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Subject: Twinning proposal

For some time now, the Municipality of Olgiate Molgora, which we had the honor of representing, has wanted to twin with another European Union citizen with whom to share common ideals of friendship and solidarity and to develop close political, economic and cultural relations together. Fortune has given us the opportunity to meet you and has given us the opportunity to get to know your country, most of all the wonderful location of Moergestel. We are sincerely grateful for the hospitality we received during our institutional visits and we hope that we have managed to convey the joy and warmth of our friendship to you during your visit to Italy.

It would be a great honor for us to create a twinning with a city in the Netherlands, which like Lombardy is among the leading states and regions for the entire European community. The Netherlands and Lombardy have a vanguard role for economic dynamism, innovation capacity and for planning in the fields of economy, research, environment, culture, education, sport and youth, society civil society and civic participation. As Lombards and Italians, we are also bound by a spontaneous feeling of closeness and sharing with the Dutch people, starting with the protection of the identities and traditions of our countries even within a strongly experienced common European horizon.

As you have observed, Olgiate Molgora has about 6,500 inhabitants and is located in the heart of Brianza, in the south of the province of Lecco, 35 kilometers from Milan (with which it is connected by the Milan-Lecco railway line), 30 kilometers from Orio al Serio (BG) airport and is half an hour's drive from Lake of Como. The proximity of Milan and the industriousness of the Brianza area make our area one of the most important industrial and economic fabrics in Italy.

A large part of our territory is protected by the presence of two parks: the Regional Park of Montevecchia and Valle del Curone and the Local Park of Supra-municipal interest of Monte di Brianza, which safeguard rural landscapes, uncontaminated wooded areas and valuable natural environments; as well as encouraging the cultivation of typical products of excellent quality of viticulture, agriculture and livestock.



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The churches still tell the story of one of the most important early medieval centers of Brianza, a unique case in Italy in which we find correspondence between written and archaeological sources for the history of the Lombards. Our villas, on the other hand, with their majestic monumental gardens, hark back to a late Baroque era when the Milanese aristocracy chose these places for their country homes.

There are many cultural and sporting initiatives and associations based in Olgiate Molgora, including theater festivals, tournaments organized by our three sports associations (each with its own football club) and the "Emilio Gola" National Painting Award. Since 1998 Olgiate Molgora has also been twinned with the community of Stockmoor, in West Yorkshire. A twenty-year friendship that has created a deep bond with our English twins, strengthened every year thanks to mutual visits even if, because of the small territory, there are no cultural or sport associations there.

Starting precisely from the common attention to environmental protection, which we know is also very strong in Oisterwijk, from the cultural liveliness of our communities and from the tourist vocation of our territories, we could inaugurate a new friendship between the two communities and their municipal representatives with exchanges regarding, for example, education and training of our young people.

We hope that this letter, which follows the visits of the respective delegations, will be welcomed as the first act for signing a bond of friendship.

Please accept, most illustrious ladies and gentlemen, our most cordial greetings, a warm expression of the sentiments of esteem and friendship, already growing from both sides.

A warm "see you soon" from the citizens of the Municipality of Olgiate Molgora.

Waiting for you kind reply

Best regards



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