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For the Project

DIGITALISED VALUE MANAGEMENT FOR UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF THE CIRCULAR MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS WITH INTEGRATED DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

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DiCiM

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CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

THIS CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT is based upon Regulation (EU) No 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027), laying down its rules for participation and dissemination (hereinafter referred to as “Horizon Europe Regulation”), and on the European Commission’s General Model Grant Agreement and its Annexes, and is made on January 1st 2023, hereinafter referred to as the Effective Date

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hereinafter, jointly or individually, referred to as “Parties” or “Party”

relating to the Action entitled

Digitalised Value Management for Unlocking the potential of the Circular Manufacturing Systems with integrated digital solutions

in short

DiCiM

hereinafter referred to as “Project”

WHEREAS:

The Parties, having considerable experience in the field concerned, have submitted a proposal for the Project to the Granting Authority as part of Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027).

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 Granting 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 Definitions

1.1 Definitions

Words beginning with a capital letter shall have the meaning defined either herein or in the Horizon Europe Regulation or in the Grant Agreement including its Annexes.

1.2 Additional Definitions

“Affiliate”

Any legal entity which is controlled by a Party or which controls a Party or which is under common control with a Party. Control exists if, during the term of this Agreement, at least 50% (fifty percent) of the equity interests or voting shares are held in a business organization or in the event of the management and policies of a business organization being controlled directly or indirectly through equity ownership, contract or by other means. Any such company shall be deemed to be an “Affiliate” of such Party only as long as these preconditions apply.

“Consortium Body”

Consortium Body means any management body described in Section 6 (Governance Structure) 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 General Assembly.

“Granting Authority”

means the body awarding the grant for the Project.

“Defaulting Party”

Defaulting Party means a Party which the General Assembly 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.

“Entity under the same control”

Entity under the same control of a Party means:

- a) any Legal Entity directly or indirectly Controlling, Controlled by, or under common Control with that Party, for so long as such Control lasts; or
- b) any other Legal Entity that is listed in Attachment 4 to this PCA as being an Entity under the same control of that Party, where such Legal Entity is one in which that Party (or a Legal Entity qualifying as an Entity under the same control of that Party under (a) directly above) has a 50% equity share or is the single largest equity shareholder.

For the above purposes, “**Control**” of any Legal Entity shall exist through the direct or indirect:

- a) ownership of more than 50% of the nominal value of the issued share capital of the Legal Entity or of more than 50% of the issued share capital entitling the holders to vote for the election of directors or persons performing similar functions, or
- b) right by any other means to elect or appoint directors of the Legal Entity (or persons performing similar functions) who have a majority vote.

Common Control through government does not, in itself, create Entity under the same control status.

“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.

“Software”

Software means sequences of instructions to carry out a process in, or convertible into, a form executable by a computer and fixed in any tangible medium of expression.

2 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 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.

An entity becomes a new Party to the Consortium Agreement upon signature of the accession document (Attachment 2) by the new Party 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 Granting 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 Project incurred prior to the date of termination, unless otherwise agreed between the General Assembly and the leaving Party. This includes the obligation to provide all necessary input, deliverables and documents for the period of its participation.

4 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 its obligations under the Grant Agreement and this Consortium Agreement as may be reasonably required from it and in a manner of good faith as prescribed by Belgian law.

Each Party undertakes to notify promptly the Granting Authority and the other Parties, in accordance with the governance structure of the Project, of 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 and shall responsibly manage the access of its employees to the EU Funding & Tenders Portal.

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

Each Party shall, cf. 6.4.2 in this Agreement, submit its contributions to the periodic reports in time and shall make sure that financial statements are completed and electronically signed by the deadline communicated by the Coordinator. If a Party fails to meet its reporting obligations and causes a delay in the submission process of the periodic reports, the Coordinator shall be entitled to submit a periodic report without the respective Party's contribution in order to meet the deadline set out by the European Commission and to avoid any repercussions that may affect the entire consortium. The contributions of the respective Party are then to be considered in the periodic report after the contribution is received.

4.2 Breach

If the General Assembly 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 or, if the Coordinator is in breach of its obligations, the Party appointed by the General Assembly, 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.

If such breach is substantial and is not remedied within that period or is not capable of remedy, the General Assembly may decide to declare the Party to be a Defaulting Party and to decide on the consequences thereof which may include termination of its participation.

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 or other Participants) 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. Such Party 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 Specific responsibilities regarding data protection

Where necessary, the Parties shall cooperate in order to enable one another to fulfil legal obligations arising under applicable data protection laws (the *Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data*, otherwise known as GDPR, and relevant national data protection law applicable to said Party) within the scope of the performance and administration of the Project and of this Consortium Agreement.

In particular, the Parties shall, where necessary, conclude a separate data processing, data sharing and/or joint controller agreement before any data processing or data sharing takes place.

5 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 entities under the same control) 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.

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.

A Party's liability shall not be limited under either of the two foregoing paragraphs to the extent such damage was caused by a wilful act or gross negligence or to the extent that such limitation is not permitted by law.

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 General Assembly of any Force Majeure without undue delay. If the consequences of Force Majeure for the Project are not overcome within 6 weeks after such notice, the transfer of tasks - if any - shall be decided by the General Assembly.

5.5 Export control

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 due to a restriction resulting from import or export laws and regulations and/or any delay of the granting or extension of the import or export license or any other governmental authorisation, provided that the Party has used its reasonable efforts to fulfil its tasks and to apply for any necessary license or authorisation properly and in time.

Each Party will notify the General Assembly of any such restriction without undue delay. If the consequences of such restriction for the Project are not overcome within 6 weeks after such notice, the transfer of tasks - if any - shall be decided by the General Assembly.

