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**DIGITAL, INNOVATION, AND GREEN TECHNOLOGY PROJECT
(DIGIT PROJECT)**

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**REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

**MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND YOUTH**

Donje Svetice 38, Zagreb 10 000, Croatia

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IBRD LOAN NO. 9558-HR

PROJECT ID: P180755



**ANNEX III. DECLARATION BY THE PARTNER ON PARTICIPATION IN THE CONCEPT NOTE STAGE**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM**

CALL REFERENCE NUMBER: DIGIT.2.1.02

May 2025

**Declaration by the Partner**

**Note: A separate Declaration needs to be submitted for each Partner involved in the consortium applying to the Call for proposals.**

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| Name of the Partner: | *<Name of the organization participating in the consortium>* |
| Project title: | *<Name of the project>* |

The partner, represented by the undersigned, being the authorized signatory of the partner, and in the context of the Call for proposals under the Challenge program (first stage – Concept note) (Call reference number: DIGIT.2.1.02) hereby declares that:

1. The partner 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 partner confirms that they understand that any false or misleading information may result in the disqualification of the application and potential legal consequences.
3. The partner confirms that the project does not constitute double funding (for costs related to the partner).
4. The partner, or their legal representatives, are not in any of the situations excluding them from participating in Call for proposals which are listed in the 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).
5. In case the partner is classified as an enterprise and does not have a registered establishment or branch in the Republic of Croatia at the time of submitting the project proposal, it commits to registering such establishment or branch no later than the moment of the payment of the aid (grant funding) (not applicable to research organizations).
6. The partner 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).
7. The partner confirms that they are not in difficulty, as defined in Article 2, point 18 of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014) (this does not apply to public research organizations).
8. The project will not commence implementation before the submission of the project proposal in Stage 1: Concept note, except for the preparation of project-technical documentation, which may be incurred from December 1, 2023 onwards.
9. At the time of submitting the project proposal, the project is not physically or financially completed, nor will the project be completed before the signing of the Grant Agreement.
10. The project is ready for the start of the activities and their completion in accordance with the set timeframes.
11. 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.
12. The project is in accordance with Horizontal principles and Ethics as described in Annex I. of the Guidelines of Applicants.
13. The partner will deliver immediately, upon request, documentation that proves the eligibility conditions of the partner, as well as the project, and project activities and costs.
14. The partner 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-2).
15. The partner 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 partner receives support or not.
16. The partner has completed and submitted the initial survey related to the Call for proposals as described in the Guidelines for Applicants.
17. The partner 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 partner receives support or not, and that the data collected from these surveys may be used for the purpose of evaluating the Call for proposals.
18. The partner 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.
19. The partner commits to participating in the Stage 2 application process as a partner, contingent upon a positive evaluation decision in Stage 1: Concept note.

Signed on behalf of the Partner

**Place and date:**

**Partner:**

**Name of the authorized signatory of the Partner:**

**Position:**

**Signature:**

1. Code of Ethics, [link](https://digit.mzom.hr/en/about-digit-project/documents-and-acts/) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)