

## Network contract proposal of the Green Mind MED Network Initiative Agreement

### Article 1 INTRODUCTION

The Green Mind project funded by the Interreg MED Programme focuses on **fostering business competitiveness and innovation in the green and smart mobility industry.**

Involved stakeholders within Green Mind project in the green and smart industry are small and medium enterprises. This project connects several SMEs in regional network and joins their efforts to increase their visibility and enhance the knowledge transfer and co-operation between the companies involved.

The Green Mind project has set its own strategy and action plan for the deployment of green energy initiatives in its region and market with focus on:

- *Support in delivering business services focused on finding market opportunities for businesses in the green and smart mobility industry and helping them accessing European and national public funding.*
- *Analysis of the industry and its sectors, understanding innovation needs in the Mediterranean area.*

- *Facilitate the exchange of experience and knowledge through network workshops and joint resources for public funding, B2B opportunities, market intelligence etc.*

- *Strengthening cooperation between research, business and public stakeholders; strengthening innovation processes and business competitiveness.*

- *Informing and supporting economic development and innovation policies in the industry.*

In order to enhance the already observed impacts of the project's initiative and to facilitate further initiatives, the project consortium members have agreed to establish a Green Mind network.

**The founding members** of the Green Mind network include partners from seven European countries:

- *SIPRO, Economic Development Agency, Italy*

- *CERTH, Centre for research and technology Hellas, Greece*

- *Andalucia Smart City Cluster, Multi-sector innovative business association for smart cities, Spain*

- *AFT, Association for the development of professional training in transport and logic, France*

- *IDA, Istrian Development Agency, Croatia*

- *SERDA, Sarajevo Economic Regional Development Agency, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

- *E-ZAVOD, Institute for Comprehensive Development Solutions, Slovenia*

- *CSD, County of Split-Dalmatia, Croatia*

## **Article 2 DURATION OF THE GREEN MIND MED NETWORK INITIATIVE AGREEMENT**

This agreement shall take effect on the date on which the Participants sign it. It shall remain in force until 31/12/2025. An eventual extension will be discussed at yearly Assembly during 2024-2025.

## **Article 3 SUBJECT OF THE GREEN MIND MED NETWORK INITIATIVE AGREEMENT**

Green and smart mobility includes **transport services and technologies** (vehicles and components, computer applications, clean fuels, infrastructure, etc.) aiming to improve the mobility of people and goods and to reduce its environmental impacts.

This innovation field of the MED area is transverse and concerns different sectors (transport and logistics, automotive, information technology, energy ...). It is developing quickly because of technological change but also in response to the growing need of reducing the environmental impacts of transport in the context of more and more restrictive environmental policies.

## **Article 4 OBJECTIVES OF THE GREEN MIND MED NETWORK INITIATIVE AGREEMENT**

Stakeholder cooperation is at the core of Green Mind and the project's scope of work includes the set-up of a European network in the green and smart mobility fields.

The Green Mind European Network aims at sustaining the project cooperation after its end and at establishing a permanent stakeholder cooperation platform in the project fields.

**Key Network objectives are:**

- *engaging and fostering cooperation between Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Research & Innovation (R&I) bodies, public authorities and other stakeholders active in the green and smart mobility industry;*
- *sustaining the Green mind project results in the long term, in particular the delivery of the Green Mind services (these are market analyses, public funding screening and business matching services);*
- *supporting new initiatives and projects in the Green mind project thematic fields;*
- *stimulating and speeding-up city- and region-led innovation in the fields of smart cities, smart mobility and city logistics;*
- *capacity building and knowledge sharing for virtual incubation of early stage ideas into viable ventures.*

**Article 5 ACTIVITIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE GREEN MIND MED NETWORK**

The Green Mind European Network aims at fostering innovation in the mobility industry as a means to enhance its competitiveness and sustainability.

The Network promotes cooperation and partnership at the regional and European levels and promotes dialogue and exchange of experience focused on innovation in products and services in the mobility industry. The Network addresses **industry, research and public stakeholders** to stimulate **city- and region-led innovation** and foster **cooperation opportunities**.