6 Governance structure

6.1 General structure

The organisational structure of the consortium shall comprise the following Consortium Bodies:

The **General Assembly** is the decision-making body of the consortium.

The **Coordinator** is the legal entity acting as the intermediary between the Parties and the Granting 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.

6.2 Members

The General Assembly shall consist of one representative of each Party (hereinafter referred to as "Member").

Each Member shall be deemed to be duly authorised to deliberate, negotiate and decide on all matters listed in Section 6.3.7 of this Consortium Agreement.

The Coordinator shall chair all meetings of the General Assembly, unless decided otherwise by the General Assembly.

The Parties agree to abide by all decisions of the General Assembly.

This does not prevent the Parties from exercising their veto rights, according to Section 6.3.5, or from submitting a dispute for resolution in accordance with the provisions of settlement of disputes in Section 11.8 of this Consortium Agreement.

6.3 Operational procedures for the General Assembly:

6.3.1 Representation in meetings

Any Member:

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

6.3.2 Preparation and organisation of meetings

6.3.2.1 Convening meetings:

The chairperson shall convene ordinary meetings of the General Assembly at least once every six months and shall also convene extraordinary meetings at any time upon written request of any Member.

6.3.2.2 Notice of a meeting

The chairperson shall give written notice of a meeting to each Member as soon as possible and no later than 14 calendar days preceding an ordinary meeting and 7 calendar days preceding an extraordinary meeting.

6.3.2.3 Sending the agenda:

The chairperson shall prepare and send each Member an agenda no later than 14 calendar days preceding the meeting, or 7 calendar days before an extraordinary meeting.

6.3.2.4 Adding agenda items:

Any agenda item requiring a decision by the Members must be identified as such on the agenda.

Any Member may add an item to the original agenda by written notice to all of the other Members no later than 5 calendar days preceding the meeting and 2 days preceding an extraordinary meeting.

6.3.2.5

During a meeting of the General Assembly the Members present or represented can unanimously agree to add a new item to the original agenda.

6.3.2.6

Meetings of the General Assembly may also be held by tele- or videoconference or other telecommunication means.

6.3.2.7

Decisions will only be binding once the relevant part of the minutes has been accepted according to Section 6.3.6.2.

6.3.3 Decisions without a meeting

Any decision may also be taken without a meeting if

- a) the Coordinator circulates to all Members of the General Assembly a suggested decision with a deadline for responses of at least 10 calendar days after receipt by a Party and
- b) the decision is agreed by 2/3rds of all Parties.

The Coordinator shall inform all the Members of the outcome of the vote.

A veto according to Section 6.3.5 may be submitted up to 15 calendar days after receipt of this information.

The decision will be binding after the Coordinator sends a notification to all Members. The Coordinator will keep records of the votes and make them available to the Parties on request.

6.3.4 Voting rules and quorum

6.3.4.1

The General Assembly shall not deliberate and decide validly in meetings unless two-thirds (2/3) of its Members are present or represented (quorum).

If the quorum is not reached, the chairperson of the General Assembly shall convene another ordinary meeting within 15 calendar days. If in this meeting the quorum is not reached once more, the chairperson shall convene an extraordinary meeting which shall be entitled to decide even if less than the quorum of Members is present or represented.

6.3.4.2

Each Member present or represented in the meeting shall have one vote.

6.3.4.3

A Party which the General Assembly has declared according to Section 4.2 to be a Defaulting Party may not vote.

6.3.4.4

Decisions shall be taken by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

6.3.5 Veto rights

6.3.5.1

A Party which can show that its own work, time for performance, costs, liabilities, intellectual property rights or other legitimate interests would be severely affected by a decision of the General Assembly may exercise a veto with respect to the corresponding decision or relevant part of the decision.

6.3.5.2

When the decision is foreseen on the original agenda, a Party may only veto such a decision during the meeting.

6.3.5.3

When a decision has been taken on a new item added to the agenda before or during the meeting, a Party may veto such decision during the meeting or within 15 calendar days after receipt of the draft minutes of the meeting.

6.3.5.4

When a decision has been taken without a meeting a Party may veto such decision within 15 calendar days after receipt of the written notice by the chairperson of the outcome of the vote.

6.3.5.5

In case of exercise of veto, the Parties shall make every effort to resolve the matter which occasioned the veto to the general satisfaction of all Parties.

6.3.5.6

A Party may neither veto decisions relating to its identification to be in breach of its obligations nor to its identification as a Defaulting Party. The Defaulting Party may not veto decisions relating to its participation and termination in the consortium or the consequences of them.

6.3.5.7

A Party requesting to leave the consortium may not veto decisions relating thereto.

6.3.6 Minutes of meetings

6.3.6.1

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

6.3.6.2

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

6.3.6.3

The chairperson shall send the accepted minutes to all the Members, and to the Coordinator, who shall retain copies of them.

6.3.7 Decisions of the General Assembly

The General Assembly shall be free to act on its own initiative to formulate proposals and take decisions in accordance with the procedures set out herein.

