



# **CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT - CREATINNO**

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## **CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**

THIS CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT is based upon REGULATION (EU) No 1290/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for the participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)" (hereinafter referred to as "Rules for Participation"), and the European Commission Multi-beneficiary Model Grant Agreement for Lump sum grants and its Annexes, and is made on 1 January 2019 (starting date of the action), hereinafter referred to as the Effective Date

#### **BETWEEN:**

#### BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY CZECHINVEST

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Id.No.: 71377999

represented for the purposes of signing the Consortium Agreement by General Director, Silvana JIROTKOVA

hereinafter refferred to as "the Coordinator"

and

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Company Registration No: 07432947

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and

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hereinafter, both referred to as "Partners" or "Partner" and

all (the Coordinator and Partners) jointly or individually, referred to as "Parties" or "Party"

relating to the Action entitled Innovating support ecosystem of creative SMEs at regional level — CREATINNO in short CREATINNO hereinafter referred to as "Project"

#### WHEREAS:

The Parties, having considerable experience in the field concerned, have submitted a proposal for the Project to the Funding Authority as part of the Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020).

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The Parties wish to specify or supplement binding commitments among themselves in addition to the provisions of the specific Grant Agreement to be signed by the Parties and the Funding Authority (hereinafter "Grant Agreement").

The Parties are aware that this Consortium Agreement is based upon the DESCA model consortium agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

## 1 Section: Definitions

#### 1.1 Definitions

Words beginning with a capital letter shall have the meaning defined either herein or in the Rules for Participation or in the Grant Agreement including its Annexes.

#### 1.2 Additional Definitions

## "Consortium Body"

Consortium Body means any management body described in the Governance Structure section of this Consortium Agreement.

#### "Consortium Plan"

Consortium Plan means the description of the action and the related agreed budget as first defined in the Grant Agreement and which may be updated by the Consortium.

## "Funding Authority"

Funding Authority means the body awarding the grant for the Project.

#### "Defaulting Party"

Defaulting Party means a Party which the Consortium has identified to be in breach of this Consortium Agreement and/or the Grant Agreement as specified in Section 4.2 of this Consortium Agreement.

## "Needed"

means:

For the implementation of the Project:

Access Rights are Needed if, without the grant of such Access Rights, carrying out the tasks assigned to the recipient Party would be technically or legally impossible, significantly delayed, or require significant additional financial or human resources.

For Exploitation of own Results:

Access Rights are Needed if, without the grant of such Access Rights, the Exploitation of own Results would be technically or legally impossible.

## 2 Section: Purpose

The purpose of this Consortium Agreement is to specify with respect to the Project the relationship among the Parties, in particular concerning the organisation of the work between the Parties, the management of the Project and the rights and obligations of the Parties concerning inter alia liability, Access Rights and dispute resolution.

## 3 Section: Entry into force, duration and termination

## 3.1 Entry into force

An entity becomes a Party to this Consortium Agreement upon signature of this Consortium Agreement by a duly authorised representative.

This Consortium Agreement shall have effect from the Effective Date identified at the beginning of this Consortium Agreement.

A new entity becomes a Partner to the Consortium Agreement upon signature of the accession document (Attachment 2) by the new Partner and the Coordinator. Such accession shall have effect from the date identified in the accession document.

#### 3.2 Duration and termination

This Consortium Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until complete fulfilment of all obligations undertaken by the Parties under the Grant Agreement and under this Consortium Agreement.

However, this Consortium Agreement or the participation of one or more Parties to it may be terminated in accordance with the terms of this Consortium Agreement.

If the Grant Agreement is not signed by the Funding Authority or a Party, or the Grant Agreement is terminated, or a Party's participation in the Grant Agreement is terminated, this Consortium Agreement shall automatically terminate in respect of the affected Party/ies, subject to the provisions surviving the expiration or termination under Section 3.3 of this Consortium Agreement.

## 3.3 Survival of rights and obligations

The provisions relating to Access Rights, Dissemination and confidentiality, for the time period mentioned therein, as well as for liability, applicable law and settlement of disputes shall survive the expiration or termination of this Consortium Agreement.

