DECLARATION OF HONOUR FOR BENEFICIARIES (DoH) (GRANTS)

Please do not forget that the granting authority must be informed of any changes that happen later on during the grant implementation and may impact

I, the undersigned:

☐ for natural persons: in my own name

or

☒ for legal persons[1]: representing the following entity:

[insert full official name]
[insert full official address]
[insert PIC]

hereby confirm

that (subject to the additional declarations below):

1 — The **information** provided for action [**insert project KAVA number**] — [**acronym**] is **correct** and **complete**.

2 — The information concerning the legal status in the Participant Register for me/my organisation is correct and complete.

3 — I/my organisation commit to comply[2] with the **eligibility** criteria and all other conditions set out in the call conditions — for the entire duration of the action.

4 — I/my organisation:

- are committed to participate in the action
- have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain the activities throughout the action and to provide any counterpart funding necessary
- have or will have the necessary resources needed to implement the action
- acknowledge to be fully responsible for my affiliated entities which participate in the action
- for research actions: are committed to comply with the highest standards of ethical principles and research integrity and confirm that the work is free of plagiarism

[1] This includes 'entities without legal personality' under Article 200(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024).

[2] 'Commit to comply' means complying now and for the duration of the grant.

- for actions involving EU classified information (EUCI): acknowledge that any sensitive information or material that qualifies as EU classified information under Commission Decision 2015/444[3] must be handled in accordance with specific rules and follow the instructions given by the EU

- for coordinators of multi-beneficiary actions: are committed to act as the coordinator for this action.

5a — For applicants from non-EU countries: I/my organisation:

- undertake to comply with the obligations under the agreement and to:
  - respect general principles (including fundamental rights, values and ethical principles, environmental and labour standards, rules on classified information, intellectual property rights, visibility of funding and protection of personal data)
  - for the submission of financial certificates under the agreement: use qualified external auditors which are independent and comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC
  - for controls under the agreement: allow for checks, reviews, audits and investigations (including on-the-spot checks, visits and inspections) by the granting authority, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and any persons mandated by them
- and confirm that:
  - we can be subject to the jurisdiction of the Belgian courts.

5b — For applicants which are international organisations: I/my organisation:

- undertake to comply with the obligations under the agreement and to:
  - respect general principles (including fundamental rights, values and ethical principles, environmental and labour standards, rules on classified information, intellectual property rights, visibility of funding and protection of personal data)
  - for the submission of certificates under the agreement: use either independent public officers or external auditors which comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC
  - for controls under the agreement: allow for checks, reviews, audits and investigations (including on-the-spot checks, visits and inspections) by the granting authority, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and any persons mandated by them

[3] See Commission Decision 2015/544/EU,Euratom of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

- acknowledge that nothing in the agreement will be interpreted as a waiver of the organisation's privileges or immunities, as accorded by its constituent documents or international law

- acknowledge that special rules apply concerning applicable law and dispute settlement

- acknowledge that if the organisation has concluded a framework agreement with the EU, it may rely on the provisions set out in that framework agreement, provided that they do not call into question the decision awarding the agreement or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants or beneficiaries.

6 — For applicants which are subject to Articles 138 and 139 of the EU Financial Regulation: I/my organisation:

- are NOT subject to an **administrative sanction** (i.e. exclusion or financial penalty decision)[4]

I/my organisation (or persons with unlimited liability for debts):

- are NOT in one of the following **exclusion situations**[5]:

  - bankrupt, being wound up, having the affairs administered by the courts, entered into an arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or subject to any other similar proceedings or procedures

  - in breach of social security or tax obligations

I/my organisation (or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the action):

- are NOT in one of the following **exclusion situations**[6]:

  - guilty of grave professional misconduct[7]

  - committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking

4 See 138 EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509.
5 See 138 and 143 EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509.
6 See 138 and 143 EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509.
7 'Professional misconduct' includes, in particular, the following: violation of ethical standards of the profession; wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility; breach of generally accepted professional ethical standards; false declarations/misrepresentation of information; participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition; violation of IPR; attempting to influence decision-making processes by taking advantage, through misrepresentation, of a conflict of interests, or to obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain an advantage; incitement to discrimination, hatred or violence or similar activities contrary to the EU values where negatively affecting or risking to affect the performance of a legal commitment.

- shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar
- guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95
- created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin (including creation of another entity with this purpose)
- intentionally and without proper justification resisted[8] an investigation, check or audit carried out by an EU authorising officer (or their representative or auditor), OLAF, the EPPO, or the European Court of Auditors.

7 — I/my organisation are NOT subject to a **conflict of interest** in connection with this grant and will notify — without delay — any situation which could give rise to a conflict of interests.

8 — I/my organisation have NOT and will NOT, neither directly nor indirectly, grant, seek, obtain or accept any advantage in connection with this grant that would constitute an illegal practice or involve **corruption**.

9 — I/my organisation have **not received** any **other EU grant** for this action and will give notice of any future EU grants related to this action AND of any EU operating grant(s)[9] given to my organisation.

10 — I/my organisation are aware that **false declarations** may lead to rejection, suspension, termination or reduction of the grant and to administrative sanctions (i.e. financial penalties and/or exclusion from future EU funding, such as grants, tenders, prizes, contribution agreements, expert contracts, etc).

and acknowledge

that:

1 — The grant will be signed and managed electronically, through the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Exchange System (accessible via your Funding & Tenders Portal account[10]).

2 — Access and use of this system is subject to the Funding & Tenders Portal Terms & Conditions[11].

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8 'Resisting an investigation, check or audit' means carrying out actions with the goal or effect of preventing, hindering or delaying the conduct of any of the activities needed to perform the investigation, check or audit, such as refusing to grant the necessary access to its premises or any other areas used for business purposes, concealing or refusing to disclose information or providing false information.

9 See Article 183 EU Financial Regulation 2024/2509.

10 Available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/myarea/projects.

11 Available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/ftp/tc_en.pdf.

3 — Personal data submitted or otherwise collected by the EU will be subject to the Funding & Tenders Portal Privacy Statement[12].

4 — Payments under the grant are done at consortium-level, through the coordinator, and will be automatically lowered if one of the consortium members has outstanding debts towards the EU (granting authority or other EU bodies). Such debts will be offset in accordance with the conditions set out in the grant agreement.

Project Coordinator

Name:

Title:

In (city, country):

On (date):

Signature _____

Participant PP 2.X

Name:

Title:

In (city, country):

On (date):

Signature _____

[12] Available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/legalnotice.