Annex 1:

Partnership Declaration

For the promotion of the European Territorial Cooperation, the **Beneficiaries from Greece and North Macedonia** listed below, within the principles laid down by the Cross-Border Cooperation Programme (INTERREG VI-A) IPA CBC “Greece - North Macedonia 2021-2027” approved by the European Commission – Decision C(2022)8646/ 23-11-2022,

**and taking into consideration**,

1. The following legal provisions and documents:

* Regulation (EU) No 2021/1059 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1299/2013, and any amendment;
* Regulation (EU) No 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund, and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1303/2013, and any amendment;
* Regulation (EU) No 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1301/2013, and any amendment;
* Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance (IPA III);
* Commission delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014 of 7 January 2014 on the European code of conduct on partnership in the framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds;

1. The Financing Agreement of the Cooperation Programme (Interreg VI-A) IPA CBC “Greece - North Macedonia 2021-2027”, signed 21/12/2023;
2. The EU and National Rules related to the:

* public procurement & competition;
* sustainable development;
* protection of the environment;
* equal opportunities;
* non discrimination;
* equality between men and women;

1. The 1st Open Call for Project Proposals of the Cooperation Programme INTERREG (VI-A) IPA CBC “Greece-North Macedonia 2021-2027”;
2. The Programme and Project Implementation Manual as in force;
3. The content and objectives of the project:

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**(Project Acronym)**

**have discussed and agree on the following**:

The Partnership

1. Consists of:

Beneficiary 1, (name).............. that will be the Lead Partner of the project

Beneficiary 2, (name)..............

Beneficiary 3, (name)..............

Beneficiary 4, (name)..............,

Having carefully read the Call for Proposals and the Applicant’s Package before the submission of the project application, agree to undertake the respective actions described in detail in the submitted project proposal;

1. Will cooperate for the implementation of the project concerned;
2. Will contribute by disposing human resources, know-how, infrastructure, equipment, access to information, promotion and publicity and coverage of the eligible costs of the action according to European Union Legislation (Commission Regulations and Directives) and National Legislation;
3. Each Beneficiary, in order to fully implement the project deliverables specifically allocated to them, ensures that it has complete financial capacity and in the case of approval of the project, will commit the 20% of its project budget as national co-financing amount of ....... Euros in total (LB ….. Euros, PBn Euros,) for the above-mentioned purpose.
4. Each Partner, upon signing this current declaration, confirms that any project expenditure related to the above-mentioned project has not been and will not be funded by any other EU programme.
5. Each Partner, upon signing this current declaration, confirms that a) the activities of the proposed project have not been completed by the date of submission of the application for funding in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (Article 63 9) & EU ~~(~~1059/21 (Article 22 4f), b) the proposed project does not include activities which were part of an operation subject to relocation within the meaning of point (27) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 or which would constitute a transfer of a productive activity within the meaning of point (a) of Article 65(1) of that Regulation; (Regulation EE 1059/22 (4h)  
   c) the proposed project does not conflict with the corresponding strategies established pursuant to Article 10 prg 1 or established for one or more of the external financing instruments of the Union (Regulation EE 1059/21 art 22(4b) ) d)selected projects do not receive support from another Fund, or other Programme or other Union instruments in Present or Previous Programming Periods. (Regulation (ΕΕ) 2021/1060 art. 63.9) e) selected projects which fall under the scope of Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council ( 19) are subject to an environmental impact assessment or a screening procedure and that the assessment of alternative solutions has been taken in due account, on the basis of the requirements of that Directive ( Regulation 2021/1059 22(4e)) f) ensure that selected operations are not directly affected by a reasoned opinion by the Commission in respect of an infringement within the scope of Article 258 TFEU that puts at risk the legality and regularity of expenditure or the performance of operation ( Regulation 2021/1059 22(4i).

*Only if applicable*

The institution …… (full name of the institution in English) declares

1. its interest in participating in the project as Observer and its contact details are:

Contact person, Address, Country, Phone/fax, Email, Website

1. its role in the project will be the following:

………………………..

1. its interest in being part of the project for the following reasons:

……………………………

1. its costs will be covered by <partner name > (only if relevant).

**The agreeing Parties**

**Project Beneficiary 1 (Lead Partner)**

(Name of the legal representative of the Lead Partner)

(Position)

(Date)

(Signature)

(Official stamp of the Lead Partner)

**Project Beneficiary 2**

(Name of the legal representative of the Project Partner 2)

(Position)

(Date)

(Signature)

(Official stamp of the Project Partner)

**Project Beneficiary n**

(Name of the legal representative of the Project Partner n)

(Position)

(Date)

(Signature)

(Official stamp of the Project Partner)