Termination shall not affect any rights or obligations of a Party leaving the Consortium incurred prior to the date of termination, unless otherwise agreed between the remaining Parties and the leaving Party. This includes the obligation to provide all input, deliverables and documents for the period of its participation.

## 4 Section: Responsibilities of Parties

## 4.1 General principles

Each Party undertakes to take part in the efficient implementation of the Project, and to cooperate, perform and fulfil, promptly and on time, all of its obligations under this Consortium Agreement as may be reasonably required from it and in a manner of good faith as prescribed by Czech law.

Each Party undertakes to notify promptly, in accordance with the governance structure of the Project, any significant information, fact, problem or delay likely to affect the Project.

Each Party shall promptly provide all information reasonably required by a Consortium Body or by the Coordinator to carry out its tasks.

Each Party shall take reasonable measures to ensure the accuracy of any information or materials it supplies to the other Parties.

#### 4.2 Breach

In the event that a responsible Consortium Body identifies a breach by a Party of its obligations under this Consortium Agreement or the Grant Agreement (e.g. improper implementation of the project), the Coordinator will give formal notice to such Party requiring that such breach will be remedied within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the written notice by the Party.

## 4.3 Involvement of third parties

A Party that enters into a subcontract or otherwise involves third parties (including but not limited to Affiliated Entities) in the Project remains responsible for carrying out its relevant part of the Project and for such third party's compliance with the provisions of this Consortium Agreement and of the Grant Agreement. It has to ensure that the involvement of third parties does not affect the rights and obligations of the other Parties under this Consortium Agreement and the Grant Agreement.

## 4.4 Project reports and other outcomes

The Partners are obliged to provide all inputs, deliverables and documents crucial for creating the project report within agreed deadline. Project reports will not be created individually but will be provided by The Coordinator based on the inputs from each Partner.

The form of the project report will be set at the kick-off meeting.

The Partners will actively participate on creation of the Design Option Paper (DOP) defined in the Work package no. 2 of the Project, among others by submitting agreed data (best practice) for their countries – exact form of the input will be set at the kick-off meeting.

## 5 Section: Liability towards each other

#### 5.1 No warranties

In respect of any information or materials (incl. Results and Background) supplied by one Party to another under the Project, no warranty or representation of any kind is made, given or implied as to the sufficiency or fitness for purpose nor as to the absence of any infringement of any proprietary rights of third parties.

Therefore, the recipient Party shall in all cases be entirely and solely liable for the use to which it puts such information and materials, and no Party granting Access Rights shall be liable in

case of infringement of proprietary rights of a third party resulting from any other Party (or its Affiliated Entities) exercising its Access Rights.

## 5.2 Limitations of contractual liability

No Party shall be responsible to any other Party for any indirect or consequential loss or similar damage such as, but not limited to, loss of profit, loss of revenue or loss of contracts, provided such damage was not caused by a wilful act or by a breach of confidentiality.

For any remaining contractual liability, a Party's aggregate liability towards the other Parties collectively shall be limited to once the Party's share of the total costs of the Project as identified in Annex 2 of the Grant Agreement provided such damage was not caused by a wilful act or gross negligence.

The terms of this Consortium Agreement shall not be construed to amend or limit any Party's statutory liability.

## 5.3 Damage caused to third parties

Each Party shall be solely liable for any loss, damage or injury to third parties resulting from the performance of the said Party's obligations by it or on its behalf under this Consortium Agreement or from its use of Results or Background.

## 5.4 Force Majeure

No Party shall be considered to be in breach of this Consortium Agreement if it is prevented from fulfilling its obligations under the Consortium Agreement by Force Majeure.

Each Party will notify the competent Consortium Bodies of any Force Majeure without undue delay. If the consequences of Force Majeure for the Project are not overcome within 6 weeks after such notification, the transfer of tasks - if any - shall be decided by the competent Consortium Bodies.

## 6 Section: Governance structure

#### 6.1 General structure

The Governance structure consists of the Coordinator and Partners of the Project.

The Coordinator is the legal entity acting as the intermediary between the Parties and the Funding Authority. The Coordinator shall, in addition to its responsibilities as a Party, perform the tasks assigned to it as described in the Grant Agreement and this Consortium Agreement.

The Coordinator shall chair all meetings of the Project, unless decided otherwise.

