



Today 10th of Month April 2024,

## Contracting parties

CESKA ZEMEDELSKA UNIVERZITA V PRAZE (CZU), PIC 999912570, established in KAMYCKA 129 SUCHDOL, PRAHA 165 00, Czechia, represented for the purpose of signing the Sub-grant Agreement by Rector, prof. Ing. Petr Sklenička, CSc., legal representative of CZU, as Coordinator of the ECO-READY consortium

Hereinafter referred as the “**Coordinator/Treasurer**”

and

FOODSCALE HUB GREECE-ASSOCIATION FOR ENTREPREUNERSHIP AND INNOVATION ASTIKI MI KERDOSKOPIKI ETAIREIA (FSH), LEONTOS SOFOU 20, po box: 000 570 01, THERMI THESSALONIKI Greece, represented for the purpose of signing the Sub-grant Agreement by Manager, Grigorios Chatzikostas, legal representative of FSH

Hereinafter referred as the “**Open Call Manager**”

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CZECH ORGANICS, S.R.O., established in Lipová 39, Staré Město 788 32, represented for the purpose of signing the Sub-grant Agreement by xxxxx, director and representing the Living Lab consortium as a whole according to the consortium agreement signed by Czech Organics s.r.o., PRO-BIO, obchodní společnost s r.o., and EKOFARMA PROBIO s.r.o.

Hereinafter referred as the “**Subgrantee**”

Hereinafter collectively referred as the “**Contracting Parties**”

HAVE AGREED to the following terms and conditions including those in the ECO-READY Open Call Annexes, which form an integral part of this ECO-READY Sub-grant Agreement for Open Call for Establishing a Living Labs Network, (hereinafter referred as the “**Contract**”).

## General provisions

The European Commission (hereinafter referred as the “**EC**”) and the Coordinator/Treasurer, have signed the Grant Agreement no 101084201 for the implementation of the project: Achieving Ecological Resilient Dynamism for the European food system through consumer-driven policies, socio-ecological challenges, biodiversity, data-driven policy, sustainable futures (Acronym: ECO-READY) within the



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framework of the Programme HORIZON-CL6-2022-CLIMATE-01-04 (hereinafter referred as the “**ECO-READY project**”). 7

The Subgrantee has received the favourable resolution by the evaluators and therefore is entitled to receive funding and support according to the terms and conditions set out under this Contract and in accordance with the ECO-READY Open Call Applicants' Guide.

This Contract aims at defining the framework of rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties.

The funding received by the Subgrantee is the property of the EC. The Coordinator/Treasurer and the Open Call Manager are mere holders and managers of the funds.

## **Article 1 - Entry into force and Termination of the contract**

### **1.1 Entry into force**

This Contract shall enter into force on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, subject to its signature by the last Contracting Party, the Coordinator/Treasurer.

The Open Call Manager shall sign this Contract, only after the following documents of the Subgrantee have been received and checked:

- The original signed by all partners Consortium Declaration (Annex 1).
- The original signed by all partners Declaration of Honour (Annex 2).
- Declaration of Conducting Business by all partners (Annex 3).
- Copy of ID-card or Passport of legal representative(s) of all partners.
- Copy of the original Extract of organization registration for all partners.
- Proof of VAT registration.
- Bank Information Form filled out by all partners (Annex 4).
- Consortium Agreement signed among partners forming the Living Lab.

All Contracting Parties must sign this Contract no later than 30.04.2024 in three copies.

The contract will be preferably signed via digital signature validated by the national authorities, DocuSign, or Adobe Sign. In case a Subgrantee does not have a digital signature, the hand signed hard copy will be used.

In case of hand signed hard copies, the paper original of the Contract will be sent to the Subgrantee for the signature of the legal representative. Afterwards, the Subgrantee will send these documents to the Open Call Manager for the signature of the legal representative. Finally, the documents will be sent to

the Coordinator/Treasurer for the signature of the legal representative. The paper original of the Contract will be archived at the Open Call Manager's and the Coordinator/Treasurer's office.

All documents shall be sent to the ECO-READY consortium first via email to the following address: [eco-ready@opencallhub.eu](mailto:eco-ready@opencallhub.eu), while the Annexes 1, 2, 3, 4, the Consortium Agreement signed among partners forming the Living Lab and this Contract will also be sent as paper originals, via regular mail, to the following address:

FOODSCALE HUB GREECE-ASSOCIATION FOR ENTREPREUNERSHIP AND INNOVATION ASTIKI  
MI KERDOSKOPIKI ETAIREIA (FSH)  
LEONTOS SOFOU 20, po box: 000 570 01  
THERMI THESSALONIKI Greece  
Attn:xxxxx

The Subgrantee is solely responsible for the accuracy of all data provided to the ECO-READY consortium.

## 1.2 Contract termination

This Contract terminates in the event of unjustified withdraw by the Subgrantee of the current fulfillment of its Contract obligations. "Unjustified withdraw" covers any situation out of "Force Majeure" qualification which determines the absence of performance of the Subgrantee's contractual obligations. In this particular case, it entitles the ECO-READY consortium the right to claim the Subgrantee the full refund of all payments made to the Subgrantee up to date.

## Article 2 - Obligations and Responsibilities of the Subgrantee

The obligations and responsibilities of the Subgrantee are defined in detail in the ECO-READY Open Call Applicants' Guide.

The main obligations and responsibilities of the Subgrantee and all partners forming the Living Lab are, but not limited to:

- Investigate product types (food products & crops) and create model-based scenarios.
- Test the scenarios relevant to climate-related challenges, such as: exposure to climate shocks, management of water and land resources etc.
- Contribute to the development of contingency plans for selected food products for ensuring food supply & security.
- Provide input to data-driven policy recommendations.
- Co design/ deploy awareness raising plans.





- Form a lasting partnership with the Observatory for easier data collection and exchange.
- Organize dissemination activities to promote concrete ECO-READY messages.
- Participate in three workshops to connect and share knowledge.
- Participate in two workshops to design exploitation pathways and share the benefits and opportunities of joining the observatory network.
- Submit predefined deliverables.
- Collaborate with the ECO-READY consortium and adjust its operations according to the ECO-READY consortium guidance.

In order to receive the funding from the ECO-READY consortium, the Subgrantee must submit to the Open Call Manager the relevant deliverables: a) Activity Plan by M6, b) Report of Results/ Outcomes by M17, c) Final Report with sustainability plan by M24. All deliverables will be reviewed by the ECO-READY Open Call Monitoring Committee. Upon final acceptance of the deliverables, the Open Call Manager will inform the Coordinator/Treasurer to proceed with the payments to each partner of the Living Lab.

Upon final acceptance of their deliverables by the ECO-READY Open Call Monitoring Committee, the Subgrantee must send the Request for Payment and a Certificate of Tax Residence to the Coordinator/Treasurer in order to receive the funding.

Additionally, the Subgrantee shall take every necessary precaution to avoid any risk of conflict of interest relating to economic interests, political or national affinities, personal or any other interests liable to influence the impartial and objective performance of the subproject. In case the Subgrantee is involved in a conflict of interest or is in a risk of conflict of interest, the Subgrantee must formally notify the Open Call Manager about this situation without delay and immediately take all necessary steps to rectify this situation.

### **Article 3 – Breach of Contractual obligations**

In the event of the breach of the contractual obligations by the Subgrantee, the ECO-READY consortium reserves the right to claim the full refund of all payments made to the Subgrantee up to date. The breach of the contractual obligations by the Subgrantee shall be determined by the ECO-READY consortium. The provision of false or misleading declarations by the Subgrantee or any unsolved situation of conflict of interest constitutes a non-exhaustive example of a breach of contractual obligations by the Subgrantee.

## Article 4 - Financial contribution and financial provisions

### 4.1 Maximum financial contribution

The maximum financial contribution to be granted by the ECO-READY consortium to the Subgrantee shall not exceed the budget requested by the Subgrantee in the submitted proposal, which can be at max 400,000 euros in total per consortium forming the Living Lab and at max 200,000 euros per partner in each consortium forming the Living Lab. This financial contribution will be given in three installments.

### 4.2 Distribution of financial contribution

The financial contribution to be granted to the Subgrantee **shall** be distributed in accordance with the Open Call Applicants' Guide.

In any case, the financial contribution to be paid will always be subject to:

- Reception of the relevant deliverable(s),
- A favorable resolution by the Open Call Manager responsible for assessing the subproject execution, namely the acceptance of deliverable(s),
- Reception of the Request for Payment and Certificate of Tax Residence (both electronically and in hard copy),
- The Subgrantee's Bank Account (Annex 4) matches the Instructions for payment issued by the bank of the Subgrantee,
- Payments to the Subgrantee will be made by the Coordinator/Treasurer. In particular:
  - The Coordinator/Treasurer reserves the right to withhold the payments in case the Subgrantee does not fulfill its obligations and tasks as per Open Call Applicants' Guide,
  - Banking and transaction costs charged by any of the banks related to the handling of any financial resources made available to the Subgrantee by the Coordinator/Treasurer shall be covered by the holder of the bank account which originated the cost. This means that the Coordinator/Treasurer bears the cost of transfers charged by their bank and the Subgrantee bears the costs of transfers charged by the bank of the Subgrantee,
- Payments will be released by the Coordinator/Treasurer no later than ten working days after the notification by the Open Call Manager,
- The Subgrantee is responsible for complying with any tax and legal obligations that might be attached to this financial contribution.

### 4.3 Payment schedule

The payment schedule is directly linked to the relevant stage of the Subgrantee's subproject as per the Open Call Applicants' Guide. Payments will be done separately to each partner of the Living Lab directly from the Coordinator/Treasurer. All payments to the partners of the Living Lab will be related to the acceptance of certain deliverables spread over the three phases, which will be evaluated by the ECO-READY Open Call Monitoring Committee.

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Deliverable</b>
Phase 1 M1-M6	Design	30%	Activity plan
Phase 2 M7-M17	Development	40%	Demonstration results/outcomes
Phase 3 M18-M24	Impact	30%	Final report with sustainability plan

## **Article 5 – Liability of the Subgrantee**

Neither the Coordinator/Treasurer, nor the Open Call Manager, nor the EC can be held liable for any acts or omissions of the Subgrantee in relation to this Contract. At the same time, the Subgrantee is responsible for any act or omission that causes damage to the Coordinator/Treasurer, the Open Call Manager, and/or the EC in relation to this Contract. The Subgrantee is also solely responsible for any damages that might come to third parties as a result of the Subgrantee's activities.

The Subgrantee shall bear sole responsibility for ensuring that his acts within the framework of this Contract do not infringe third parties' rights. There is no joint liability between the Contracting Parties.

## **Article 6 – Confidentiality**

With respect to all information of whatever nature or form as is disclosed between the Contracting Parties in connection with the subproject and identified in writing as confidential, the terms of this Article shall apply.

The Contracting Parties agree that such information is communicated on a confidential basis and its disclosure may be prejudicial to the owner of information.

## **Article 7 – Force Majeure**

"Force Majeure" shall mean, any unforeseeable exceptional situation or event beyond the Contracting Parties control, which prevents either of them from fulfilling any of their obligations under the Contract, which was not attributed to error or negligence on their part, and which proves to be inevitable in spite of exercising all due diligence.

Any default of a service, defect in equipment or material or delays in making them available, unless they stem directly from a relevant case of Force Majeure, as well as labour disputes, strikes or financial difficulties cannot be invoked as Force Majeure.







The Contracting Parties shall take the necessary measures to limit any damage due to Force Majeure. They shall do their best to resume the implementation of the action as soon as possible.

No Contracting Party shall be considered to be in breach of its obligations and tasks if such breach is caused by Force Majeure. A Contracting Party will notify the other Contracting Parties of any Force Majeure as soon as possible. In case the Subgrantee is not able to overcome the consequences of Force Majeure within 10 (ten) days after such notification, the ECO-READY consortium will decide accordingly, including the termination of the Contract.

## Article 8 – Information and communication

The Subgrantee must promote the subproject, the ECO-READY project and its results, by providing the description of his subproject upon request from the ECO-READY consortium and highlight the financial support of the EC.

Unless the EC or the Coordinator/Treasurer requests or agrees otherwise or unless it is impossible, any communication activity related to the action (including in electronic form, via social media, etc.), any publicity, including at a conference or seminar or any type of information or promotional material (brochure, leaflet, poster, presentation etc.), and any infrastructure, equipment and major results funded by the grant must: (a) display the EU emblem, (b) display the ECO-READY logo, and (c) include the following text:

*For communication activities: "This sub-project has received funding from the project ECO-READY (grant agreement No 101084201) through its Open Call, funded by the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme".*

When displayed in association with a logo, the European emblem should be given appropriate prominence. This obligation to use the European emblem in respect of projects to which the EC contributes implies no right of exclusive use. It is subject to general third-party use restrictions which do not permit the appropriation of the emblem, or of any similar trademark or logo, whether by registration or by any other means. Under these conditions, the Subgrantee is exempted from the obligation to obtain prior permission from the EC to use the emblem. Further detailed information on the EU emblem can be found on the Europa web page.

Any publicity made by the Subgrantee in respect of the subproject, in whatever form and on or by whatever medium, must specify that it reflects only the author's views and that the EC or ECO-READY project is not liable for any use that may be made of the information contained therein.



The EC and the ECO-READY consortium shall be authorised to publish, in whatever form and on or by whatever medium, the following information:

- the official name of the Subgrantee,
- contact address of the Subgrantee,
- the general purpose of the subproject,
- the amount of the financial contribution foreseen for the subproject; after the final payment, and the amount of the financial contribution actually received,
- the geographic location of the activities carried out,
- the list of dissemination activities and/or of patent (applications) relating to foreground,
- the details/references and the abstracts of scientific publications relating to foreground and, if funded within the subproject, the published version or the final manuscript accepted for publication,
- the publishable reports submitted to ECO-READY,
- any picture or any audio-visual or web material provided to the EC and ECO-READY in the framework of the subproject.

The Subgrantee shall ensure that all necessary authorisations for such publication have been obtained and that the publication of the information by the EC and ECO-READY does not infringe any rights of third parties.

Upon a duly substantiated request by the Subgrantee, the ECO-READY consortium, if such permission is provided by the EC, may agree to forego such publicity if disclosure of the information indicated above would risk compromising the Subgrantee's security, academic or commercial interests.

Any publicity made by the Subgrantee in respect of the subproject accepted by the ECO-READY consortium, in whatever form and on or by whatever medium, must specify that it reflects only the author's views and that the Coordinator/Treasurer, ECO-READY consortium or EC are not liable for any use that may be made of the information contained therein.

ECO-READY consortium and EC shall be authorized to publish, in whatever form and on or by whatever medium the following information:

- The legal name of the Subgrantee,
- Contact address of the Subgrantee,
- The general purpose of the project,
- The amount of financial contribution of the EC.

The Subgrantee shall ensure that all necessary authorizations for such publication have been obtained and that the publication of the information by the Coordinator/Treasurer, ECO-READY consortium or EC does not infringe any rights of third parties.





Upon a duly substantiated request by the Coordinator/Treasurer on the behalf of the Subgrantee, the EC may agree to forego such publicity if disclosure of the information indicated above would risk compromising the Subgrantee's security, academic or commercial interests.

## **Article 9 – Data protection**

### **9.1 Data protection obligation**

The Contracting Parties have the obligation to abide by the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR) 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.

The processing of personal data shall be carried out lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner, collected for specified purposes and adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which it is processed.

The Subgrantee might use and process the data only for the purposes of this Contract and during the length of the Contract. Any unauthorised use is forbidden. In any event, the Coordinator/Treasurer will not be held responsible for any abusive use of data incurred by the Subgrantee.

The Subgrantee shall not try to re-identify anonymised data. If re-identification occurs, the Subgrantee commits not to use such data. The Subgrantee shall delete, at the end of this Contract, the data to which the Subgrantee has been granted access during the incubation process, except where an agreement is entered into with the data provider.

### **9.2 New data produced**

The Subgrantee acknowledges that they will be the "data controller" of any new dataset of personal information that the Subgrantee may produce in the course of the ECO-READY project.

## **Article 10 – Financial audit and controls**

The EC may, at any time during the implementation of the ECO-READY project and up to five years after the end of the ECO-READY project (foreseen for 30 June 2026), arrange for financial audits to be carried out, by external auditors, or by the EC services themselves including in the European Anti-Fraud office (OLAF), on the Subgrantee. The audit procedure shall be deemed to be initiated on the date of receipt of the relevant letter sent by the EC. Such audits may cover financial, systemic and other aspects

(such as accounting and management principles) relating to the proper execution of the Grant Agreement. They shall be carried out on a confidential basis.

The Subgrantee shall make available directly to the EC all detailed information and data that may be requested by the EC or any representative authorised by it, with a view to verifying that the Grant Agreement is properly managed and performed in accordance with its provisions and that costs have been charged in compliance with it. The information and data must be precise, complete and effective.

The Subgrantee shall keep the originals or, in exceptional cases, duly authenticated copies – including electronic copies – of all documents relating to the Contract until 2031. These shall be made available to the EC when requested during any audit under the Grant Agreement.

In order to carry out these audits, the Subgrantee shall ensure that the EC's services and any external body(ies) authorised by it have on-the-spot access at all reasonable times, notably to the Subgrantee's offices, to its computer data, to its accounting data and to all the information needed to carry out those audits, including information on individual salaries of persons involved in the subproject. They shall ensure that the information is readily available on the spot at the moment of audit and, if so requested, the data be handed over in an appropriate form.

On the basis of the findings made during the financial audit, a provisional report shall be drawn up. It shall be sent by the EC or its authorized representative to the Subgrantee concerned, which may make observations thereon within one month of receiving it. The EC may decide not to take into account observations conveyed or documents sent after that deadline. The final report shall be sent to the Subgrantee concerned within two months of expiry of the aforesaid deadline.

On the basis of the conclusions of the audit, the EC shall take all appropriate measures which it considers necessary, including the issuing of recovery orders regarding all or part of the payments made by it and the application of any applicable sanction.

The European Court of Auditors shall have the same rights as the EC, notably right of access, for the purpose of checks and audits, without prejudice to its own rules. In addition, the EC may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the EC in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities.

## **Article 11 – Amendments**

Amendments or changes to this Contract shall be made in writing and signed by the duly authorized representative of the Contracting Parties. Nevertheless, in the event the EC modifies the conditions, the Contracting Parties will amend the Contract accordingly.



## **Article 12 – Language**

The Contract is drawn up in English language, which shall govern all documents, notices, meetings and processes relative thereto.

## **Article 13 – Applicable law**

This Contract shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Czech Republic.

## **Article 14 – Settlement of disputes**

If the Contracting Parties are unable to resolve a dispute amicably, such dispute will be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by three (3) arbitrators in Brussels.

Each of the Contracting Parties to the dispute shall appoint one (1) arbitrator, and the three (3) arbitrators so appointed shall elect the presiding arbitrator. Should a Contracting Party to the dispute, which should appoint an arbitrator, fails to do so within fourteen (14) days of the delivery of the written notice, to do so from the other Contracting Party to the dispute or should the appointed arbitrators fail to reach agreement on the presiding arbitrator within fourteen (14) days after their appointment, such arbitrator shall be appointed in accordance with the foregoing Rules upon request of any of the Contracting Parties to the dispute.

The seat of arbitration shall be Brussels.

The Contracting Parties agree that the language of the arbitration, including oral hearings, written evidence and correspondence, shall be English.

A duly rendered arbitration award shall be final and binding on the Contracting Parties to the dispute. Each Contracting Parties to the arbitration conducted in accordance with this section hereof shall bear its own expenses incurred in connection with such arbitration, including fees of its legal counsels. All other costs and expenses shall be apportioned between the Contracting Parties to the arbitration in accordance with the decision of the arbitrators.

Nothing in this Contract shall limit the Contracting Parties' right to seek injunctive relief or enforce an arbitration award in any applicable competent court of law. For such cases, the Contracting Parties agree that the court having jurisdiction shall be the court having local jurisdiction in the place where the Coordinator/Treasurer is located.



## **Article 15 – Originality of the sub-granted projects**

It is required that applications submitted are based on original works by the applicants and that their foreseen developments are free from third party rights. ECO-READY consortium is not obliged to verify the authenticity of the ownership of the foreseen products/ services. Any issues delivered from third party claims that arise as a result of the sub-granted projects are on the sole responsibility of the Subgrantee.

## **Article 16 – IPRs**

The Subgrantee that generates results owns the attached Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) generated during the development process and will own results that are not IPRs. The Subgrantee is responsible for the management and protection of its IPRs and bears the costs associated with this.

The Subgrantee funded within the ECO-READY project will be the unique owner of the technologies created within the framework of his sub-granted project. Parts of his works will be requested to be public for ECO-READY dissemination purposes.

## **Article 17 – Do Not Significant Harm**

The Subgrantee must always respect the “Do Not Significant Harm Principle”. The Commission Communication on the European Green Deal introduced the green oath to ‘do no harm’. The ‘Do not Significant Harm’ (DNSH) principle has been further specified in the EU Regulation on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investments, commonly defined as the ‘EU Taxonomy Regulation’. Six environmental objectives are listed in Article 913 of the EU Taxonomy and Article 17 specifies what can constitute a ‘significant harm’ for these objectives. Thus, the regulation provides that no measure should lead to significant harm to any of the six environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of the Taxonomy Regulation.



AS WITNESS:

The Contracting Parties have caused this Contract to be duly signed by the undersigned authorized representatives in three (3) copies the day and year first above written:

<p>For Czech Organics, s.r.o., the Subgrantee Mr/Ms Jan Trávníček [REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL BENEFICIARIES] Signature</p> <p>Done at Staré Město <u>10.6.2024</u></p>	<p>For FOODSCALE HUB GREECE-ASSOCIATION FOR ENTREPREUNERSHIP AND INNOVATION ASTIKI MI KERDOSKOPIKI ETAIREIA (FSH), the Open Call Manager Mr Grigorios Chatzikostas Manager Signature</p> <p>Done at <u>Thessalon</u> <u>27/06/2024</u> on DD/MM/202Y</p>
	<p>For CESKA ZEMEDELSKA UNIVERZITA V PRAZE (CZU), the Coordinator/Treasurer Mr. prof. Ing. Petr Sklenička, CSc. Rector Signature</p> <p>Done at <u>PRAGUE</u> <u>27-06-2024</u> on DD/M /202Y</p>