



Government of
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STATES OF GUERNSEY



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*Agreement of Decentralised Cooperation
between Région Basse-Normandie,
La Manche, the Government of Jersey
and the States of Guernsey and as Associate Signatories,
the States of Alderney and Chief Pleas of Sark*

Between,

The Department of La Manche, represented by its President Mr Jean-François Le Grand, with headquarters at Maison du Département – 50050 SAINT-LÔ CEDEX

And,

Région Basse-Normandie, represented by its President Mr Laurent Beauvais, with headquarters at Abbaye aux Dames – Place Reine Mathilde – 14035 CAEN CEDEX

And,

The Government of Jersey, represented by its Chief Minister, Senator Ian Gorst, with headquarters at Cyril le Marquand House, St Hélier, JERSEY JE4 8QT CHANNEL ISLANDS

And,

The States of Guernsey represented by their Chief Minister, Deputy Jonathan Le Tocq with headquarters at Sir Charles Frossard House, La Charroterie, St Peter Port, GUERNSEY GY1 1FH CHANNEL ISLANDS

In addition, the following parties will act **as Associate Members,**

The States of Alderney, represented by its representative Mr Neil Harvey with headquarters at States of Alderney, Island Hall, Alderney GY9 3AA CHANNEL ISLANDS

And,

The Chief Pleas of Sark, represented by TBC, Sark

The following is hereby agreed upon:

Foreword

Besides their geographical proximity, the Government of Jersey, the States of Guernsey, the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas of Sark, La Manche and Région Basse-Normandie share not only a common heritage and history but also similar development issues. In addition to the shared judicial and linguistic heritage still present in the Channel Islands today, there are many ongoing exchanges between our territories' stakeholders, as evidenced by town-twinning, tourist traffic and reciprocal participation in cultural, business and sporting events, as well as various individual and collective initiatives on all sides. These ongoing relations between our territories have given rise to close political relations.

Institutional cooperation between Région Basse-Normandie, La Manche and the Government of Jersey has been especially encouraged since 1995, when a Commission Amicale was created. Since then, profitable technical exchanges have been implemented by representative offices in Basse-Normandie and the Channel Islands, in the following areas: economic development, tourism, education, culture, heritage, and sport.

The representatives of Région Basse-Normandie, La Manche, the Government of Jersey, the States of Guernsey, have acknowledged that establishing their relationship on a long-term basis is essential. Consequently, they have sought to add a formal dimension to their friendship, within their respective remits, by signing a Multiparty Agreement of Decentralised Cooperation.

This framework agreement identifies areas of common interest and the way in which each contracting party intends to work together on shared initiatives.

The agreement allows for the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas of Sark to participate as 'Associate Members'. These jurisdictions will not be fully active members of the agreement, but will be able to partake in the cooperation agreement in areas of mutual interest. The States of Alderney and Chief Pleas of Sark may request that the States of Guernsey make representations with regard to their views, where authorised.

References

In view of the cooperation established between Basse-Normandie and the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, referenced in the foreword to this agreement,

In view of Article L.1115-1 of the "*Code Général des Collectivités Territoriales*",

In view of Ruling AP-14-11-151 of the Plenary Assembly of the Regional Council of Basse-Normandie dated November 21, 2014,

In view of the Foreign Affairs Policy of the Government of Jersey,

Pursuant to the mandate of the External Relations Group of the States of Guernsey and the States Strategic Plan that was approved by the States of Deliberation in March 2013.

In view of the agreement for cooperation in marine renewable energy that was signed on 10 April 2014 in Cherbourg by Ouest Normandie Energies Marines ('West Normandy Marine Energy') and the Government of Jersey, the States of Guernsey, the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas of Sark.

Article 1: Purpose of the agreement

The goal of this agreement of decentralised cooperation is to develop the institutional partnership and strengthen exchanges in the areas of economic development, tourism, education and culture between Région Basse-Normandie, La Manche, the Government of Jersey, the States of Guernsey, and where appropriate, the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas of Sark, within their respective remits and in the interests of each authority.