## 6.1.1 Representation in meetings

Any Partner:

- should be present or represented at any meeting;
- may appoint a substitute or a proxy to attend any meeting;
- and shall participate in a cooperative manner in the meetings.

## 6.1.2 Preparation and organisation of meetings and workshops

## 6.1.2.1 Convening meetings:

The Coordinator shall convene ordinary meetings of the Consortium at least once every six months and shall also convene extraordinary meetings at any time upon written request of any Party.

## 6.1.2.2 Organisation of peer-learning workshops

The organisation of peer-learning workshops will be in charge of the Party in whose country the workshop will take place. Competent Party will be responsible for organising meeting, producing agenda and meeting minutes. Agenda and minutes will be made accessible for all the Parties.

#### 6.1.2.3

Meetings of the Consortium may also be held by teleconference or other telecommunication means.

#### 6.1.2.4

Decisions will only be binding once the relevant part of the minutes has been accepted according to Section 6.1.3

#### 6.1.2.5

Any decision may also be taken without a meeting if the Coordinator circulates to all Parties a written document. Such document shall include the deadline for responses.

Decisions taken without a meeting shall be considered as accepted if within 15 calendar days no Party has sent an objection in writing to the Coordinator. The decisions will be binding after the Coordinator sends to all Parties of the Consortium Body a written notification of this acceptance.

#### 6.1.3 Minutes of meetings

#### 6.1.3.1

The chairperson shall produce written minutes of each meeting and/or workshop which shall be the formal record of all decisions taken. He/she shall send draft minutes to all Parties within 10 calendar days of the meeting.

#### 6.1.3.2

The minutes shall be considered as accepted if, within 15 calendar days from sending, no Party has sent an objection in writing to the chairperson with respect to the accuracy of the draft of the minutes.

## 6.1.3.3

The chairperson shall send the accepted minutes to all the Parties, and to the Coordinator, who shall safeguard them.

#### 6.2 Coordinator

#### 6.2.1

The Coordinator shall be the intermediary between the Parties and the Funding Authority and shall perform all tasks assigned to it as described in the Grant Agreement and in this Consortium Agreement.

#### 6.2.2

In particular, the Coordinator shall be responsible for:

- monitoring compliance by the Parties with their obligations;
- keeping the address list of Parties and other contact persons updated and available:
- collecting, reviewing to verify consistency and submitting reports, other deliverables (including financial statements and related certification) and specific requested documents to the Funding Authority;
- preparing the meetings, proposing decisions, chairing the meetings, preparing the minutes
  of the meetings and monitoring the implementation of decisions taken at meetings;
- transmitting promptly documents and information connected with the Project to any other Party concerned;
- administering the financial contribution of the Funding Authority and fulfilling the financial tasks described in Section 7.3;
- providing, upon request, the Parties with official copies or originals of documents that are in the sole possession of the Coordinator when such copies or originals are necessary for the Parties to present claims.

If one or more of the Parties is late in submission of any project deliverable, the Coordinator may nevertheless submit the other parties' project deliverables and all other documents required by the Grant Agreement to the Funding Authority in time.

#### 6.2.3

The Coordinator shall not be entitled to act or to make legally binding declarations on behalf of any other Party or of the consortium, unless explicitly stated otherwise in the Grant Agreement or this Consortium Agreement.

## 6.2.4

The Coordinator shall not enlarge its role beyond the tasks specified in this Consortium Agreement and in the Grant Agreement.

## 7 Section: Financial provisions

## 7.1 General Principles

#### 7.1.1 Distribution of Financial Contribution

The financial contribution of the Funding Authority to the Project shall be distributed by the Coordinator according to:

- the Consortium Plan
- the approval of reports by the Funding Authority, and
- the provisions of payment in Section 7.3.

A Party shall be funded only for its tasks carried out in accordance with the Consortium Plan.

## 7.1.2 Justifying Costs

In accordance with its own usual accounting and management principles and practices, each Party shall be solely responsible for justifying its costs with respect to the Project towards the Funding Authority. Neither the Coordinator nor any of the other Parties shall be in any way liable or responsible for such justification of costs towards the Funding Authority.

## 7.1.3 Return of excess payments

In any case of a Party having received excess payments, the Party has to return the relevant amount to the Coordinator without undue delay.