The following decisions shall be taken by the General Assembly:

Content, finances and intellectual property rights

- Proposals for changes to Annexes 1 and 2 of the Grant Agreement to be agreed by the Granting Authority
- Changes to the Consortium Plan
- Modifications or withdrawal of Background in Attachment 1 (Background Included)
- Additions to Attachment 3 (List of Third Parties for simplified transfer according to Section 8.3.2)
- Additions to Attachment 4 (Identified entities under the same control)

Evolution of the consortium

- Entry of a new Party to the Project and approval of the settlement on the conditions of the accession of such a new Party
- Withdrawal of a Party from the Project and the approval of the settlement on the conditions of the withdrawal
- Identification of a breach by a Party of its obligations under this Consortium Agreement or the Grant Agreement
- Declaration of a Party to be a Defaulting Party
- Remedies to be performed by a Defaulting Party

- Termination of a Defaulting Party's participation in the consortium and measures relating thereto
- Proposal to the Granting Authority for a change of the Coordinator
- Proposal to the Granting Authority for suspension of all or part of the Project
- Proposal to the Granting Authority for termination of the Project and the Consortium Agreement

Appointments

On the basis of the Grant Agreement, the appointment, if necessary, of:

- Advisory Board Members

In the case of abolished tasks as a result of a decision of the General Assembly, Members shall rearrange the tasks of the Parties concerned. Such rearrangement shall take into consideration any prior legitimate commitments which cannot be cancelled.

6.4 Coordinator

6.4.1

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

6.4.2

In particular, the Coordinator shall be responsible for:

- monitoring compliance by the Parties with their obligations under this Consortium Agreement and the Grant Agreement
- keeping the address list of Members 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 Granting Authority
- preparing the meetings, proposing decisions and preparing the agenda of General Assembly meetings, 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 Granting Authority and fulfilling the financial tasks described in Section 7.2
- 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 Granting Authority in time.

6.4.3

If the Coordinator fails in its coordination tasks, the General Assembly may propose to the Granting Authority to change the Coordinator.

6.4.4

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.

6.4.5

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

6.5 Advisory Board (AB)

An Advisory Board (AB) will be appointed and steered by the General Assembly. The AB shall assist and facilitate the decisions made by the General Assembly. The AB will provide additional advice and qualify the research results so that the Project can successfully disseminate and exploit project findings.

By way of exception to Section 6.4.4 above, the all Parties except for C-ECO hereby mandate the Coordinator to execute, in their name and on their behalf, a non-disclosure agreement (hereafter "NDA") with each member of the EEAB, in order to protect Confidential Information disclosed by any of the Parties to any member of the EEAB. The NDA for the EEAB members is enclosed in Attachment 5. The mandate of the Coordinator comprises solely the execution of the NDA in Attachment 5.

Its terms shall be not less stringent than those stipulated in this Consortium Agreement, and it shall be concluded no later than 30 days after their nomination or before any confidential information will be exchanged/disclosed, whichever date is earlier.

The Coordinator shall write the minutes of the AB meetings and submit them to the General Assembly. The AB members shall be allowed to participate in General Assembly meetings upon invitation but have not any voting rights.

7 Financial provisions

7.1 General Principles

During the proposal phase a consortium budget is elaborated on the basis of costs estimates. In order to be considered for reimbursement, costs incurred by the Parties in the course of the project, must satisfy the eligibility criteria laid down by the Grant Agreement. Subject to these criteria, it is always the Granting Authority which takes the final decision on the nature and amount of the costs to be considered eligible.

7.1.1 Distribution of Financial Contribution

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

- the Consortium Plan
- the approval of reports by the Granting Authority, and
- the provisions of payment in Section 7.2.

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 (and those of its Affiliated Entities, if any) with respect to the Project towards the Granting 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 Granting Authority.

7.1.3 Funding Principles

A Party that spends less than its allocated share of the budget as set out in the Consortium Plan or – in case of reimbursement via unit costs - implements less units than foreseen in the Consortium Plan will be funded in accordance with its units/actual duly justified eligible costs only.

A Party that spends more than its allocated share of the budget as set out in the Consortium Plan will be funded only in respect of duly justified eligible costs up to an amount not exceeding that share.

7.1.4 Excess payments

A Party has received excess payment

- a) if the payment received from the Coordinator exceeds the amount declared or
- b) if a Party has received payments but, within the last year of the Project, its real Project costs fall significantly behind the costs it would be entitled to according to the Consortium Plan.

In case a Party has received excess payment, the Party has to inform the Coordinator and return the relevant amount to the Coordinator without undue delay. In case no refund takes place within 30 days upon request for return of excess payment from the Coordinator, the Party is in substantial breach of the Consortium Agreement.

Amounts which are not refunded by a breaching Party and which are not due to the Granting Authority, shall be apportioned by the Coordinator to the remaining Parties pro rata according to their share of total costs of the Project as identified in the Consortium Budget, until recovery from the breaching Party is possible.

7.1.5 Revenue

In case a Party earns any revenue that is deductible from the total funding as set out in the Consortium Plan, the deduction is only directed toward the Party earning such revenue. The other Parties' financial share of the budget shall not be affected by one Party's revenue. In case the relevant revenue is more than the allocated share of the Party as set out in the Consortium Plan, the Party shall reimburse the funding reduction suffered by other Parties.

7.1.6 Financial Consequences of the termination of the participation of a Party

A Party leaving the consortium shall refund to the Coordinator any payments it has received except the amount of contribution accepted by the Granting Authority or another contributor.

In addition, 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 the leaving Party's task and necessary additional efforts to fulfil them as a consequence of the Party leaving the consortium. The General Assembly should agree on a procedure regarding additional costs which are not covered by the Defaulting Party or the Mutual Insurance Mechanism. The

additional costs cannot be higher than the Defaulting Party's allocated budget specified in the Grant Agreement.

7.2 Payments

7.2.1 Payments to Parties are the exclusive task 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 Granting 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 Article 22 of the Grant Agreement, no Party shall before the end of the Project receive more than its allocated share of the maximum grant amount less the amounts retained by the Granting Authority for the Mutual Insurance Mechanism and for the final payment.

