Annex 2

Project partner statement

In the event of approval of the above-mentioned project applying to the Interreg IPA Romania -Serbia programme 2021-2027 the [*insert the partner number and name of partner organisation (in English)*]*:*

1. commits itself to the project and the activities laid down in the application form, and intends to provide the total amount of EUR *[insert amount]* as contribution to the project’s budget.
2. is aware of the Programme rules on reimbursement and confirms the availability of own resources for pre-financing the activities and understands what will be its role in the project;
3. declares that it is not under a bankruptcy proceeding, bears full legal capacity and is financially reliable, and that its foundation and activities are in line with the respective national legislation;
4. declares that is not in one of the following situations:
	1. It has been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that the person or entity is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the applicable law;
	2. it has been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that the person or entity is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the person or entity belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibility where such conduct denotes wrongful intent or gross negligence, including, in particular, any of the following:
		* fraudulently or negligently misrepresenting information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of eligibility or selection criteria or in the implementation of the legal commitment;
		* entering into agreement with other persons or entities with the aim of distorting competition;
		* violating intellectual property rights;
		* attempting to influence the decision-making of the authorising officer responsible during the award procedure;
		* attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the award procedure;
	3. it has been established by a final judgment that the person or entity is guilty of any of the following:
		* fraud, within the meaning of Article 3 of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council (44) and Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities’ financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995 (45);
		* corruption, as defined in Article 4(2) of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 or active corruption within the meaning of Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 May 1997 (46), or conduct referred to in Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA (47), or corruption as defined in other applicable laws;
		* conduct related to a criminal organisation as referred to in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA (48);
		* money laundering or terrorist financing within the meaning of Article 1(3), (4) and (5) of Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council (49);
		* terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA (50), respectively, or inciting, aiding, abetting or attempting to commit such offences, as referred to in Article 4 of that Decision;
		* child labour or other offences concerning trafficking in human beings as referred to in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (51);
	4. the person or entity has shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations in the implementation of a legal commitment financed by the budget which has:
		* led to the early termination of a legal commitment;
		* led to the application of liquidated damages or other contractual penalties; or
		* been discovered by an authorising officer, OLAF or the Court of Auditors following checks, audits or investigations;
	5. it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person or entity has committed an irregularity within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 (52);
	6. it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person or entity has created an entity in a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or any other legal obligations in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration or principal place of business;
	7. it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that an entity has been created with the intent referred to in point (h).
	8. is subject to a conflict of interests; the conflict of interests represents any circumstances that may affect the evaluation or implementation process, in an objective and impartial manner. Such circumstances may result from economic interests, political or national preferences or family connections.
	9. is guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the Managing Authority/ Joint Secretariat as a condition of participation in the call for proposals or fail to supply this information which might have led to a different decision of the evaluators/ Managing Authority during the evaluation process;
	10. has attempted to obtain confidential information or influence the evaluation bodies or the Managing Authority during the evaluation process of current or previous calls for proposals;
5. declares to accept all obligations as a project partner deriving from the subsidy contract, which will be signed by the lead partner of the project after the approval, as well as the project partnership agreement which will be concluded between all partners participating in the project;
6. commits itself in complying with the relevant public procurement rules (internal, national, European and programme specific rules if existing) and in making the results available to the public.
7. the information in the application form is accurate and true to the best knowledge of the project partner.
8. VAT STATEMENT

For Romanian beneficiaries:

[ ]  declares that **recoverable VAT is not included** in the partner budget and is aware that **recoverable VAT** will not be eligible for reimbursement

[ ]  declares that **VAT can be partially recovered** in our organisation and that the recoverable part is not included in the partner budget as it is not eligible for reimbursement.

For Serbian beneficiaries:

[ ]  declares that all payments should be **exempted from VAT** (if applicable) and that VAT is not included in the project budget as it is not eligible for reimbursement

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