## 7.1.4 Financial Consequences of the termination of the participation of a Party

A Party leaving the consortium shall refund all payments it has received except the amount of contribution accepted by the Funding Authority or another contributor. Furthermore a Defaulting Party shall, within the limits specified in Section 5.2 of this Consortium Agreement, bear any reasonable and justifiable additional costs occurring to the other Parties in order to perform its and their tasks.

## 7.2 Budgeting

The budget set out in the Consortium Plan shall be valued in accordance with the usual accounting and management principles and practices of the respective Parties.

## 7.3 Payments

## 7.3.1 Payments to Parties are the exclusive tasks of the Coordinator.

In particular, the Coordinator shall:

- notify the Party concerned promptly of the date and composition of the amount transferred to its bank account, giving the relevant references;
- perform diligently its tasks in the proper administration of any funds and in maintaining financial accounts:
- undertake to keep the Funding Authority's financial contribution to the Project separated from its normal business accounts, its own assets and property, except if the Coordinator is a Public Body or is not entitled to do so due to statutory legislation.
- With reference to Articles 21.2 of the Grant Agreement, no Party shall before the end of the Project receive more than its allocated share of the maximum grant amount from which

the amounts retained by the Funding Authority for the Guarantee Fund and for the final payment have been deducted.

#### 7.3.2 The payment schedule

The payment schedule, which contains the transfer of pre-financing and interim payments to Parties, will be handled according to the following:

Funding of costs included in the Consortium Plan will be paid to each of the Partners
after receipt from the Funding Authority in two separate instalments as agreed below:

Budget category	Amount for each Partner	Instalment No.	Amount per instalment	Scheduled
Personal costs (salaries)	7 000 €	1 (pre- financing)	3 500 €	Following signment of the Consortium agreement
(Salaries)		2* interim payment	3 500 €	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of the year
Other costs	5 000 €	1 (pre- financing)	3 000 €	Following signment of the Consortium agreement
(travels etc.)		2*interim payment	2 000 €	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of the year
Total amount to be paid to each Partner:			12 000 €	

<sup>\*</sup> Second payment is depending on the Partner's participation in the efficient implementation of the Project, and cooperation, performing and fulfilling, promptly and on time, all of its obligations under the Grant Agreement and this Consortium Agreement.

Funding for costs accepted by the Funding Authority will be paid to the Party concerned.

## 7.3.3 Bank accounts for payments

All payments will be made to the following bank accounts of the Partners:

## **Creative England Limited**

#### **Beaz SA**

The Coordinator is entitled to withhold any payments due to a Party identified by a responsible Consortium Body to be in breach of its obligations under this Consortium

Agreement or the Grant Agreement or to a Beneficiary which has not yet signed this Consortium Agreement.

The Coordinator is entitled to recover any payments already paid to a Defaulting Party. The Coordinator is equally entitled to withhold payments to a Party when this is suggested by or agreed with the Funding Authority.

## 8 Section: Results

## 8.1 Ownership of Results

Results are owned by the Party that generates them.

## 8.2 Joint ownership

Joint ownership is governed by Grant Agreement Article 26.2 with the following additions:

In case of joint ownership, each of the joint owners shall be entitled to Exploit the joint Results as it sees fit, and to grant non-exclusive licences, without obtaining any consent from, paying compensation to, or otherwise accounting to any other joint owner, unless otherwise agreed between the joint owners.

The joint owners shall agree on all protection measures and the division of related cost in advance.

#### 8.3 Transfer of Results

#### 8.3.1

Each Party may transfer ownership of its own Results following the procedures of the Grant Agreement Article °30.

#### 8.3.2

It may identify specific third parties it intends to transfer the ownership of its Results to in Attachment (3) to this Consortium Agreement. The other Parties hereby waive their right to prior notice and their right to object to a transfer to listed third parties according to the Grant Agreement Article 30.1.

#### 8.3.3

The transferring Party shall, however, at the time of the transfer, inform the other Parties of such transfer and shall ensure that the rights of the other Parties will not be affected by such transfer. Any addition to Attachment (3) after signature of this Agreement requires a decision of the Parties.

