

**ENLARGED PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON  
CULTURAL ROUTES (EPA)**

The Executive Secretary

Subject: Application for certification of the "Romea Strata"

Luxembourg, 13 June 2025

Dear Mr Raimondo Sinibaldi,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Council of Europe Cultural Routes (EPA), at its meeting held in Luxembourg on 6-7 May 2025, decided to award the certification "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" to the "Romea Strata" for a term of five years, in accordance with the criteria for certification contained in Resolution CM/Res (2023)2 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

I should like to congratulate all the members of the "Romea Strata" on their certification as a "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" and to thank the representatives of your network for their presence and presentation at the EPA Governing Board meeting.

Following the decision of the Governing Board, and according to its Rules of Procedure, "*The EPA Secretariat shall organise an award ceremony on the occasion of the Annual Advisory Forum, for the transmission of the diploma. Newly certified Routes are also encouraged to organise their own award ceremony during the year and invite member States which are part of the newly certified Route network*" (Rule 12). This year, the Advisory Forum will take place in Cappadocia, Türkiye, on 22-24 October.

On the occasion of the 2024-2025 Certification Cycle, the Governing Board put forward a list of recommendations to be addressed by the network in the framework of its first regular evaluation based on the independent evaluation report attached to this letter (Annex 1 and independent expert report).

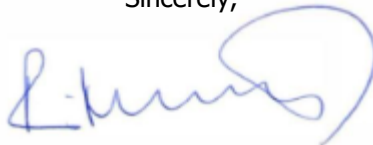
The Governing Board also decided to request the "Romea Strata" network to provide an annual action plan, strategy and provisional annual program of activities reflecting the recommendations of the expert's report, to be submitted to the EPA Secretariat by December 31 of each year until the next regular evaluation of the route. Specific instructions on how to meet this requirement will be provided in due course.

I should like to use this opportunity to inform you of the visibility guidelines your route will need to implement and your expected engagement in the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme. Further details can be found in the attached documents (Annex 2 and Annex 3).

To explain the above-mentioned requirements, the Secretariat will shortly invite you to an online information meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2025 Annual Advisory Forum on 22-24 October in Türkiye.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: *Independent expert report, Annex 1, Annex 2, Annex 3 and Resolution CM Res (2023)2.*

## ANNEX 1

### «CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE »

#### 2024-2025 CERTIFICATION CYCLE

#### EPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, 6-7 May 2025, Luxembourg

#### ROMEA STRATA

Summary of Governing Board recommendations:

- Elaborate further the scientific justification of the narrative of the Route (both historical and geographical) that demonstrates its cohesiveness and authenticity as a historic Route.
- Pursue activities aimed at attracting potential network members that have already been identified by the network.
- Continue fostering common research initiatives and scientific publications.
- Reinforce and increase network activities within the five priority fields of action, by ensuring the real involvement of all network members.
- Further promote and distribute information through the existent communication channels and increase efforts to target different audiences.