



# THE CHARTER OF THE NETWORK OF EUROPEAN ROYAL RESIDENCES

The drawing up of the Charter is the result of initiatives by the European Royal Residences Network during the last eight years. It highlights the project's most successful accomplishments. The aim of the Charter is to reinforce the principles announced in the Convention n°2001 – 2916 / 001 – 001 signed on 27/12/2001 by the members of the Network. It is to be implemented in the context of the *Heritage and History* project. Policies of the Charter were validated by the members of the Network. The Association of European Royal Residences agrees to monitor strict application of the policies by the members of the Network.

Taking into the account the above-stated principles, the Network of European Royal Residences formally adopts the following policies :

## I JOINING

To join the Network of European Royal Residences, two conditions must be met:

- The royal residence must be located in Europe
- It must be open to the public.

## II SHARING

The aim of Network of European Royal Residences is to share experiences in the realms of research, preservation, management and cultural and tourist promotion.

## III COMMITTING

Residences will seek to allocate the relevant human, material, and financial resources to enable the plans of the Network to be carried out. Each member will appoint a professional staff member as its designated contact person to the Network.

## IV INFORMING

Each residence agrees to promote greater awareness of Europe's shared heritage among public authorities, private organisations, and society at large.

## V EDUCATING

The Network will devote a major part of its educational efforts towards educating young people about European Royal Residences in the context of European History.

## VI COMMUNICATING

French and English are the languages used by the Network during professional meetings. All official documents will be translated into these two languages.

## VII TRANSMITTING

The shared website of the Network must thrive. Each residence will therefore include a link to the Network's site on its local Website. The entire Network site is to be translated into the language of each member of the Network.

## VIII RAISING AWARENESS

By advancing our knowledge of our European heritage the Network aims to raise the awareness of our shared identity.

## IX IDENTIFYING

Residences will use the collective logo of the Network on all official documents relating to the Network.

## X EXPANDING

The Network commits itself to assessing potential new members in Europe who fulfil the conditions of membership.

## XI EVOLVING

The Charter of the Network of European Royal Residences remains open to proposals for improvement in order to accommodate future development of the Network.