#### 8.3.4

The Parties recognize that in the framework of a merger or an acquisition of an important part of its assets, it may be impossible under applicable EU and national laws on mergers and acquisitions for a Party to give the full 45 calendar days prior notice for the transfer as foreseen in the Grant Agreement.

#### 8.3.5

The obligations above apply only for as long as other Parties still have - or still may request - Access Rights to the Results.

#### 8.4 Dissemination

#### 8.4.1

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Section 8.4 has impact on the confidentiality obligations set out in Section 10.

#### 8.4.2 Dissemination of own Results

#### 8.4.2.1

During the Project and for a period of 1 year after the end of the Project, the dissemination of own Results by one or several Parties including but not restricted to publications and presentations, shall be governed by the procedure of Article 29.1 of the Grant Agreement subject to the following provisions.

Prior notice of any planned publication shall be given to the other Parties at least 10 calendar days before the publication. Any objection to the planned publication shall be made in writing to the Coordinator and to the Party or Parties proposing the dissemination within 5 calendar days after receipt of the notice. If no objection is made within the time limit stated above, the publication is permitted.

#### 8.4.2.2

An objection is justified if

- (a) the protection of the objecting Party's Results or Background would be adversely affected
- (b) the objecting Party's legitimate interests in relation to the Results or Background would be significantly harmed.

The objection has to include a precise request for necessary modifications.

#### 8.4.2.3

If an objection has been raised the involved Parties shall discuss how to overcome the justified grounds for the objection on a timely basis (for example by amendment to the planned publication and/or by protecting information before publication) and the objecting Party shall not unreasonably continue the opposition if appropriate measures are taken following the discussion.

#### 8.5

The objecting Party can request a publication delay of not more than 90 calendar days from the time it raises such an objection. After 90 calendar days the publication is permitted.

## 8.5.1 Dissemination of another Party's unpublished Results or Background

A Party shall not include in any dissemination activity another Party's Results or Background without obtaining the owning Party's prior written approval, unless they are already published. This article is not applicable to the Project's result "Design Option Paper" as specified in Article 8.5.3

#### 8.5.2 Cooperation obligations

The Parties undertake to cooperate to allow the timely submission, examination, publication and defence of any dissertation or thesis for a degree that includes their Results or Background subject to the confidentiality and publication provisions agreed in this Consortium Agreement.

## 8.5.3 Exploitation and Dissemination of the "Design Option Paper"

In accordance with the obligations defined in Article 28 and Article 29 of the Grant Agreement, Partners will actively participate on distribution of the "Design Option Paper" using the communication channels agreed and assuring that "Design Option Paper" is shared and introduced among national stakeholders of cultural and creative industries in country of Partner's origin. Partners are obliged to report all exploitation and dissemination activities, plans and effort, to the coordinator on regular meetings.

## 8.5.4 Use of names, logos or trademarks

Nothing in this Consortium Agreement shall be construed as conferring rights to use in advertising, publicity or otherwise the name of the Parties or any of their logos or trademarks without their prior written approval.

## 9 Section: Access Rights

## 9.1 Background included

#### 9.1.1

In Attachment 1, the Parties have identified and agreed on the Background for the Project and have also, where relevant, informed each other that Access to specific Background is subject to legal restrictions or limits.

Anything not identified in Attachment 1 shall not be the object of Access Right obligations regarding Background.

#### 9.1.2

Any Party may add further own Background to Attachment 1 during the Project by written notice to the other Parties. However, approval of the Coordinator is needed should a Party wish to modify or withdraw its Background in Attachment 1.

## 9.2 General Principles

#### 9.2.1

Each Party shall implement its tasks in accordance with the Consortium Plan and shall bear sole responsibility for ensuring that its acts within the Project do not knowingly infringe third party property rights.

#### 9.2.2

Any Access Rights granted expressly exclude any rights to sublicense unless expressly stated otherwise.

## 9.2.3

Access Rights shall be free of any administrative transfer costs.

#### 9.2.4

Access Rights are granted on a non-exclusive basis.

#### 9.2.5

Results and Background shall be used only for the purposes for which Access Rights to it have been granted.