7.2.2

The transfer of the initial pre-financing, the additional pre-financings (if any) and interim payments to Parties will be handled in accordance with Article 22.1. and Article 7 of the Grant Agreement following this payment schedule:

Funding of costs included in the Consortium Plan will be paid by the Coordinator to the Parties after receipt of payments from the Granting Authority without undue delay and in conformity with the provisions of the Grant Agreement. Costs accepted by the Granting Authority will be paid to the Party concerned.

The Coordinator is entitled to withhold any payments due to a Party identified by the General Assembly 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 except the costs already claimed by the Defaulting Party and accepted by the Granting Authority. The Coordinator is equally entitled to withhold payments to a Party when this is suggested by or agreed with the Granting Authority.

8 Results

8.1 Ownership of Results

Results are owned by the Party/Parties or Party's employees where applicable that generates them.

8.2 Joint ownership

Joint ownership is governed by Grant Agreement Article 16.4 and its Annex 5, Section Ownership of results, with the following additions:

Unless otherwise agreed:

- With regard to jointly owned Results - each of the joint owners shall be entitled to Place on the Market and to grant non-exclusive licenses to third parties (without any right to sub-license), if the other joint owners are given: (a) at least 45 calendar days advance notice; and (b) fair and reasonable compensation.
- Each of the joint owners shall be entitled to otherwise exploit - including research and teaching activities - the jointly owned results as it sees fit.

Place on the Market within the use of this Agreement means: a form of exploitation where the first supply of a product or a service for distribution, consumption or use on the market in the course of a commercial activity whether in return for payment or free of charge.

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, including its share in jointly owned Results, following the procedures of the Grant Agreement Article 16.4 and its Annex 5, Section Transfer and licensing of results, sub-section "Transfer of ownership".

Each Party may transfer ownership of its own Results as well as its share in Results that it owns jointly with another Party or Parties and all rights and obligations attached to such Results to Affiliates or entities under the same control, as defined in the Grant Agreement Article 16.4, Annex 5 Section "Access rights to results and background", sub-section "Access rights for entities under the same control", without notification to any other Party, except in case of jointly owned Results where the joint owners will be informed.

8.3.2

Each Party may identify specific third parties it intends to transfer the ownership of its Results to in Attachment (3) of this Consortium Agreement. The other Parties hereby waive their right to prior notice and their right to object to such a transfer to listed third parties according to the Grant Agreement Article 16.4 and its Annex 5, Section Transfer of licensing of results, sub-section "Transfer of ownership", 3rd paragraph.

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 under the Consortium Agreement and the Grant Agreement will not be affected by such transfer. Any addition to Attachment (3) after signature of this Consortium Agreement requires a decision of the General Assembly.

8.3.4

The Parties recognise 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 at least 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, the confidentiality obligations set out in Section 9.8 apply to all dissemination activities described in this Section 8.4 as far as Confidential Information is involved.

8.4.2 Dissemination of own (including jointly owned) 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 17.4 of the Grant Agreement and its Annex 5, Section Dissemination, subject to the following provisions.

Prior notice of any planned publication shall be given to the other Parties at least 45 calendar days before the publication. Any objection to the planned publication shall be made in accordance with the Grant Agreement by written notice to the Coordinator and to the Party or Parties proposing the dissemination within 30 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, or
- b) the objecting Party's legitimate interests in relation to its Results or Background would be significantly harmed, or
- c) the proposed publication includes Confidential Information of the objecting Party.

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.

8.4.2.4

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, provided that the objections of the objecting Party have been addressed.

8.4.3 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.

8.4.4 Cooperation obligations

The Parties undertake to cooperate to allow the timely submission, examination, publication and defense 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.

8.4.5 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.

8.4.6 Open access principles

a) Software results

Pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Parties are aware to publish Results in the form of Software in open source. In case they decide to publish their results in open source the publication shall take place in a software repository that is freely accessible for all third parties (e.g. public repositories at GitHub, Sourceforge) and the publication shall consist of the complete corresponding Source Code of the OS Results and of the History of the "git" repository which the Parties will use during the execution of the project. History of the "git" repository might be restricted by Parties at their discretion upon such agreement among publishing Parties. The "History" is the information tracked within the "git" repository about all changes about the Parties who made contributions ("commits"). The software repository shall include a copyright notice in the form of a "Notice File" with copyright information.

The Parties shall agree upon on which platform the OS Results will be published. In the event that the Parties chose a software repository without the future maintenance of the OS Results by an organization (e.g. a foundation responsible for the maintenance of the OS Results) the Parties will conduct a joint maintenance.

For the joint maintenance the Parties shall agree upon the following issues:

- The owner of the open source development project, i.e. the Party making the initial publication under its own name.
- The open source project governance defining the roles for conducting the joint maintenance.
- The requirements for the acceptance of contributions from third parties to the open source development project.
- The use of copyright notices and the maintenance of a "Notice" file with copyright information as mentioned in sec. 4. d. of the Apache License 2.0.

Any Party has the right to withdraw from the joint maintenance of the open source development project. In the event that all Parties want to withdraw from the maintenance the remaining Party or Parties shall terminate the open source development and the public access to the source code to avoid an

unmaintained source code offer. However, the Parties shall encourage third parties to fork the open source development project and to continue the publication of the source code under their own names but in compliance with attribution of copyright owners and authors.

b) Scientific articles

As defined in Annex I of the Grant Agreement, the Parties will comply with the obligations related to open access publishing of scientific articles and the defined provisions on open access to research data. Additional provisions and requirements will be defined in the Data Management Plan that all Parties will follow.

9 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 additional Background to Attachment 1 during the Project provided they give written notice to the other Parties. However, approval of the General Assembly 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 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 Fair and Reasonable conditions.

