**Project Lead Partner Declaration**

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*This document is an annex to the Application Form.*

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| Project acronym: |  |
| Project number: |  |
| Name of the organisation  in original language: |  |
| Name of the organisation in English language: |  |
| Partner number: |  |
| Country: |  |

I, the undersigned [*title, first name, last name*], as the legal representative of above-mentioned *organisation,* acting as a project lead partner in the above-mentioned project confirm, on behalf of all partners, that:

1. I am legally authorised to sign this statement on behalf of my organisation.
2. I hereby confirm that the legal status of my organisation, of the submitted application form, is correct.
3. I hereby confirm that the institution I represent commits itself to the project, and intends to provide the total amount of EUR [ ] as national co-financing[[1]](#footnote-1) to the total eligible budget for my institution EUR [ ];
4. I hereby confirm that the project respects the EU requirements for joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing, and joint financing.
5. I hereby confirm that the above-mentioned project, neither in whole nor in part, has or will receive any other additional EU funds (except for the funds indicated in this application form) for the activities indicated in the application form during the duration of the project according to [Article 63(9) CPR] no double financing.
6. I confirm the project has not been completed/or fully implemented before the application is submitted [Article 63(6) CPR/ Article 22(4)(f) of the Interreg Regulation];
7. I confirm that project do not include activities which were part of an operation subject to relocation within the meaning of point (27) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 or which would constitute a transfer of a productive activity within the meaning of point (a) of Article 65(1) of that Regulation.
8. I confirm that the project does not conflict with the corresponding strategies established pursuant to Article 10(1) or established for one or more of the external financing instruments of the Union [Article 22(4)(b) of the Interreg Regulation.
9. I confirm that the project does not fall under the scope of Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (19) are subject to an environmental impact assessment or a screening procedure and that the assessment of alternative solutions has been taken in due account, based on the requirements of that Directive [Article 22(4)(e) of the Interreg Regulation];
10. I confirm that the project is compliant with the horizontal principles and policy/legislation – the principle of equal opportunities/ accessibility for persons with disabilities, equality between men and women, sustainable development, DNSH and the Union environmental acquis/Union policy on the environment, including the SEA and EIA Directives; [Article 9 CPR + Article 22(2) of the Interreg];
11. The organisation I represent has the financial capacity to implement the project and in particular:

* The proposed financial commitment is adequate for the organisation´s size and capacity.
* It has the capacity to pre-finance project activities also for considerable amounts.
* Possible delays in ERDF reimbursement will not undermine the organisation´s capacity of implementing the foreseen actions within the project.

1. The organisation I represent has the administrative and operational capacity to implement the project proposal and in particular:

* It has enough human resources and technical means to ensure sound project implementation and management.
* Its administrative and financial involvement in the project does not undermine the organisation´s daily activities.

1. The organisation I represent has the necessary financial resources and mechanisms to cover operation and maintenance costs for investment in infrastructure or productive investment if implemented within the project, to ensure their financial sustainability.
2. I declare that the institution I represent is not under bankruptcy proceedings, bears full legal capacity, and is financially reliable and that its foundation and activities are in line with the respective national legislation and is not an undertaking in difficulty as defined in point (18) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.
3. The project partners listed in the application form are committed to take part in the project’s activities and financing as stated in the Application form.
4. The project is in line with the relevant EU and national/regional legislation and policies of the regions and countries involved.
5. All partners (lead partner and project partners) will act in compliance with the provisions of the relevant EU regulations, the specific provision of the Programme and national rules, especially regarding Structural Funds, public procurement, State Aid, respect for fundamental rights, equal opportunities, gender equality, non-discrimination and sustainable development, and works to ensure that the project has no harmful impact on the environment.
6. If the project proposal is approved for funding, I acknowledge that programme authorities shall publish the name and address of my organisation, the main contents of the project proposal (title, project focus), the amount awarded and the rate of funding according to Article 49(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.
7. My organisation, and all persons representing it in the project, is familiar with the content of the Interreg Atlantic Area Programme as well as with the conditions for support from the programme as set in the programme manual, the Terms of Reference for the call and in the model of the subsidy contract, and understands what its respective obligations will be in case the project proposal is approved and the subsidy is awarded. My organisation, in its role of lead partner, is aware that:

* It will conclude the Subsidy Contract with the Managing Authority, representing the partnership in the context of the project implementation.
* It will conclude a partnership agreement with all partners as required by point (a) of Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059.
* It will bear the overall responsibility for the implementation of the entire project, as required by point (b) of Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059.
* Declare to accept all obligations also as a project partner deriving from the Subsidy Contract, (which will be signed after the approval of the project proposal), and declare to respect the commitments foreseen in the Partnership Agreement (which will be concluded between all partners participating in the project), and in the Programme Manual.

1. It shall repay to the managing authority any amount unduly paid, in compliance with Article 52(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059.
2. I declare that the institution I represent commits itself to comply with the relevant public procurement rules (EC, national and internal), respecting the basic principles on which procurement standards are based, and making the results available to the public.
3. I declare that the information concerning my institution, as provided in the application form is accurate, complete and true.
4. I understand and confirm the conclusions of the staff costs of the project for my institution as set out in the application form.
5. I understand and confirm the conclusions of the travel and accommodation costs of the project for my institution as set out in the application form.
6. I understand and confirm the conclusions of the state aid self-analysis as set out in the application form.
7. In case of project approval, I commit myself to inform the Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Atlantic Area Programme if, after the date of signature of this declaration, the conditions underlying this declaration have changed.
8. I acknowledge that untruthful/false declarations, in addition to the administrative sanctions and the request for refunding unduly received contribution charged with the interests, can also be prosecuted by the penal code.

SIGNATURE For the legal entity

[Forename/Surname/Function]

[Signature]

[Date]

A digital signature is welcomed

1. Which is 25% of the TOTAL eligible budget foreseen for my institution [↑](#footnote-ref-1)