**ANNEX 3**

**DECLARATION BY THE LEAD APPLICANT**

**The lead applicant, represented by the undersigned, being the authorised signatory of the lead applicant, and in the context of the present application, representing any co-applicant(s) in the proposed action, hereby declares that:**

* the lead applicant has the sources of financing and professional competence and qualifications as specified in the guidelines for applicants;
* the lead applicant undertakes to comply with the obligations foreseen in the affiliated entities' statement of the grant application form and with the principles of good partnership practice;
* the lead applicant is directly responsible for the preparation, management and implementation of the action with the co-applicant(s) if any, and is not acting as an intermediary;
* the lead applicant is able to provide proof of the consent of the co-applicants entities to be included in the present application;
* the lead applicant, the co-applicant(s) (if any), are not in any of the situations excluding them from participating in contracts which are listed in Section 2.6.10.1. of the practical guide (available from the following Internet address: <https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/2.+Basic+rules>;
* Furthermore, it is recognized and accepted that if the lead applicant and co-applicant(s) (if any) participate in spite of being in any of these situations, they may be excluded from other procedures;
* the lead applicant and each co-applicant are in a position to deliver immediately, upon request, the supporting documents stipulated under Section 2.1.1. of the guidelines for applicants;
* the lead applicant and each co-applicant (if any) are eligible in accordance with the criteria set out under Sections 2.1.1. of the guidelines for applicants;
* if recommended to be awarded a grant, the lead applicant, the co-applicant(s) accept the contractual conditions as laid down in the standard grant contract;

We acknowledge that if we participate in spite of being in any of the situations listed in Section 2.6.10.1 of the practical guide or if the declarations or information provided prove to be false we may be subject to rejection from this procedure and to administrative sanctions in the form of exclusion and financial penalties up to 10 % of the total estimated value of the grant being awarded and that this information may be published on the Commission website in accordance with the Financial Regulation in force. We are aware that, for the purposes of safeguarding the EU’s financial interests, our personal data may be transferred to internal audit services, to the early detection and exclusion system, to the European Court of Auditors or to the European Anti-Fraud Office.

Signed on behalf of the lead applicant:

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Organisation:** |  |
| **Position:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
| **Date and place:** |  |