Access rights to Results for internal research and for teaching activities 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, shall be granted on Fair and Reasonable conditions.

9.4.3

A request for Access Rights may be made up to 36 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 entities under the same control or Affiliates

Entities under the same control have Access Rights under the conditions of the Grant Agreement Article 16.4 and its Annex 5, Section "Access rights to results and background", sub-section "Access rights for entities under the same control".

Such Access Rights must be requested by the entity under the same control or Affiliate 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 entity under the same control. Access Rights to an entity under the same control shall be granted on Fair and Reasonable conditions and upon written bilateral agreement.

Entities under the same control or Affiliate which obtain Access Rights in return fulfil all confidentiality obligations accepted by the Parties under the Grant Agreement or this Consortium Agreement as if such entities were Parties.

Access Rights may be refused to entities under the same control or Affiliate if such granting is contrary to the legitimate interests of the Party which owns the Background or the Results.

Access Rights granted to any entity under the same control or Affiliate are subject to the continuation of the Access Rights of the Party with whom it is under the same control or affiliated to and shall automatically terminate upon termination of the Access Rights granted to such Party.

Upon cessation of the status as an entity under the same control, any Access Rights granted to such former entity under the same control or Affiliate shall lapse.

Further arrangements with entities under the same control or Affiliates may be negotiated in separate agreements.

Access Rights may be refused to entities under the same control or Affiliate if such granting is contrary to the legitimate interests of the Party which owns the Background or the Results. Access Rights are not refused lightheartedly.

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 General Assembly 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.

9.8 Specific provisions for Access Rights to Software

9.8.1 Definitions relating to Software

“Application Programming Interface” or “API”

"Controlled License Terms" means terms in any license that require that the use, copying, modification and/or distribution of Software or another work (“Work”) and/or of any work that is a modified version of or is a derivative work of such Work (in each case, “Derivative Work”) be subject, in whole or in part, to one or more of the following:

- a) (where the Work or Derivative Work is Software) that the Source Code or other formats preferred for modification be made available as of right to any third party on request, whether royalty-free or not;
- b) that permission to create modified versions or derivative works of the Work or Derivative Work be granted to any third party;
- c) that a royalty-free license relating to the Work or Derivative Work be granted to any third party.

For the avoidance of doubt, any Software license that merely permits (but does not require any of the things mentioned in (a) to (c) is not under Controlled License Terms.

“Object Code” means Software in machine-readable, compiled and/or executable form including, but not limited to, byte code form and in form of machine-readable libraries used for linking procedures and functions to other software.

“Software Documentation” means Software information, being technical information used, or useful in, or relating to the design, development, use or maintenance of any version of a Software programme.

“Source Code” means Software in human readable form normally used to make modifications to it including, but not limited to, comments and procedural code such as job control language and scripts to control compilation and installation.

9.8.2 General principles

For the avoidance of doubt, the general provisions for Access Rights provided for in this Section 9 are applicable also to Software as far as not modified by this Section 9.8.

Parties’ Access Rights to Software do not include any right to receive Source Code or Object Code ported to a certain hardware platform or any right to receive Source Code, Object Code or respective Software Documentation in any particular form or detail, but only as available from the Party granting the Access Rights.

The introduction of Software under Controlled License Terms in the Project requires the prior approval of the General Assembly to implement such introduction into the Consortium Plan.

9.8.3 Access to Software

Access Rights to Software that is Results shall comprise:

- Access Rights to the Object Code; and,
- where normal use of such an Object Code requires an API, Access Rights to the Object Code and such an API; and,

- if a Party can show that the execution of its tasks under the Project or the Exploitation of its own Results is technically or legally impossible without Access Rights to the Source Code, Access Rights to the Source Code to the extent necessary.

Background shall only be provided in Object Code unless otherwise agreed between the Parties concerned.

9.8.4 Software license and sublicensing rights

9.8.4.1 Object Code

9.8.4.1.1 Results - Rights of a Party

Where a Party has Access Rights to Object Code and/or API that is Results for Exploitation, such Access shall, in addition to the Access for Exploitation foreseen in Section 9.4, as far as Needed for the Exploitation of the Party's own Results, comprise the right:

- to make an agreed number of copies of Object Code and API; and
- to distribute, make available, market, sell and offer for sale such Object Code and API alone or as part of or in connection with products or services of the Party having the Access Rights;

provided however that any product, process or service has been developed by the Party having the Access Rights in accordance with its rights to exploit Object Code and API for its own Results.

If it is intended to use the services of a third party for the purposes of this Section 9.8.4.1.1, the Parties concerned shall agree on the terms thereof with due observance of the interests of the Party granting the Access Rights as set out in Section 9.2 of this Consortium Agreement.

9.8.4.1.2 Results - Rights to grant sublicenses to end-users

In addition, Access Rights to Object Code shall, as far as Needed for the Exploitation of the Party's own Results, comprise the right to grant in the normal course of the relevant trade to end-user customers buying/using the product/services, a sublicense to the extent as necessary for the normal use of the relevant product or service to use the Object Code alone or as part of or in connection with or integrated into products and services of the Party having the Access Rights and, as far as technically essential:

- to maintain such product/service;
- to create for its own end-use interacting interoperable Software in accordance with the Directive 2009/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the legal protection of computer programs.

9.8.4.1.3 Background

For the avoidance of doubt, where a Party has Access Rights to Object Code and/or API that is Background for Exploitation, Access Rights exclude the right to sublicense. Such sublicensing rights may, however, be negotiated between the Parties.

