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EPLO signs Agreement with the Italian Government establishing its presence in Rome and Venice

As the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) commemorated its 18th anniversary, a historic milestone was marked by the signature of an Agreement between the EPLO and the Government of the Italian Republic, that establishes a wider presence of the EPLO in Rome and Venice, two pivotal cultural and political centers of Italy and Europe, symbolizing a significant evolution in the Organization's global footprint and strategic mission.

The agreement was signed during a formal ceremony at the EPLO's premise at the Roman Agora in Athens, by the EPLO Director, **Professor Spyridon Flogaitis** and **Mr Alessandro Giuli**, Minister of Culture of the Italian Republic; in presence of **H.E. Paolo Cuculi**, Ambassador of Italy to the Hellenic Republic.

This agreement represents far more than the opening of new offices. It marks a powerful alignment between the EPLO's mission to promote democratic governance, the rule of law, and institutional development, and the Italian Republic's commitment to supporting international cooperation in these critical areas. By establishing a permanent presence in Italy, the EPLO gains a stronger operational base from which to expand its activities across Southern and Western Europe and further integrate with key European and Mediterranean policy networks.

The Italian Government's decision to host EPLO offices reflects deep trust in the Organization's long-standing efforts in the dissemination of legal expertise, civic education, and capacity building. Italy's support reaffirms the value it places on the role of multilateral institutions in shaping governance models rooted in transparency, human rights, and legal accountability.

Through this strengthened partnership, the EPLO envisions a series of high-impact outcomes: increased academic and institutional cooperation of the EPLO's European Law and Governance School with Italian universities and think tanks; joint conferences and training programs in the fields of law, governance, and public administration; new platforms for youth engagement and civic participation; and the enhancement of cultural diplomacy efforts via its Venice office.

Looking forward, this development ushers in a new chapter for the EPLO—an era of enhanced strategic reach, collaborative influence, and regional relevance. It underscores the transformative power of international partnerships built on shared values and mutual respect. With Italy as a dedicated ally, the EPLO is poised to scale new heights in advancing its mission to build more resilient institutions, inclusive governance systems, and informed societies worldwide.