



TWINNING PACT BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF LUGO AND WEXFORD

We, Mayors of the towns of Lugo (Italy) and Wexford (Ireland);

Certain that we act on behalf of the sincere wishes and real needs of our populations;

Affirming our value of respecting human rights, which we hold as inviolable and inalienable;

Recognizing that the growing interdependence of different national societies necessitates an international, global democratic order, the foundation for a real peace;

Convinced that the ties that bind the towns of our continent constitute a fundamental element upon the path towards developing European citizenship and thus promote a Europe of human dimensions;

Reaffirming the vitality and the great value of the reasons which led to the subscription of the sisterhood pact between our towns,

On this day we decide to turn "the "Sisterhood Pact" that now unites our towns, into a "Twinning Pact" fully confirming the contents and taking the solemn oath:

- to maintain permanent ties between the governments of our municipalities in order to promote dialogue, to exchange our experiences and to implement all joint activities which may foster mutual improvement in all domains that fall within our competencies,*
- to encourage and support exchanges between our fellow citizens in order to ensure, through greater mutual understanding and efficient cooperation, the true spirit of European brotherhood for our now common destiny,*
- to promote the universal values of liberty, democracy, equality and the rule of Law, through our exchanges and cooperation,*
- to focus our efforts using all the means at our disposal to support the success of the construction of an ever more solid European unity as an instrument for peace and prosperity.*

Lugo, 3rd Mai 2013

*The Mayor of Lugo
(Raffaele Cortesi)*

*The Mayor of Wexford
(Jim Allen)*