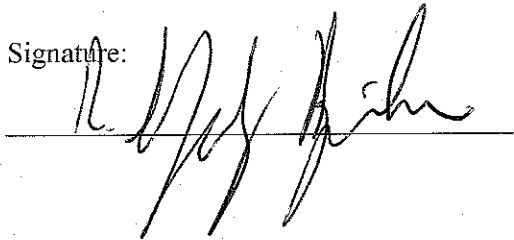
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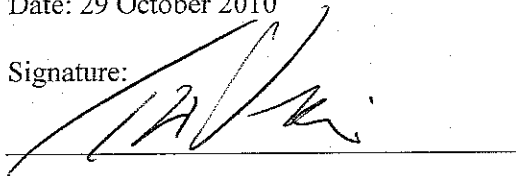
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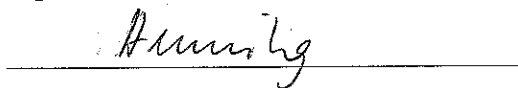
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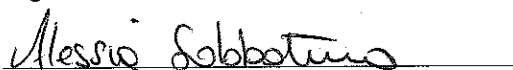
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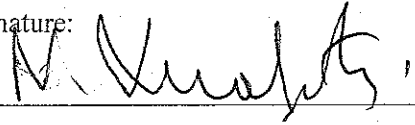
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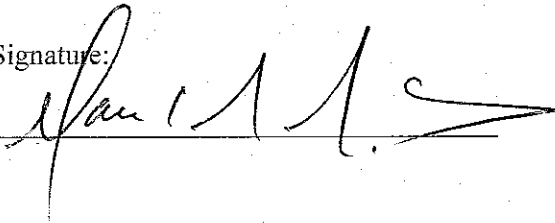
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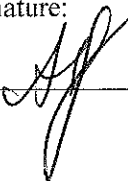
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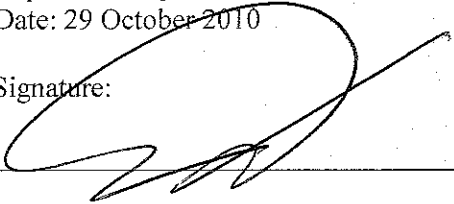
  
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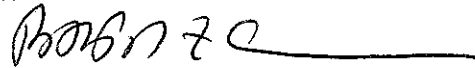
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