

**"Special measures for the protection and the fruition of Italian cultural, landscape and natural sites, inscribed on the "World Heritage List", under the protection of UNESCO"**

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**Art. 1.**

*(Symbolic value of Italian UNESCO sites)*

1. The Italian sites inscribed on the *World Heritage List*, on the basis of the typologies identified by the Convention for the protection of world cultural and natural heritage signed in Paris on 16 November 1972 by the member states of the *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization* (UNESCO), henceforth to be referred to in this document as *Italian UNESCO sites*, are, due to their uniqueness, points of excellence of Italian cultural, landscape and natural heritage and their representativity at an international level.

**Art. 2.**

*(Priority of intervention)*

1. The protection and restoration projects of cultural, landscape and natural heritage included in the identifying perimeter of Italian UNESCO sites take priority for intervention if they are subject to funding in accordance to the laws in force.

**Art. 3.**

*(Management plans)*

1. In order to ensure the conservation of Italian UNESCO sites and create the conditions for their valorisation, appropriate management plans are approved.

2. The management plans define the priorities for intervention and the relative implementative methods, as well as the actions that may be taken to gather the necessary private and public resources, in addition to those stipulated by article 4, as well as defining the opportune forms of connection with legal instruments or programmes pursuing complementary goals, including those regulating local tourist systems and plans of the protected areas.

3. The agreements between the public bodies with the institutional jurisdiction over the drafting of the management plans and the realisation of the relative interventions are reached with the forms and methods stipulated in the legislative decree of 22 January 2004, n. 42, bearing the code of cultural and landscape heritage, henceforth referred to as "Code".

**Art. 4.**

*(Support measures)*

1. To allow the compatible management of Italian UNESCO sites and a correct relationship between the influx of tourism and the cultural services offered, interventions are planned for:

- a) the examination of specific cultural, artistic, historical, environmental, scientific and technical issues linked to Italian UNESCO sites, including the drafting of management plans;
- b) the arrangement of cultural assistance and hospitality services for the public, as well as cleaning, waste disposal, monitoring and security services;
- c) the preparation, in areas adjoined to the sites, of parking areas and mobility systems, but which must be functional to the sites themselves;
- d) the diffusion and the valorisation of the awareness of Italian UNESCO sites at scholastic institutions, also through promoting educational field trips and cultural activities at schools.

2. The interventions stipulated in paragraph 1, as well as the resources to be invested, within the limits of the authorised expenditure stipulated in this article, are decided by the decree of the Minister for Cultural Heritage and Activities, in agreement with the Minister for the Environment and the Protection of the Territory and the permanent Conference for Relations between the State, the Regions and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano. For the interventions stipulated in paragraph 1, letter c), the adoption of the decree is subject to the prior opinion of the Commission referred to in article 5. All the interventions are implemented in compliance with the stipulations made on the matter by the Code.

3. The financial costs of implementing paragraph 1, letters a), c) and d), equal to 3,500,000 euros for each of the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, are provided for through the corresponding reduction of the finances allocated for the three years 2006-2008, in the framework of the special budgetary item for the "Special Fund" capital account of the budget balance of the Ministry of Economy and Finances for the year 2006, making partial use of the provision for the same Ministry for the task.

4. The financial costs of implementing paragraph 1, letter b), equal to 500,000 euros for the year 2006 and 300,000 euros for each for the years 2007 and 2008, are provided for through the corresponding reduction of the finances allocated for the three years 2006-2008, in the framework of the special budgetary item for the "Special Fund" capital account of the budget balance of the Ministry of Economy and Finances for the year 2006, making partial use of the following for the task:

a) with regard to the 500,000 euros for the year 2006, the provision for the Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities;

b) with regard to the 300,000 euros for the year 2007, the provision for the Ministry for Education, University and Research;

c) with regard to the 300,000 euros for the year 2008, the provision for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

5. Starting from the year 2009, the financial costs of implementing paragraph 1 will be provided for in accordance to article 11, paragraph 3, letter d) of law 5 August 1978, n. 468 and its subsequent amendments.

6. The Ministry of Economy and Finances is authorised to carry out, with its own decrees, the required budget modifications.

#### Art. 5.

*(Advisory Commission for the management plans of UNESCO sites and local tourist systems)*

1. The Advisory Commission for the management plans of UNESCO sites and local tourist systems, established at the Ministry for Cultural Activities and Heritage, in addition to carrying out the functions stipulated by decree 27 November 2003, also provides advice, upon the request of the Minister, on issues linked to Italian UNESCO sites and expresses itself in accordance with article 4, paragraph 2, second period, of this law.

2. The components of the Commission referred to in paragraph 1 exercise their functions within the framework of their respective institutional competences. They do not receive service allowances or fees.

3. The Ministry for the Environment and the Protection of the Territory appoints three representatives among the components of the Commission referred to in paragraph 1.