Article 2: Areas of cooperation

This agreement of decentralised cooperation covers four priority areas:

- Governmental links
- Economic development, tourism and transport
- Education, sports, culture and heritage
- Environment and marine renewable energy

Article 3: Implementation of cooperation

Each party proposes to implement procedures for three years. A meeting for members of the strategy committee shall take place annually and rotate between the territories in question. The meeting will be an opportunity to establish the scope of work for the coming year. Its purpose shall be to:

- Define a specific action plan, implementing this agreement by specifying the projects to be developed in each of the areas
- Define a schedule of work specifying the key events as regards cooperation throughout the year: institutional and thematic missions, joint participation at exhibitions and events, and event organisation
- Review projects underway and examine changes and adjustments as the need arises.

As part of this agreement, Région Basse-Normandie and La Manche shall contribute to cooperative actions with the Government of Jersey, the States of Guernsey and where appropriate the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas of Sark to the value of the budget of Syndicat Mixte de la Maison de la Normandie et de la Manche (SMANM) (€150,000 as of the date of signature), irrespective of co-financing provided by cooperation partners or costs entailed by the implementation of these actions. The contribution of Région Basse-Normandie and La Manche shall be reviewed each year based on the jointly developed action plan.

The Government of Jersey and the State of Guernsey, shall also contribute to cooperative actions with Région Basse-Normandie and La Manche through certain actions of the "Bureau des Iles Anglo-Normandes" (BIAN),

It is hereby noted that, in order to facilitate its implementation, the cooperation between Région Basse-Normandie, La Manche, the Government of Jersey, the States of Guernsey, shall be based on the annual organisation and operation of plenary bodies and thematic working groups. It is noted that the cooperation can, where appropriate, be extended to the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas of Sark.

Article 4: Duration and renewal of the agreement of decentralised cooperation

This agreement shall be valid for a period of three years renewable.

However, any party may terminate the agreement at any time, by putting in writing their intention to do so and sending it by registered post to the other parties.

Any changes to this agreement must be submitted, in the form of an amendment, to the Plenary Assemblies of the General Council of La Manche and the Regional Council of Basse-Normandie as well to the relevant jurisdictions of the Government of Jersey, the States of Guernsey. Bilateral agreements may be signed by parties concerning specific actions that can be dealt with bilaterally (without coercion or obligation to remain in any such group).

Article 5: Disputes

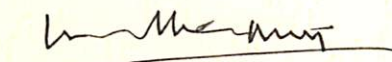
In the event of a dispute relating to the interpretation or execution of this agreement, the parties shall endeavour to seek an amicable agreement.

Article 6: Languages

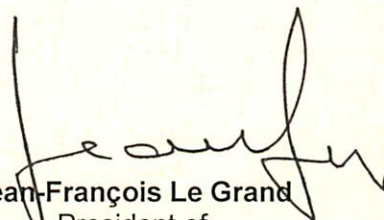
This agreement is drawn up in six identical copies, each in French and English language versions, each version being equally authentic.

It shall enter into force upon signature by all parties.

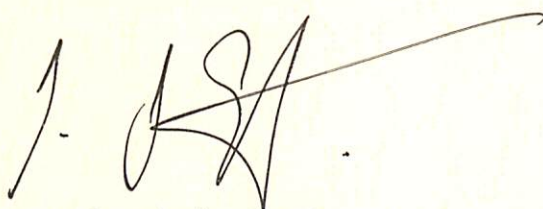
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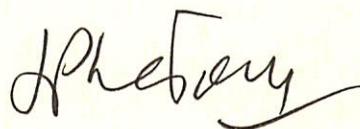
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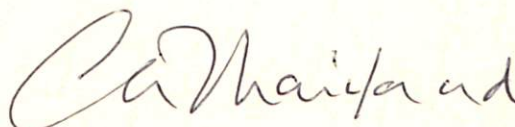


Deputy Jonathan Le Tocq
Chief Minister, States of Guernsey

Associate Members



Neil Harvey
Representative of the States of Alderney



Representative of Chief Pleas of Sark