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Dear Mr. Stefano Diperna

Dear Mayor,

We have great pleasure in writing to you on behalf of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe concerning European Local Democracy Week 2010.

We are very pleased to congratulate you, the councillors of Mola di Bari City Council and your staff for your involvement in taking part in the pan-European initiative with the status of "12 Star City" .

We sincerely believe that the efforts of the ELDW partner cities, and particularly of the "12 Star Cities", will enhance the values of local democracy and boost participatory processes in the local communities.

Your initiatives are relevant examples of improvement in local democracy to a great number of municipalities in the 47 member countries of the Council of Europe, so as to celebrate the 25 years of the European Charter of Local Self-Government opened for signature on 15 October 1985.


Mr. Stefano Diperna
Mayor of
Mola di Bari
Italy

Participation by the largest possible number of local and regional representatives will strengthen the inclusive profile of ELDW.

We are very sorry not to be able to take part in the main events that you are going to organise during the Week, and we wish you every success.

The Congress Secretariat is at your disposal to disseminate whatever communication materials and pictures you may send us, mainly through our dedicated website and in other Congress publications and annual reports on activities.

Kind regards,



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