

The Executive Secretary

Luxembourg, 29 October 2020

Dear Mr. Massimo Tedeschi, President of the "Via Francigena", Cultural Route of the Council of Europe,  
Dear Mr. Luca Bruschi, Manager of the "Via Francigena", Cultural Route of the Council of Europe,

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 7-8 October 2020 meeting, **the EPA Governing Board decided to recertify the "Via Francigena" as Cultural Route of the Council of Europe** for a term of three-years, in accordance with the criteria for certification contained in Resolution CM/Res (2013)67. The decision was confirmed by written procedure on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

I should like to congratulate you and all the members of the "Via Francigena" as Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe for your continued cooperation with the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. I should like to thank your staff for the preparation of a presentation and supporting texts which allowed the EPA Secretariat to present your network at the EPA Governing Board meeting which was deeply appreciated by all EPA member States.

On the occasion of the 2019-2020 Certification Cycle, the Secretariat put forward a list of recommendations to be addressed by the network in the framework of its next regular evaluation based on the independent evaluation report attached to this letter (Annex 1). Please note that the next regular evaluation of your route will be carried out in the framework of the 2023-2024 Certification Cycle.

I should like to use this opportunity to remind you about the benefits of being a certified Cultural Route of the Council of Europe as well as of the required visibility guidelines and your continued 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).

I look forward to seeing you at the 2021 Training Academy on Cultural Routes (Impressionisms Routes, Fontainebleau, France, May 2021) and Annual Advisory Forum (Kutaisi, Georgia, September 2021).

Sincerely,



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