

**LETTER OF INTENT
OF COOPERATION BETWEEN HOBART AND KATOWICE**

BACKGROUND:

KATOWICE – the City in southern Poland is an important academic, cultural and business centre, with approx. 300,000 citizens. It is the capital of the Silesian Province as well as metropolitan area of more than 2.3 million inhabitants. The City hosts many international events and is a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities of Music network.

HOBART – the capital City of the island state of Tasmania, Australia and home to approximately 200,000 inhabitants. The City of Hobart is vibrant and highly liveable within a natural setting that extends from kunanyi / Mount Wellington to the Derwent Estuary. It is the centre of Tasmania's government, research institutions and much of its business sector.

**As a result of cooperation under the 'World Cities' project during 2017 and 2018,
supported by the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy,**

**Katowice authorities, represented by Mr Marcin Krupa, the Mayor, the authorities of the
University of Silesia in Katowice represented by, and the authorities of the City of
Hobart represented by (the Parties)**

we declare as follows:

The Parties intend to undertake cooperation in the following areas:

1. Improving the resilience and sustainability of our Parties to current and future challenges

The Parties intend to provide a basis for the ongoing exchange of experiences in resilience, environmental governance, increased energy efficiency and effectiveness and climate change action. Parties will share experiences and improve their action plans through sharing and collaboration.

Parties will focus on exchange of expertise in effective energy use and climate action, governance, adaptation to climate change and education for their communities. Moreover, cooperation of both cities will be planned to increase energy efficiency of public and residential buildings, public transport and lighting.

At the same time, this collaboration will allow exchange in data and knowledge of climate impacts and modelling to increase resilience adaptability across communities.

2. International character of start-ups

The Parties intend to provide an opportunity to cooperate and exchange experiences between companies, institutions and start-ups in support of entrepreneurship and innovation between both cities.

The Parties plan to promote the facilitation of learning and development alliances around new and emerging industries, including technology, to empower their regions to take advantage of innovation and entrepreneurial community-led initiatives that support improvements to liveability within each city.

The Parties, through Enterprize Tas and <Insert Katowice Incubator here>, propose the establishment of international contacts, internship-exchanges, knowledge sharing, and economic market development through the promotion of start-ups to aid in the opportunities for new markets and funding sources through potential investor and company markets.

3. Culture

The parties intend to cooperate between the cultural institutions of Hobart and Katowice to strengthen creativity and education in music and performing arts.

The parties are investigating the exchange of tutors and teachers, physically and digitally, in the field of music to leverage off the shared expertise to activate artists globally through digital technologies and facilitate the creation of new forms of interdisciplinary contemporary performance.

The parties also intend to share knowledge and experience between the institutions of Katowice City of Gardens and (subject to its agreement) the University of Tasmania that will contribute to the:

- Hedberg's design and functionality scheduled for opening in 2019; and
- Katowice City of Garden Headquarters' renovation and revitalisation.

4. Academic cooperation and exchange

The Parties intend to develop academic cooperation between universities and other research and educational institutions under the scope of the Erasmus+ programme, Australian Endeavour scholarships and Fellowships programme, student and staff exchanges, study visits and common research projects. The parties will promote participation in the events taking place in both cities such as COP24 and other international conferences, meeting and seminars, in particular relating to the areas specified in sections 1-3 of this Letter of Intent.

5. Caveat

The Parties intend to use their best endeavours to perform actions provided for in this Letter of Intent to the fullest possible extent. However, they agree that this letter shall not give rise to any legally enforceable claims or obligations and the performance of specific projects shall be based on separate executive arrangements to be signed by the Parties as necessary.

Mayor of Katowice

Lord Mayor of Hobart

**Rector of the
University of Silesia in
Katowice**