9.8.4.2 Source Code

9.8.4.2.1 Results - Rights of a Party

Where, in accordance with Section 9.8.3, a Party has Access Rights to Source Code that is Results for Exploitation, Access Rights to such Source Code, as far as Needed for the Exploitation of the Party's

own Results, shall comprise a worldwide right to use, to make copies, to modify, to develop, to adapt Source Code for research, to create/market a product/process and to create/provide a service.

If it is intended to use the services of a third party for the purposes of this Section 9.8.4.2.1, the Parties shall agree on the terms thereof, with due observance of the interests of the Party granting the Access Rights as set out in Section 9.2 of this Consortium Agreement.

9.8.4.2.2 Results – Rights to grant sublicenses to end-users

In addition, Access Rights, as far as Needed for the Exploitation of the Party's own Results, shall comprise the right to sublicense such Source Code, but solely for purpose of adaptation, error correction, maintenance and/or support of the Software.

Further sublicensing of Source Code is explicitly excluded.

9.8.4.2.3 Background

For the avoidance of doubt, where a Party has Access Rights to Source Code that is Background for Exploitation, Access Rights exclude the right to sublicense. Such sublicensing rights may, however, be negotiated between the Parties.

9.8.5 Specific formalities

Each sublicense granted according to the provisions of Section 9.8.4 shall be made by a traceable agreement specifying and protecting the proprietary rights of the Party or Parties concerned.

10 Non-disclosure of information

10.1

“Confidential Information” means all information, for example data, drawings, 3D models, drafts, sketches, plans, descriptions, specifications, measurement and test results, testing methods, calculations, experience, processes, samples, molds, installations, tools, patent applications not yet published, know-how, commercial documents, marketing strategies, purchasing addresses, cooperation partners, names of customers, hardware and software configurations, access codewords or software, regardless of its physical form or characteristics disclosed in connection with the Action, that is marked as “confidential”, and which constitutes trade secrets within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/943 because (1) it is secret in the sense that it is not, as a body or in the precise configuration and assembly of its components, generally known among or readily accessible to persons within the circles that normally deal with the kind of information in question, (2) it has commercial value because it is secret and (3) it has been subject to reasonable steps under the circumstances, by the person lawfully in control of the information, to keep it secret.

The Parties agree in good faith to not share or make public any additional information from the Project that from its nature can be seen as confidential even if it is not marked, including but not limited to related agreements, financial statements, email communications, etc., subject to section 10.4.

10.2

The Recipients hereby undertake in addition and without prejudice to any commitment on non-disclosure under the Grant Agreement, for a period of 5 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 complies with the confidentiality obligations herein contained with respect to such copy.

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 Recipient shall promptly inform the relevant Disclosing Party by written notice 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 Recipient 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 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 entities under the same control)
- Attachment 5 (NDA for Advisory Board agreed under Section 6)

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 6.4.4, 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 Formal and written notices

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

Any change of persons or contact details shall be immediately communicated to the Coordinator by written notice. The address list shall be accessible to all Parties.

Formal notices:

If it is required in this Consortium Agreement (Sections 4.2, 9.7.2.1.1, and 11.4) 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 with acknowledgement of receipt.

Written notice:

Where written notice is required by this Consortium Agreement, this is fulfilled also by other means of communication such as e-mail.

11.4 Assignment and amendments

Except as set out in Section 0, 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 not explicitly listed in 6.3.7 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 Belgium excluding its conflict of law provisions.

11.8 Settlement of disputes

The Parties shall endeavour to settle their disputes amicably.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising under, out of or relating to this contract and any subsequent amendments of this contract, including, without limitation, its formation, validity, binding effect, interpretation, performance, breach or termination, as well as non-contractual claims, shall be submitted to mediation in accordance with the WIPO Mediation Rules. The place of mediation shall be Brussels unless otherwise agreed upon. The language to be used in the mediation shall be English unless otherwise agreed upon.

If, and to the extent that, any such dispute, controversy or claim has not been settled pursuant to the mediation within 60 calendar days of the commencement of the mediation, the courts of Brussels shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

12 Signatures

AS WITNESS:

The Parties have caused this Consortium Agreement to be duly signed by the undersigned authorised representatives in separate signature pages the day and year first above written.

MASARYKOVA UNIVERZITA

Name XXXXXXXXXX

Title: XXXXXXXXXX

Date: 19.12.2022

Signature:

KUNGLIGA TEKNISKA HOEGSKOLAN

Name: XXXXXXXXX

Title: XXXXXXXXX

Date 14.12.2022

Signature:

TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET CHEMNITZ

Chemnitz, Date: 21. DEZ. 2022

Chemnitz, Date: 19. DEZ. 2022

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The Rector
Technischen Universität Chemnitz

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UNIVERZA V LJUBLJANI

Name: XXXXXXXXX

Title: Rector

Date: 15.12.2022

Signature:

IDENER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AGRUPACION DE INTERES ECONOMICO

Name: XXXXXXXXX

Title: CEO

Date: 11.01.2023

Signature:

IRIS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, SOCIEDAD LIMITADA

Name: XXXXXXXXX

Title: General Director

Date: 15-12-2022

Signature:

SIGNIFIKANT SVENSKA AB

Date: 2022-12-14

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CEO, Signifikant Svenska AB

CIRCULAR ECONOMY SOLUTIONS GMBH

Name(s) XXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXX

Title(s) CEO XXXXXXXXX

Date: Karlsruhe, 14.12.2022

Signature(s):

GORENJE GOSPODINJSKI APARATI DOO

Name: XXXXXXXXX

Title: Executive Vice President

Date 15.12.2022

Signature:

ARCELIK A.S.

