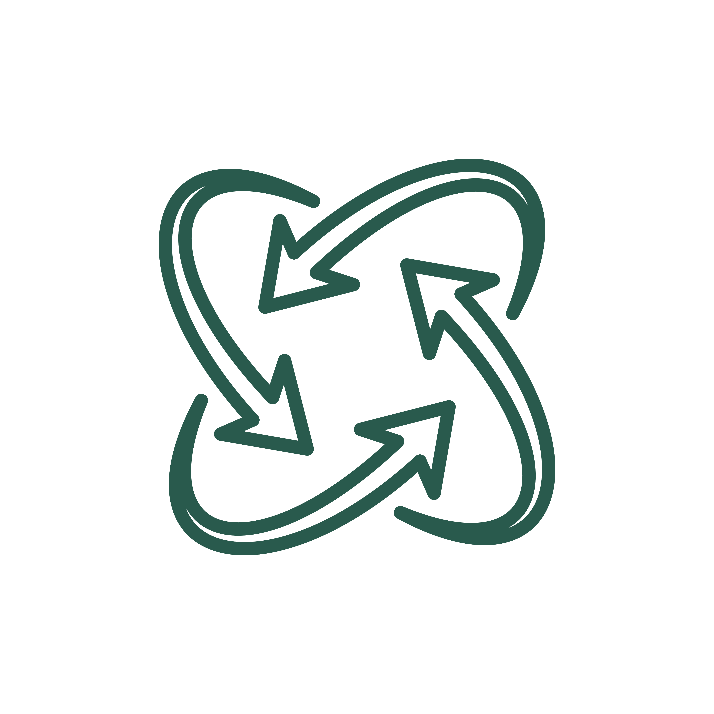
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**ANNEX II. DECLARATION BY THE APPLICANT**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**“SEAL OF EXCELLENCE UNDER THE SYNERGIES PROGRAM”**

CALL REFERENCE NUMBER: DIGIT.2.2.01

December 2024

**Declaration by the Applicant**

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| Name of the Applicant: | *<Name of the organization>* |
| Project title: | *<Name of the project>* |

**<Note: The text highlighted in grey must be adjusted or deleted where not applicable.>**

**The applicant, represented by the undersigned, being the authorized signatory of the applicant, and in the context of the present application to the Call for proposals “Seal of Excellence under the Synergies program” (Call reference number: DIGIT.2.2.01), hereby declares that:**

1. The applicant confirms that they have understood and accept all the terms and conditions of the Call for proposals.
2. All information and data provided in the application package are accurate, complete, and truthful. The applicant confirms that they understand that any false or misleading information may result in the disqualification of the application and potential legal consequences.
3. The applicant, or their legal representative, is not in any of the situations excluding them from participating in Call for proposals, which are listed in Section 1.1 of Annex I. Conditions for the preparation and implementation of projects within the DIGIT Project (hereafter: Annex I. of the Guidelines of Applicants).
4. The applicant confirms that there have been no changes of any circumstances in relation to the project application for which the Seal of Excellence certificate was received.
5. If applicable, the applicant confirms that there have been no changes to the project proposal submitted to the relevant Horizon Europe call for proposals, including any partnerships or host institutions, for which the Seal of Excellence certificate was received.
6. The applicant confirms that the project does not constitute double funding.
7. The applicant <is/is not> subject to value-added tax (VAT) and <is/is not> registered in the VAT register based on supplies provided within the scope of their authority.
8. The applicant <can/cannot> claim a deduction for value-added tax. <The applicant can claim deduction for value-added tax for:

* All cost items listed in this project proposal.
* The following cost items listed in this project proposal: (*please specify the cost items for which you have the right to claim a VAT deduction*).>

1. The applicant will act in accordance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness, and has secured stable and sufficient sources of financing for purposes of project implementation (in case of co-financing).
2. The implementation of the project has not started prior to the submission of the project proposal.
3. At the time of submitting the project proposal, the project is not physically or financially completed, nor was the project completed before the signing of the Grant Agreement.
4. The project is ready for the start of the activities and their completion in accordance with the set timeframes.
5. The project activities are not listed on the International Finance Corporation (IFC) exclusion list of activities, nor otherwise excluded by the ESMF as described in Annex I. of the Guidelines of Applicants (Section 1.2).
6. The project is in accordance with Horizontal principles and Ethics as described in Annex I. of the Guidelines of Applicants.
7. The applicant is familiar with the objectives and guidelines related to ethical principles applicable to projects funded under the DIGIT Project. The project has been prepared in accordance with these ethical principles. We declare that throughout the implementation of the project, we will adhere to and apply all provisions stated in the Code of Ethics, which is published on the website of the Ministry of Science, Education, and Youth[[1]](#footnote-1).
8. The applicant agrees that the entire application documentation and data from the evaluation of project proposals may be used for the purpose of the evaluation of the Call for proposals, regardless of whether the applicant receives support or not.
9. The applicant has completed the baseline survey related to the Call for proposals as described in the Guidelines for Applicants.
10. The applicant agrees to be contacted to participate in future surveys related to the Call for proposals, if the relevant authorities choose to conduct them, regardless of whether the applicant receives support or not, and that the data collected from these surveys may be used for the purpose of evaluating the Call for proposals.
11. The applicant agrees that their personal data may be transferred to the competent authorities for further action, for the purposes of safeguarding the financial interests of the relevant authorities.

Signed on behalf of the Applicant

**Place and date:**

**Applicant:**

**Name of the authorized signatory of the Applicant:**

**Position:**

**Signature:**

1. Code of Ethics, [link](https://mzom.gov.hr/UserDocsImages/dokumenti/Znanost/Projekt-digit/code-of-ethics-digit-project-en-8-10-2024.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)