**These focus on three key areas:**

- *mobility services and products development, and market up-take;*
- *local and regional policy planning and delivery;*
- *capacity building and knowledge sharing for virtual incubation of early stage ideas into viable ventures.*

**Scope of activities**

- *Accelerating technology, policy and organizational innovation in the mobility sector in local and regional territorial systems, thanks to the international exchange of know-how and experience.*
- *Project monitoring and analysis of prospect calls & calls for proposals.*
- *Accelerate innovation at city and regional level by connecting local entrepreneurs to an ecosystem of relevant services.*
- *Build capacity to enhance city- and region-led innovation by offering formal and informal learning opportunities to the local ecosystems that are developed around the network;*
- *Support the development of private/public partnerships to enhance the open innovation and territorial R&I potential in the topic of smart mobility.*

**Activities**

- *Calls monitoring, analysis, and project drafting (cooperation in preparation of EU-funded projects).*
- *Research activities - updating the Network with technical contents.*
- *Technical seminars - 2 seminars per year to present project results (webinars).*
- *Regular Newsletter - 2 reviews per year - published members' news, events, technical articles.*

- *Yearly Assembly and conference - 1 per year - focus on administrative, governance and strategic issues.*
- *Public conference on specific themes - 1 per year - organized by members including presentations of partners' projects and Network's research work.*
- *Organization of meetings with EU institutions - 1 per year- presenting project results and Network activities.*

## **Article 6 ORGANIZATION**

The Network organization should relate to its dimension. The Network founding should include the 8 Green Mind partners as a minimum.

SIPRO and CERTH will be responsible partners for the first years of operation of Network. Project partners will change in the next years of operation.

## **Article 7 FUNDING AND BUDGET**

The Network budget at year 1 is funded through Green Mind project and after ending, the project partners will seek funding from other projects in industry of green and smart mobility. All collaboration activities will be limited to the availability of necessary human and financial resources.

## **Article 8 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Please read these Terms and Conditions carefully before signing the agreement. Your access to and use of the Green Mind MED Network is conditioned on your acceptance of and compliance

with these Terms. Terms apply to all partners involved and others who have access or use the Green Mind MED Network.

Should a party wish to terminate the collaboration, a 3-months' notice in writing shall be given.

By accessing or using the Green Mind MED Network, you agree to be bound by these Terms. If you disagree with any part of the terms then you may not access the Network.

Articles of Green Mind MED Network Agreement (*Introduction, Duration, Subject, Objectives, and Activities*) are defined and covered by Terms and Conditions.

The Green mind Network partners carefully treat all data collected as confidential and strictly use it under the framework of Green mind Network in compliance with the EU legal regulations and the Interreg MED Programme rules.

All data collected and managed under the activities of the Green mind project, namely accounts, newsletter subscribers, event registrations, surveys of any kind, the implementation and test of the Green mind pilot services is in strict compliance with the new Regulation (EU) 2016/679, General Data Protection Regulation. The partnership appointed AFT, to act as Green mind website Data Protection Officer.

All data is collected respecting General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The scope of the data collected is the minimum necessary for each purpose, avoiding as much as possible personal information. However, no personal information is collected without the knowledge and consent of the target audience.

No data will be shared with third parties outside the project and the Interreg MED Programme, other than the external providers or used for unintended purposes without the express consent



and prior notification to the interested individuals. When personal data is collected, the purpose will be clearly expressed.

The data collected within the framework of the Green mind Network will be retained by the partners and the Interreg MED Programme until 31/12/2025.

The Green Mind Network reserve the right, at our sole discretion, to modify or replace these Terms at any time. If a revision is material, we will try to provide at least 30 days' notice prior to any new terms taking effect. What constitutes a material change will be determined at our sole discretion.

If you have any questions about these Terms, please contact us.

Place:

Date:

Name of Network Initiative Participant: Istrian Development Agency Ltd.

