

Article 17

In accordance with their respective laws, the Contracting Parties shall support cooperation in the tourism sector through operations such as the exchange of officials and experts on tourism, exchanges of information and tourist statistics, and training in hotel management and administration. In this context, the Contracting Parties shall pay particular attention to the promotion of out-of-season tourism in San Marino.

Article 18

The Contracting Parties agree to undertake joint operations in communications, information and cultural matters to strengthen existing links between them.

Such operations may take the following forms:

- exchanges of information on subjects of mutual interest in the fields of culture and information,
- events of a cultural nature,
- cultural exchanges,
- academic exchanges.

Article 19

The Contracting Parties may enlarge the scope of this Agreement by mutual consent in order to supplement the areas of cooperation through agreements on specific sectors or activities.

TITLE III

SOCIAL PROVISIONS*Article 20*

The treatment accorded by each Member State to workers of San Marino nationality employed in its territory shall be free from any discrimination based on nationality in relation to its own nationals as regards working conditions or remuneration.

The Republic of San Marino shall accord the same treatment to workers who are nationals of a Member State and employed in its territory.

Article 21

1. Subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs, workers of San Marino nationality and any members of their families living with them shall enjoy, in the field of social security, treatment free from discrimination based on nationality in relation to nationals of Member States in which they are employed.

2. All periods of insurance, employment or residence completed by such workers in the various Member States shall be added together for the purpose of pensions and annuities in respect of old age, death and invalidity, and also for the purpose of medical care for the workers and for members of their families resident in the Community.

3. The workers in question shall receive family allowances for members of their families who are resident in the Community.

4. The workers in question shall be able to transfer freely to San Marino, at the rates applied by virtue of the law of the debtor Member State or States, any pensions or annuities in respect of disability, old age, death, industrial accident or occupational disease.

5. The Republic of San Marino shall accord to workers who are nationals of a Member State and employed in its territory, and to members of their families, treatment similar to that specified in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4.

Article 22

1. Before the end of the first year following the entry into force of this Agreement, the Cooperation Committee shall adopt provisions to implement the principles set out in Article 21.

2. The Cooperation Committee shall adopt detailed rules for administrative cooperation providing the necessary management and control guarantees for the application of the provisions referred to in paragraph 1.

3. The provisions adopted by the Cooperation Committee shall not affect the rights or obligations arising from bilateral agreements between San Marino and Member States of the Community where those agreements provide for more favourable treatment of nationals of San Marino or the Member States.

TITLE IV

GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS*Article 23*

1. A Cooperation Committee is hereby set up with responsibility for administering the Agreement and ensuring that it is properly implemented. To that end it shall formulate recommendations. It shall take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement. The decisions shall be executed by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their own regulations.

2. With a view to the proper implementation of the Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall carry out exchanges of information and, at the request of either Party, shall consult together in the Cooperation Committee.

3. The Cooperation Committee shall draw up its own rules of procedure.

4. The Cooperation Committee shall be composed, on the one hand, of representatives of the Commission, assisted by delegates of the Member States and, on the other, of representatives of the Republic of San Marino.

5. The Cooperation Committee shall take decisions by common accord.

6. The Cooperation Committee shall be chaired by each of the Contracting Parties in turn in accordance with the arrangements to be established in its Rules of Procedure.

7. The Cooperation Committee shall meet at the request of either of the Contracting Parties, to be lodged at least one month before the date of the intended meeting. Where the Committee is convened under Article 12, it shall meet within eight working days of the date on which the date is lodged.

8. In accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1, the Cooperation Committee shall establish methods of administrative cooperation for the purposes of applying Articles 3 and 4, taking as a basis the methods adopted by the Community in respect of trade between the Member States.

Article 24

1. Any disputes arising between the Contracting Parties over the interpretation of the Agreement shall be put before the Cooperation Committee.

2. If the Cooperation Committee does not succeed in settling the dispute at its next meeting, each Party may notify the other of the designation of an arbitrator; the other Party shall then be required to designate a second arbitrator within two months.

The Cooperation Committee shall designate a third arbitrator.

The arbitrators' decisions shall be taken by majority vote.

Each Party in the dispute shall be required to take the measures needed to ensure the application of the arbitrators' decision.

Article 25

In trade covered by the Agreement:

- the arrangements applied by the Republic of San Marino in respect of the Community may not give rise to any discrimination between the Member States, their nationals, or their companies,
- the arrangements applied by the Community in respect of San Marino may not give rise to any discrimination between San Marino nationals or companies.

Article 26

This Agreement is concluded for an unlimited duration. Within no more than five years of its entry into force, the two Parties shall begin consultations to examine the results of its application and, if necessary, open negotiations on its amendment in the light of that examination.

Article 27

Either Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement by notifying the other Contracting Party in writing. In that case, the Agreement shall cease to have effect six months after the date of such notification.

Article 28

This Agreement replaces provisions of agreements concluded between Member States of the Community and the Republic of San Marino that conflict with it, or which are identical.

Article 29

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other, to the territory of the Republic of San Marino.

Article 30

This Agreement will be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their own procedures.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following notification that the procedures referred to in the first subparagraph have been complied with.

Article 31

The Annex to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 32

This Agreement is drawn up in two originals in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.