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Dear Mr Massimo Tedeschi, President of the Council of Europe Cultural Route of "Via Francigena",

On behalf of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA), it is my pleasure to inform you that at its 14-15 April meeting, the EPA Governing Board **confirmed the certification of the Via Francigena as "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" for a further three years**, in accordance with the criteria for certification contained in the Committee of Ministers resolution CM/Res (2013)67. This decision was confirmed by written procedure on 13 May.

I should like to thank you for your representative's presence at the EPA Governing Board meeting and for his presentation to the members of the Board, who deeply appreciated the opportunity of this exchange of views.

I attach the report of the independent expert examined by the European Institute of Cultural Routes and the EPA Governing Board for your reference.

The next evaluation of the route will be carried out from autumn 2019 to spring 2020.

I would like to congratulate all the members of the Via Francigena on their continued cooperation with the EPA on Cultural Routes and the European Institute of Cultural Routes.

I look forward to seeing you at the Council of Europe Cultural Routes Training Academy (20-22 June, Strasbourg, France) and Cultural Routes Advisory Forum (26-28 October, Vilnius, Lithuania).

Yours sincerely,

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