#### 9.2.6

All requests for Access Rights shall be made in writing. The granting of Access Rights may be made conditional on the acceptance of specific conditions aimed at ensuring that these rights will be used only for the intended purpose and that appropriate confidentiality obligations are in place.

## 9.2.7

The requesting Party must show that the Access Rights are Needed.

## 9.3 Access Rights for implementation

Access Rights to Results and Background Needed for the performance of the own work of a Party under the Project shall be granted on a royalty-free basis, unless otherwise agreed for Background in Attachment 1.

## 9.4 Access Rights for Exploitation

## 9.4.1 Access Rights to Results

Access Rights to Results if Needed for Exploitation of a Party's own Results shall be granted on a royalty-free basis.

#### 9.4.2

Access Rights to Background if Needed for Exploitation of a Party's own Results, including for research on behalf of a third party, shall be granted on Fair and Reasonable conditions.

#### 9.4.3

A request for Access Rights may be made up to twelve months after the end of the Project or, in the case of Section 9.7.2.1.2, after the termination of the requesting Party's participation in the Project.

## 9.5 Access Rights for Affiliated Entities

Affiliated Entities have Access Rights under the conditions of the Grant Agreement Articles 25.4 and 31.4, if they are identified in Attachment 4 (Identified Affiliated Entities) to this Consortium Agreement.

Such Access Rights must be requested by the Affiliated Entity from the Party that holds the Background or Results. Alternatively, the Party granting the Access Rights may individually agree with the Party requesting the Access Rights to have the Access Rights include the right to sublicense to the latter's Affiliated Entities listed in Attachment 4. Access Rights to Affiliated Entities shall be granted on Fair and Reasonable conditions and upon written bilateral agreement.

Affiliated Entities which obtain Access Rights in return fulfil all confidentiality and other obligations accepted by the Parties under the Grant Agreement or this Consortium Agreement as if such Affiliated Entities were Parties.

Access Rights may be refused to Affiliated Entities if such granting is contrary to the legitimate interests of the Party which owns the Background or the Results.

Access Rights granted to any Affiliated Entity are subject to the continuation of the Access Rights of the Party to which it is affiliated, and shall automatically terminate upon termination of the Access Rights granted to such Party.

Upon cessation of the status as an Affiliated Entity, any Access Rights granted to such former Affiliated Entity shall lapse.

Further arrangements with Affiliated Entities may be negotiated in separate agreements.

## 9.6 Additional Access Rights

For the avoidance of doubt any grant of Access Rights not covered by the Grant Agreement or this Consortium Agreement shall be at the absolute discretion of the owning Party and subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed between the owning and receiving Parties.

## 9.7 Access Rights for Parties entering or leaving the consortium

## 9.7.1 New Parties entering the consortium

As regards Results developed before the accession of the new Party, the new Party will be granted Access Rights on the conditions applying for Access Rights to Background.

## 9.7.2 Parties leaving the consortium

## 9.7.2.1 Access Rights granted to a leaving Party

## 9.7.2.1.1 Defaulting Party

Access Rights granted to a Defaulting Party and such Party's right to request Access Rights shall cease immediately upon receipt by the Defaulting Party of the formal notice of the decision of the Coordinator to terminate its participation in the consortium.

#### 9.7.2.1.2 Non-defaulting Party

A non-defaulting Party leaving voluntarily and with the other Parties' consent shall have Access Rights to the Results developed until the date of the termination of its participation.

It may request Access Rights within the period of time specified in Section 9.4.3.

#### 9.7.2.2 Access Rights to be granted by any leaving Party

Any Party leaving the Project shall continue to grant Access Rights pursuant to the Grant Agreement and this Consortium Agreement as if it had remained a Party for the whole duration of the Project.

## 10 Section: Non-disclosure of information

### 10.1

All information in whatever form or mode of communication, which is disclosed by a Party (the "Disclosing Party") to any other Party (the "Recipient") in connection with the Project during its implementation and which has been explicitly marked as "confidential" at the time of disclosure, or when disclosed orally has been identified as confidential at the time of disclosure and has been confirmed and designated in writing within 15 calendar days from oral disclosure at the latest as confidential information by the Disclosing Party, is "Confidential Information".