Name: XXXXXXXXX

Title: Head of Global R&D Incentives and University-Industry Relations

Date: 05/01/2023

Signature:

**LEXMARK INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY HUNGARIA KORLATOLT FELELOSSEGU
TARSASAG**

Name(s): XXXXXXXXXX

Title(s): Managing Director

Date: 05. January 2023

Signature(s)

CROWDHELIX LIMITED

Name: XXXXXXXXX

Title: Managing Director

Date: 07/12/2022

Signature:

Attachment 1: Background included

According to the Grant Agreement (Article 16.1) 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 MASARYKOVA UNIVERZITA, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of MASARYKOVA UNIVERZITA is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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

PARTY 2

As to KUNGLIGA TEKNISKA HOEGSKOLAN, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of KUNGLIGA TEKNISKA HOEGSKOLAN is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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

PARTY 3

As to TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET CHEMNITZ, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET CHEMNITZ is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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

PARTY 4

As to UNIVERZA V LJUBLJANI, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of UNIVERZA V LJUBLJANI is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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

PARTY 5

As to IDENER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AGRUPACION DE INTERES ECONOMICO, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of IDENER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AGRUPACION DE INTERES ECONOMICO is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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

PARTY 6

As to IRIS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, SOCIEDAD LIMITADA, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, 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 restrictions and/or conditions for implementation (Article 16.4 Grant Agreement and its Annex 5, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the Action”)	Specific restrictions and/or conditions for Exploitation (Article 16.4 Grant Agreement and its Annex 5, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”)
Knowledge in Process Analytical Technologies (+ own software platform), chemometrics, machine learning and data fusion. Knowhow in process monitoring. Patent pending NIR devices for in line monitoring. Knowledge in monitoring processes using HSI. Knowledge in data mining for process optimisation	IRIS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS S.L. shall grant access to Background that is, or will be found to be, necessary for the implementation of the Project royalty free to the Party or Parties that Need access to implement their work in the Project.	IRIS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS S.L. shall grant access to Background needed to use the Results of the Project under fair and reasonable conditions to be agreed with the Party or Parties that Need access to use the Results of the Project.

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PARTY 7

As to SIGNIFIKANT SVENSKA AB, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of SIGNIFIKANT SVENSKA AB is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the

action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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PARTY 8

As to CIRCULAR ECONOMY SOLUTIONS GMBH, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of CIRCULAR ECONOMY SOLUTIONS GMBH is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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PARTY 9

As to GORENJE GOSPODINJSKI APARATI DOO, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of GORENJE GOSPODINJSKI APARATI DOO is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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PARTY 10

As to ARCELIK A.S., it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of ARCELIK A.S. is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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PARTY 11

As to LEXMARK INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY HUNGARIA KORLATOLT FELELOSSEGU TARSASAG, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, no data, know-how or information of LEXMARK INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY HUNGARIA KORLATOLT FELELOSSEGU TARSASAG is Needed by another Party for implementation of the Project (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the action”) or Exploitation of that other Party’s Results (Article 16.1 and its Annex 5 Grant Agreement, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”).

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PARTY 12

As to CROWDHELIX LIMITED, it is agreed between the Parties that, to the best of their knowledge, 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 restrictions and/or conditions for implementation (Article 16.4 Grant Agreement and its Annex 5, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights to background and results for implementing the Action”)	Specific restrictions and/or conditions for Exploitation (Article 16.4 Grant Agreement and its Annex 5, Section “Access rights to results and background”, sub-section “Access rights for exploiting the results”)
<p>The online collaboration platform “Crowdhelix” (“the platform”), as it is made available to its users.</p>	<p>CROWDHELIX LTD (CHX) shall grant access to Background that is, or will be found to be, necessary for the implementation of the Project royalty free to the Party or Parties that Need access to implement their work in the Project. At its sole discretion CHX may remove, limit, or otherwise amend any functionality of the platform, and/or the access or use of any individual, Party, or third party. All access to or use of the platform is subject to the Crowdhelix Terms and Privacy Policy as may be amended from time to time.</p>	<p>CROWDHELIX LTD (CHX) shall grant access to Background needed to use the Results of the Project under fair and reasonable conditions to be agreed with the Party or Parties that Need access to use the Results of the Project. At its sole discretion CHX may remove, limit, or otherwise amend any functionality of the platform, and/or the access or use of any individual, Party, or third party. All access to or use of the platform is subject to the Crowdhelix Terms and Privacy Policy as may be amended from time to time.</p>

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Attachment 2: Accession document

ACCESSION

of a new Party to

DiCiM 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].

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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.

Third Party of Crowdhelix Limited (Ireland)

- Crowdhelix Limited (England and Wales)

85 Great Portland Street

London W1W 7LT – United Kingdom

Company Number: 8336338

VAT: GB 185 4751 77

Third Party of IDENER Research and Development A.I.E. (Spain)

- Idener Technologies S.L. (Spain)

C Earle Ovington N24 Unit 8 – 9

41300 La Rinconada, Sevilla, Spain

VAT: ESB91871491

Attachment 4: Identified entities under the same control according to Section 9.5

Entity under the same control (Crowdhelix Limited – Ireland)

- Crowdhelix Limited (England and Wales)

85 Great Portland Street

London W1W 7LT – United Kingdom

Company Number: 8336338

VAT: GB 185 4751 77

Entity under the same control (IDENER Research and Development A.I.E. - Spain)

- Idener Technologies S.L. (Spain)

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VAT: ESB91871491

Attachment 5: NDA for Advisory Board agreed under Section 6 of the Consortium Agreement

The Agreement is executed by and between:

All Partners of the DiCiM Consortium for the implementation of the Project entitled DIGITALISED VALUE MANAGEMENT FOR UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF THE CIRCULAR MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS WITH INTEGRATED DIGITAL SOLUTIONS, who are apart from Circular Economy Solutions GMBH represented by the Coordinator, MASARYKOVA UNIVERZITA, in its capacity as the Coordinator of the Consortium Duly authorised for the purpose hereof by the Consortium upon signature of the DiCiM Consortium Agreement dated [date of signature].

and

CIRCULAR ECONOMY SOLUTIONS GMBH (C-ECO), Wilhelm-Lambrecht-Strasse 6, 37079 Gottingen, Germany, as partner of the DiCiM Consortium not represented by the Coordinator

Hereinafter the Coordinator and all the Partners jointly referred to as “Disclosing Party”

And

[full name of the person or institution]

Hereinafter referred to as “Receiving Party”

Hereinafter collectively referred to as “Parties” and individually as “Party”.

