



**LETTER OF INTENT FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR REGION
AND
THE STATE OF UTAH**

Considering:

- The existence of historical relations between France and the United States and ties of friendship between their peoples;
- the proactive policies of the State of Utah and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region in favor of the safeguarding of the environment, the development of tourism, economic development and innovation;
- the commitment of the State of Utah and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region to promote the development of an economic model based on responsible growth in their respective territories;

Carrying the same ambition, the State of Utah and the Region of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", express their mutual desire to develop institutional links and promote exchanges between the actors of their territories, in the field of environmental management, tourism, economic development, innovation and investment.

This collaboration, based on the exchange of experiences and good practices, will aim at reciprocal and sustainable development, for the benefit of the inhabitants of both territories.

The Parties will endeavor, within the limits of their powers, to foster the development of partnerships in various sectors, including tourism, natural parks and biodiversity, digital and new technologies, industry, health or innovation and investment in our strategic sectors.

In particular, the Parties shall explore the possibility of implementing the following actions:

- establishment of a partnership between a Natural Park of the State of Utah and a Regional Natural Park of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region;
- exchange of good practices on the development of tourism activities, in particular with regard to environmental issues, diversification of activities and environmental innovation;
- development of collaborations in the scientific and academic field;
- carrying out cross-missions of economic actors, particularly in the fields of new technologies, innovation, health or industry.

To carry out these actions, the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region will mobilize its local ecosystem of actors, in particular:

- with regard to the protection of natural spaces, its vast network of 9 Regional Natural Parks, 7 Regional Natural Reserves and 4 Biosphere Reserves (to which are added 4 National Natural Parks and 10 National Natural Reserves), which covers half of its territory;*
- with regard to scientific and university cooperation, its higher education and research centers, in particular Aix-Marseille University, the leading university in France and the leading French-speaking university in the world, and the technopole of Sophia-Antipolis, Europe's largest technopole;*
- with regard to economic development, its sectors of excellence, particularly in digital and new technologies, industries (aeronautics, space industry ...) and in particular the industries of the future, the energies of tomorrow (renewable energies, hydrogen sector, international nuclear reactor projects- ITER ...), or health and innovative therapies (Second French region for filing patents in health and for clinical trials, 170 health research Laboratories).*

This letter of intent shall not create any legal obligations or commitments between the Parties.

Signed at the in four copies, two in English and two in French.

For the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
Region

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