#### 10.2

The Recipients hereby undertake in addition and without prejudice to any commitment on non-disclosure under the Grand Agreement, for a period of 4 years after the end of the Project:

- Not to use Confidential Information otherwise than for the purpose for which it was disclosed:
- not to disclose Confidential Information without the prior written consent by the Disclosing Party;
- to ensure that internal distribution of Confidential Information by a Recipient shall take place on a strict need-to-know basis; and
- to return to the Disclosing Party, or destroy, on request all Confidential Information that has been disclosed to the Recipients including all copies thereof and to delete all information stored in a machine readable form to the extent practically possible. The Recipients may keep a copy to the extent it is required to keep, archive or store such Confidential Information because of compliance with applicable laws and regulations or for the proof of on-going obligations provided that the Recipient comply with the confidentiality obligations herein contained with respect to such copy for as long as the copy is retained.

#### 10.3

The recipients shall be responsible for the fulfilment of the above obligations on the part of their employees or third parties involved in the Project and shall ensure that they remain so obliged, as far as legally possible, during and after the end of the Project and/or after the termination of the contractual relationship with the employee or third party.

## 10.4

The above shall not apply for disclosure or use of Confidential Information, if and in so far as the Recipient can show that:

- the Confidential Information has become or becomes publicly available by means other than a breach of the Recipient's confidentiality obligations;
- the Disclosing Party subsequently informs the Recipient that the Confidential Information is no longer confidential;
- the Confidential Information is communicated to the Recipient without any obligation of confidentiality by a third party who is to the best knowledge of the Recipient in lawful possession thereof and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Disclosing Party;
- the disclosure or communication of the Confidential Information is foreseen by provisions of the Grant Agreement;

- the Confidential Information, at any time, was developed by the Recipient completely independently of any such disclosure by the Disclosing Party;
- the Confidential Information was already known to the Recipient prior to disclosure, or
- the Recipient is required to disclose the Confidential Information in order to comply with applicable laws or regulations or with a court or administrative order, subject to the provision Section 10.7 hereunder.

#### 10.5

The Recipient shall apply the same degree of care with regard to the Confidential Information disclosed within the scope of the Project as with its own confidential and/or proprietary information, but in no case less than reasonable care.

#### 10.6

Each Party shall promptly advise the other Party in writing of any unauthorised disclosure, misappropriation or misuse of Confidential Information after it becomes aware of such unauthorised disclosure, misappropriation or misuse.

#### 10.7

If any Party becomes aware that it will be required, or is likely to be required, to disclose Confidential Information in order to comply with applicable laws or regulations or with a court or administrative order, it shall, to the extent it is lawfully able to do so, prior to any such disclosure

- notify the Disclosing Party, and
- comply with the Disclosing Party's reasonable instructions to protect the confidentiality of the information.

## 11 Section: Miscellaneous

#### 11.1 Attachments, inconsistencies and severability

This Consortium Agreement consists of this core text and

Attachment 1 (Background included)

Attachment 2 (Accession document)

Attachment 3 (List of Third Parties for simplified transfer according to Section 8.3.2)

Attachment 4 (Identified Affiliated Entities)

In case the terms of this Consortium Agreement are in conflict with the terms of the Grant Agreement, the terms of the latter shall prevail. In case of conflicts between the attachments and the core text of this Consortium Agreement, the latter shall prevail.

Should any provision of this Consortium Agreement become invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Consortium Agreement. In such a case, the Parties concerned shall be entitled to request that a valid and practicable provision be negotiated that fulfils the purpose of the original provision.

## 11.2 No representation, partnership or agency

Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.2.3, no Party shall be entitled to act or to make legally binding declarations on behalf of any other Party or of the consortium. Nothing in this Consortium Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a joint venture, agency, partnership, interest grouping or any other kind of formal business grouping or entity between the Parties.

#### 11.3 Notices and other communication

Any notice to be given under this Consortium Agreement shall be in writing to the addresses and recipients as listed in the most current address list kept by the Coordinator.

#### Formal notices:

If it is required in this Consortium Agreement that a formal notice, consent or approval shall be given, such notice shall be signed by an authorised representative of a Party and shall either be served personally or sent by mail with recorded delivery or telefax with receipt acknowledgement.

#### Other communication:

Other communication between the Parties may also be effected by other means such as email with acknowledgement of receipt, which fulfils the conditions of written form.

