**Annex 2**

Project Title/ JeMS code:

Project acronym:

Partner Name:

**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, according to the Application Form, 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. declares that the information in the application form is accurate and true to the best knowledge of the project partner.
8. declares that it has the financial and administrative capacity to manage their share of the project.
9. declares that all cost categories for which budget has been foreseen in the application form will have appropriate incurred expenses (including for staff costs, travel & accommodation and office & administrative) during the implementation period of the projects.
10. declares that it is fully authorised to sign this declaration as the legal representative of [ *insert the name of the partner organisation (in English)*]

Also, for the absence of the circumstances under Art. 5l of Council Regulation (EU) No. 2022/576 of April 8, 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No. 833/2014 on restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilizing the situation in Ukraine,

I hereby declare, that there is no Russian participation in the organisation that I represent, in line with the restriction for providing direct or indirect support, including financing and financial assistance or any other benefit under a Union, Euratom or Member State national programme and contracts within the meaning of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 set in art. 5l of Council Regulation (EU) No. 833/2014 of July 31, 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilizing the situation in Ukraine, amended by Council Regulation (EU) No. 2022/578 of April 8, 2022.

In this regard, I expressly declare that:

* the legal entity whom I represent (and none of the persons who are members) is not of Russian nationality (for an individual) nor a legal person, entity or body established in Russia, with over 50 % public ownership or public control;
* I am aware of the responsibility I bear under existing legislation for declaring untrue data here above.
* I am aware that declaring untrue data will lead to termination participation in the grant and suspension of all related payments.

1. VAT STATEMENT

Each partner:

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

OR

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.

I express my agreement regarding the use and processing of personal data by the programme structures or any other structure with responsibilities in the management and control of European funds, within the process of evaluation and contracting and within the management verifications/audit/control activities, for the purpose of fulfilling specific tasks, in compliance with the national and European legal provisions.

The present declaration has been given knowing that false in declaration represents a crime under the Criminal Code.

Signature