Whereas the Coordinator acting on its behalf and on behalf of the Partners may provide the Advisory Board members with some relevant information regarding the DiCiM Project (the Information), which is be considered as confidential.

The Disclosing Party and the Receiving Party have agreed to the following terms and conditions established in this Confidentiality Agreement.

Definitions

“Purpose” shall mean the purpose described in section 1.1 of the Non-disclosure Agreement.

“Confidential Information” shall mean information concerning commercial, economic, technical, scientific, research related and other conditions, including but not limited to technology, inventions, processes, procedures, rights, specifications, design, plans, drafts, software, prototypes, material and strategies, which a the Receiving Party receives or gets access to as part of the implementation of the Purpose to the extent, that this information (i) is received by the Receiving Party in physical or electronic form and marked “confidential” by the Disclosing Party, (ii) is auditory or visual received by the Receiving Party and within fourteen (14) days is written down by the Disclosing Party, marked “confidential” and forwarded to the Receiving party, or (iii) that the information is obviously of confidential nature.

“Third Party” shall mean all legal and natural persons, except for the Parties. Third Party could be authorities or affiliates of the Company.

1.1 Any Information provided by the Disclosing Party orally or in written form shall at all times be and remain the property of the Disclosing Party and shall be used by the Receiving Party for the sole purpose

of generating advisory reports relating to the DiCiM project in their capacity as Advisory Board member (“the Purpose”).

1.2 The Confidential Information shall at all times be held in strict confidence and under conditions of secrecy, and shall not, without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party, be disclosed or used for any purpose other than for the Purpose, be disclosed to any third party or used for the benefit of any third party.

1.3 The provisions of Clause 1.2 shall not apply to any information:

- (a) which, at the time of receipt, is in the public domain;
- (b) which, after receipt becomes part of the public domain by publication or otherwise by lawful and proper means;
- (c) which can be established by documentary evidence was in the Receiving Party’s possession prior to receipt from the Disclosing Party, and was acquired with free rights of disposal directly or indirectly from a source wholly independent of the Disclosing Party;
- (d) which can be established by documentary evidence was independently developed by team of the Receiving Party who had no knowledge of the information disclosed hereunder;
- (e) which was subsequently received from a third party with good legal title thereto.

1.4 Access to Confidential Information shall be restricted by the Receiving Party to the minimum number of employees and colleagues necessary for the Purpose herein, and such employees and colleagues shall be made aware that the information is confidential and shall be bound by confidentiality obligations at least as strict as those contained herein.

1.5 Upon completion of the Purpose and in absence of any further written agreement with the Disclosing Party, information, which is in tangible form, shall be promptly returned to the Disclosing Party, except for one copy, which may be retained in legal files for the sole purpose of determining continuing legal obligations hereunder. Such return shall not affect the obligation under Clause 1.2 to keep information confidential.

1.6 Nothing in this Confidentiality Agreement shall be construed as placing the Disclosing Party under any obligation to grant future rights to information in any subsequent agreement or as a grant of any right whatsoever (under a licence or any other way), in particular to substances, inventions, creations, results or discoveries this Confidential Information relates to, which may or may not be covered by an intellectual property right. Likewise, for author’s rights or any other rights attached to the literary and artistic proprietary (copyright) trademarks or trade secrets. In particular, the Receiving Party undertakes not to file any patent application, directly or indirectly, or any other industrial property rights, which include or implement all or part of the Disclosing Party’s Confidential Information or which refer to it. It also undertakes not to file any patent application, or any other industrial property rights to any results obtained during the Project.

1.7 This Confidentiality Agreement may be terminated ipso jure by either Party, at any time and for any reason, subject to a thirty (30) days’ notice given by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, the other Party not being entitled to claim any form of compensation. Anticipatory termination of this Confidentiality Agreement shall not discharge the Parties from their obligations as regards the use, disclosure and protection of the received Confidential Information, nor shall it alter the scope thereof; these obligations remain in force for the term specified in clause 1.9. The Receiving Party is NOT subject to a conflict of interest in connection with this Project and will notify the Coordinator — without delay — of any situation which could give rise to a conflict of interest

1.8 This Confidentiality Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and shall not be modified, except by written mutual agreement.

1.9 This Confidentiality Agreement takes effect from the date of signature and shall be governed by the laws of Belgium. Any dispute in connection with the existence, validity, interpretation, or performance of the Confidentiality Agreement that the Parties are unable to resolve out of court within two (2) months of the earliest petitioner serving notice on the other Party shall be settled by the competent court of Belgium. The confidentiality obligations shall expire five (5) years after the end of the project period.

Signatures

For the Receiving Party

Place/date

[Name & title of authorized signatory]

For the Coordinator

Place/date

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Project Manager

For Circular Economy Solutions Gmbh

Place/date

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, (role)

xxxxxxxxxxxx, (rector)