

# Declaration of Intent

The participants attending the meeting *Long Networks, Ecomuseums and Europe*, Trento, May 5-8, 2004.

Having agreed that

*an Ecomuseum is a dynamic way in which communities preserve, interpret, and manage their heritage for a sustainable development. An Ecomuseum is based on a community agreement.*

State their intention to set up the EUROPEAN NETWORK OF ECOMUSEUMS

The participants of the meeting do further agree on the following points.

1) Issues of common interest:

- a) local identity;
- b) involving the local community;
- c) status and role of the Ecomuseum;
- d) training and education;
- e) developing sustainable traditional and non/intrusive production activities and services;
- f) fund-raising;
- g) networking; and
- h) research.

2) The strategies to develop and investigate the themes listed above will be mainly based on the following strategies:

- a) paying mutual visits to the other ecomuseums to start collaborations and identify latent potentials of the partners ;
- b) creating task-forces and research groups
- c) provide mutual support to local round tables; and
- d) maintaining communications among those who signed the agreement (website, e-mail, electronic discussion forum).

3) The following agenda has been adopted:

## **May 2004**

- Shared declaration of intent.

## **October 2004**

- To finalise the analysis of the most suited instruments in the framework of UE initiatives.
- Presentation of a project for a UE initiative to set up an European network.

## **February 2005**

- List of basic common elements which characterise the ecomuseums.
- Presentation of conclusions by task-forces.

## **May 2005**

- Presentation of the ecomuseums network website.

## **September 2005**

- First European Congress on Ecomuseums.
- Guidebook to ecomuseums member of the network.

As agreed upon  
Trento, May 8, 2004.

Representing the participating Ecomuseums, Coordinating and Research Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities: