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## Memorandum of Understanding

for the implementation of activities related to technological innovation especially in the economic sectors of fishery/aquaculture and agriculture, with reference to the results of the project "FISH-AGRO TECH CBC – Cross border participation and innovation", hereinafter "FISH-AGRO TECH CBC"

Funded by Program Interreg V-A Italy Slovenia 2014 - 2020

#### **BETWEEN THE PROJECT PARTNERS**

- ARIES Scarl Chamber of Commerce Venezia Giulia Trieste Gorizia
- Area di Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica di Trieste Area Science Park
- GAL Carso / LAS Kras
- Tehnološki park Ljubljana d.o.o.
- Primorska Gospodarska zbornica
- Nacionalni Inštitut za biologijo
- LAS Istre (associated partner)

hereinafter "THE SIGNERS"

#### **CONSIDERING THAT**

the goals of the FISH-AGRO TECH CBC project are:

- to promote technological innovation among enterprises of fishery/aquaculture and agriculture, operating in the Italian and Slovenian cross border area;
- to monitor the state of the art of enterprises activities, in view of detecting and assessing specific needs and allowing possible technological innovation responses;
- to implement innovative solutions to upgrade the activities of the enterprises of the above mentioned sectors, also enhancing their capacity to adapt to new challenges related to green and digital economy, climate changes, also in view of increasing their entrepreneurial capacity;
- to create a network between enterprises and their representative organizations and enterprises/subjects dealing with technological innovation scientific research and support to innovation, with the aim of allowing the establishment of stronger liens



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among research and enterprises and a more efficient transfer of innovative technologies;

# **RECALLING:**

- EU Commission priorities set forth for the 2019 2024 period, especially those entailing "An Europe Fit for the Digital Age" and "European Green Deal";
- the policy objective of the Interreg Italy Slovenia 2021-2027 Program, focusing on "innovation, digitalization, smart economic development";
- the issues of the latest Smart Specialization Strategies, both at national (Italy Slovenia)
   and regional (Friuli Venezia Giulia) level;

## **AGREED THAT:**

- partners are committed with the institutionalization of project collaboration, in view of building a better environment and of developing support services for scaleups, ensuring sustainability and durability to project achievements and thus having a strong territorial impact and providing long-term benefits for the cross-border region of Italy and Slovenia;
- partnership is focused on addressing technological innovation as an issue affecting businesses and individuals in the agriculture and fishery / aquaculture economic sectors;
- the FISH-AGRO TECH CBC project partners have already demonstrated, through several cross-border pilot actions, that they are well-equipped to address the following topics, on a long-term basis:
  - analysis of the market and individual vertical sectors related to agriculture, farming, fishery and horizontally, related to technological innovation;
  - identification and matching of innovation-providers & innovation-seekers;
  - active promotion of individual providers and of businesses within the cross-border regions;
  - encouraging the shift toward sustainable farming, fishing, and growing of produce;
  - implementation of digital techniques, methods, and processes into the agriculture and fishery / aquaculture sectors;



# all this being said,

## THE SIGNERS, each for their own role and skills, AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Art. 1 - Preamble

The premises to this Memorandum of Understanding are considered integral part of the document.

## Art. 2 – Object and Purpose

The object and purpose of this MoU is to set a durable cooperation between partners and enterprises, organizations and institutions involved in the FISH-AGRO TECH CBC project.

## Art. 3 - Areas of cooperation

The cooperation areas between signatory partners will mainly (but not exclusively) regard the sectors of fishery/aquaculture and agriculture sectors, also through cross-border ecosystems of open innovation, drawn with the support and participation of partners and other relevant subjects.

#### Art. 4 – Commitments of the Signers

Collaboration between the signatory parties in these areas will strengthen a more strategic cooperation based on a strong dialogue and exchange of inter-institutional policies.

In recognition and respect of the respective mandates, competences and objectives, the Signers are committed to supporting the implementation of technological innovation on different levels.

On the strategic level, activities and documents developed within the project will define a system of support for individuals and businesses. Based on these issues as well as new trends, partners are committed to adjusting their activities to meet the ever-evolving needs of identified stakeholders. This level of cooperation will also help to create new policy recommendations also well beyond the project closure.



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On the operational level, partners are committed to working collaboratively to establish and to maximize support activities for intermediaries, financial institutions, and networks. Partners will align their actions, whenever possible towards the building up of cross-border cooperation through any activities that might help, bolster, or benefit the FISH-AGRO TECH CBC stakeholders, also through establishing further collaboration efforts in a form of joint projects and/or initiatives, either with the stakeholders themselves or between project partners.

## Art. 5 - Modalities of the collaboration

For the implementation of the Memorandum, the Signers commit to promote a comprehensive approach to facilitate, coordinate and monitor their cooperation, to carry out as follows:

- exchange of information and materials relating to technological innovation, including results of programs, publications, skills and studies;
- periodical monitoring of funding possibilities set by EU, national and regional programs, evaluating the utility for enterprises and other stakeholders of a joint participation to specific calls and / or tenders;
- mutual participation of experts in events and projects;
- promotion of private sector's participation in the above actions / objectives, as implied in the previous points of this article, and implementation of public-private partnerships.

#### Art. 6 – Establishment of a working group

A Working Group composed of representatives of the Signers shall be established.

The role of the Working Group shall be to monitor and review all issues regarding technological innovation, especially related to the project economic sectors.

With the purpose of carrying out activities foreseen in the previous articles, the Working Group will meet twice a year after the project is finished. If agreed by all Parties, audio or video conference may replace meetings.

#### Art. 7 - Status of the MoU

The present MoU is not legally binding, and does not imply any financial commitment for the Signers.



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Should any exchange of funds or other tangible resources occur, as the result of further projects of mutual interest, arisen from activities foreseen by the present MOU, separate agreements will be stipulated.

## Art. 8 - Renewal and duration

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force upon signature of the last subscribing party and will remain in force until terminated or renewed. The MoU can be modified with the written agreement of the parties or terminated by any party upon written communication to the other parts.

Place, TRIESTE

Date:

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Name of Organization: Aries Soc. Cons a Resp. Lim., Chamber of Commerce Venezia Giulia, Italy, 34122 TRIESTE, Piazza della Borsa 14.

Name of the legal representative or authorized person:

Comm. Antonio Paoletti, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Signature:



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Place, Trieste

Date: 16/12/2020

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Name of Organization: Area di ricerca scientifica e tecnologica di Trieste – Area Science

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Stephen Taylor, Vice General Manager

Signature:



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Place, TRIESTE - TRST

Date: 08/02/2021

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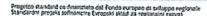
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Place, LJUBLJANA

Date: 14,12,2021

Name of Organization: Tehnološki park Ljubljana d.o.o.

Name of the legal representative or authorized person:

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Place: Koper

Date: 11th December 2020

Name of Organization: Primorska gospodarska zbornica

Name of the legal representative or authorized person:

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Signature:

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Place, Ljubljana

Date: 14.12.2020

Name of Organization: Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo – National Institute of Biology (NIB)

Name of the legal representative or authorized person:

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