

The Executive Secretary

Luxembourg, 29 October 2020

Dear Mr. Flavio Foietta, President of the "Via Romea Germanica",
Dear Mr. Luigi Zoppello, Manager of the "Via Romea Germanica",

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 unanimously decided to certify the "Via Romea Germanica" 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 28th October.

I should like to congratulate all the members of the "Via Romea Germanica" on their certification as "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" and to thank the representatives of your network for your presence at the EPA Governing Board meeting and for your presentation to the member States, who deeply appreciated the opportunity of an exchange of views with you.

Please note that the next evaluation of your route will be carried out in the framework of the 2023-2024 Certification Cycle.

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 first regular evaluation based on the independent evaluation report attached to this letter.

I take this opportunity to kindly ask you to provide us with content items on your cultural route for us to update our website as well as all other communication material by 6th November 2020. Please refer to the attached document (Annex 1) and to our website for reference: <https://www.coe.int/routes>.

Following the decision of the Governing Board and according to its Rules of Procedure "The EPA Secretariat shall organize an award ceremony at the occasion of the Annual Advisory Forum for the transmission of the diploma. Newly certified Routes are also encouraged to organize their own award ceremony and invite member States which are part of the newly certified Route network" (Rule 12).

I should also 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 visibility guidelines your route will need to implement and your expected 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 (May 2021, Fontainebleau, France) and Annual Advisory Forum (October 2021, Kutaisi, Georgia).

Sincerely,



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