Any change of persons or contact details shall be notified immediately by the respective Party to the Coordinator. The address list shall be accessible to all Parties.

## 11.4 Assignment and amendments

Except as set out in Section 8.3, no rights or obligations of the Parties arising from this Consortium Agreement may be assigned or transferred, in whole or in part, to any third party without the other Parties' prior formal approval. Amendments and modifications to the text of this Consortium Agreement require a separate written agreement to be signed between all Parties.

## 11.5 Mandatory national law

Nothing in this Consortium Agreement shall be deemed to require a Party to breach any mandatory statutory law under which the Party is operating.

## 11.6 Language

This Consortium Agreement is drawn up in English, which language shall govern all documents, notices, meetings, arbitral proceedings and processes relative thereto.

## 11.7 Applicable law

This Consortium Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Czech republic.

## 11.8 Settlement of disputes

The parties shall endeavour to settle their disputes amicably.

If a disputed matter is not resolved within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of the delivery of a request for an amicable resolution of the dispute sent by either party to the other party,

this dispute shall be conclusively decided by a court of the Czech Republic having general jurisdiction.

# 12 Section Signatures

## **AS WITNESS:**

The Parties declare that they have read this Consortium agreement, and that they consent to its contents, in witness whereof they attach their signatures.

	At Prague, on this day:2019		
TI 0 11 1	The Coordinator:		
The Coordinator:			
	Silvana Jirotková General director Business and Investment Development Agency Czechlnvest		
	At		
Partner:			
	Mehjabeen Patrick COO/CFO Creative England Limited		
	Aton this day:2019		
Partner:	Ainara Basurko Urkiri General Director BEAZ SAU		

## **Attachment 1: Background included**

According to the Grant Agreement (Article 24) Background is defined as "data, know-how or information (...) that is needed to implement the action or exploit the results". Because of this need, Access Rights have to be granted in principle, but Parties must identify and agree amongst them on the Background for the project. This is the purpose of this attachment.

#### PARTY 1

As to **Business and Investment Development Agency Czechlnvest**, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge (please choose),

No data, know-how or information of Business and Investment Development Agency CzechInvest shall be Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 25.2 Grant Agreement) or Exploitation of that other Party's Results (Article 25.3 Grant Agreement).

This represents the status at the time of signature of this Consortium Agreement.

#### PARTY 2

As to **Creative England Limited**, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge (please choose)

The following background is hereby identified and agreed upon for the Project. Specific limitations and/or conditions, shall be as mentioned hereunder:

Describe Background	Specific limitations and/or conditions for implementation (Article 25.2 Grant Agreement)	Specific limitations and/or conditions for Exploitation (Article 25.3 Grant Agreement)

This represents the status at the time of signature of this Consortium Agreement.

#### PARTY 3

As to **Beaz SA**, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge (please choose)

No data, know-how or information of Beaz SA shall be Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 25.2 Grant Agreement) or Exploitation of that other Party's Results (Article 25.3 Grant Agreement).

This represents the status at the time of signature of this Consortium Agreement.

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## **Attachment 2: Accession document**

**ACCESSION** 

of a new Party to

[Acronym of the Project] Consortium Agreement, version [..., YYYY-MM-DD]

[OFFICIAL NAME OF THE NEW PARTY AS IDENTIFIED IN THE Grant Agreement]

hereby consents to become a Party to the Consortium Agreement identified above and accepts all the rights and obligations of a Party starting [date].

[OFFICIAL NAME OF THE COORDINATOR AS IDENTIFIED IN THE Grant Agreement]

hereby certifies that the consortium has accepted in the meeting held on [date] the accession of [the name of the new Party] to the consortium starting [date].

This Accession document has been done in 2 originals to be duly signed by the undersigned authorised representatives.

[Date and Place]

[INSERT NAME OF THE NEW PARTY]

Signature(s)

Name(s)

Title(s)

[Date and Place]

[INSERT NAME OF THE COORDINATOR]

Signature(s)

Name(s)

Title(s)

# [Attachment 3: List of Third Parties for simplified transfer according to Section 8.3.2.]

# [Option: Attachment 4: Identified Affiliated Entities according to Section 9.5]