



**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ  
ΝΟΜΟΣ ΕΥΒΟΙΑΣ  
ΔΗΜΟΣ ΣΚΥΡΟΥ**

**ΑΠΟΣΠΑΣΜΑ ΠΡΑΚΤΙΚΟΥ  
ΤΑΚΤΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΑΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ 8<sup>ΗΣ</sup> ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 2025**

Αριθμός Απόφασης **141 / 2025**

Στη Σκύρο σήμερα την 8<sup>η</sup> του μηνός Σεπτεμβρίου του έτους 2025, ημέρα Δευτέρα και ώρα 12:00 συνήλθε σε **τακτική δια ζώσης και δια τηλεδιάσκεψης** συνεδρίαση η Δημοτική Επιτροπή Δήμου Σκύρου, ύστερα από την υπ' αρ. πρωτ. 6333 από 03-09-2025 πρόσκληση του Προέδρου, η οποία γνωστοποιήθηκε σε καθέναν από τα μέλη της Δημοτικής Επιτροπής με ηλεκτρονικό ταχυδρομείο και μήνυμα σύμφωνα με το άρθρο 75 του ν.3852/10.

Αφού διαπιστώθηκε νόμιμη απαρτία, δηλαδή σε σύνολο πέντε (5) μελών βρέθηκαν παρόντες πέντε (5) και συγκεκριμένα:

**ΠΑΡΟΝΤΕΣ**

1. Αντωνόπουλος Κυριάκος , Πρόεδρος Δ.Ε
2. Μαυρίκος Νικόλαος Αντιπρόεδρος Δ.Ε
2. Μανωλάκης Γεώργιος τακτικό μέλος
3. Κωστής Ιπποκράτης τακτικό μέλος
4. Παπαλημναίου Ευφροσύνης Μαρίας- (Φρύνη) τακτικό μέλος (δια τηλεδιάσκεψης )

**ΑΠΟΝΤΕΣ**

**Θέμα: «Γνωμοδότηση επί σχεδίου σύναψης Προγραμματικής Σύμβασης μεταξύ του Δήμου Σκύρου και της Αστικής Μη Κερδοσκοπικής Εταιρείας «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων».**

Τα πρακτικά τηρήθηκαν από τη δημοτική υπάλληλο Βαλασσοπούλου Ελένη

Ο κ. Πρόεδρος θέτει προς συζήτηση το 6<sup>ο</sup> θέμα της ημερήσιας διάταξης το οποίο εισάγεται στην συνεδρίαση με εισήγηση του Δημάρχου και Προέδρου της Δημοτικής Επιτροπής του Δήμου, ο οποίος αναφέρει τα εξής :

*Στο πλαίσιο της προώθησης και υλοποίησης δράσεων περιβαλλοντικής προστασίας, βιώσιμης ανάπτυξης και ενίσχυσης της τοπικής κοινωνίας, κρίνεται απαραίτητη η συνεργασία του Δήμου Σκύρου με φορείς που διαθέτουν τεχνογνωσία και εξειδίκευση σε περιβαλλοντικά προγράμματα.*

*Η Αστική Μη Κερδοσκοπική Εταιρεία «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων» δραστηριοποιείται στην υποστήριξη δήμων για την υλοποίηση έργων που αφορούν στην προστασία της θαλάσσιας και παράκτιας περιοχής, την ανακύκλωση, την αειφόρο διαχείριση των φυσικών πόρων και την περιβαλλοντική εκπαίδευση.*

*Στο πλαίσιο αυτό, προτείνεται η σύναψη Προγραμματικής Σύμβασης μεταξύ του Δήμου Σκύρου, ο οποίος είναι μέλος του «Δικτύου Μπλε Δήμων» και της εν λόγω ΑΜΚΕ, με:*

**1. Αντικείμενο και Σκοπό της Σύμβασης:**

*Α. Το αντικείμενο της προγραμματικής σύμβασης είναι η συνεργασία του Δήμου Σκύρου με την ΑΜΚΕ «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων» για την υλοποίηση του έργου MERMAID («Marine littERMitigAtion In MeDiterranean»), το οποίο αποτελεί ενταγμένη δράση του ευρωπαϊκού έργου SeaClear2.0 –*

“Scalablefull-cycle marine litter remediation in the Mediterranean: Robotic and participatory solutions”, συγχρηματοδοτούμενο από το πρόγραμμα Horizon Europe, με κύριο στόχο την απορρύπανση του θαλάσσιου περιβάλλοντος και την ενίσχυση της τοπικής περιβαλλοντικής συμμετοχής.

Το έργο MERMAID αφορά:

- Την ανάπτυξη, δοκιμή και εφαρμογή καινοτόμων λύσεων για την καταγραφή, αποτύπωση και απορρύπανση του θαλάσσιου περιβάλλοντος από απορρίμματα.
- Την ενεργοποίηση της τοπικής κοινωνίας μέσω δράσεων συμμετοχής, εκπαίδευσης και ενημέρωσης για το θαλάσσιο περιβάλλον.
- Την ενίσχυση της ικανότητας του Δήμου Σκύρου να υλοποιεί σύνθετες δράσεις περιβαλλοντικού χαρακτήρα.

**Β. Σκοπός** της παρούσας Προγραμματικής Σύμβασης είναι η έντεχνη και σύμφωνη με το υλοποίηση του έργου και η παράδοσή των αποτελεσμάτων στον Δήμο Σκύρου.

## 2. Διάρκεια της σύμβασης:

Η σύμβαση θα ισχύει για χρονικό διάστημα τριών (3) ετών από την υπογραφή της, με δυνατότητα παράτασης κατόπιν συμφωνίας των συμβαλλομένων.

## 3. Υποχρεώσεις των συμβαλλομένων:

**Ο πρώτος συμβαλλόμενος ως συντονιστής εταίρος:**

- Ο Δήμος Σκύρου διασφαλίζει την έγκαιρη αποδοχή και μεταφορά της επιχορήγησης στην ΑΜΚΕ και αναλαμβάνει την καταβολή – μεταβίβαση χρημάτων που χορηγήθηκαν και θα χορηγούνται στο μέλλον από το Πρόγραμμα της Ευρωπαϊκής ένωσης MERMAID («MarinelittERMitigAtion In MeDiterranean»), τα οποία θα πιστώνονται στο λογαριασμό του Δήμου Σκύρου, για λογαριασμό της ΑΜΚΕ «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων», ως δικαιούχου και εκτελεστή του προγράμματος, το οποίο αιτήθηκε.

(το Πρόγραμμα MERMAID («MarinelittERMitigAtion In MeDiterranean»), αποτελεί ενταγμένη δράση του ευρωπαϊκού έργου SeaClear2.0 – “Scalablefull-cycle marine litter remediation in the Mediterranean: Robotic and participatory solutions”, και είναι συγχρηματοδοτούμενο από το πρόγραμμα Horizon Europe),  
- Παρακολουθεί την πρόοδο και παραλαμβάνει τα παραδοτέα.

**Ο δεύτερος συμβαλλόμενος:**

4. Εκτελεί τα έργα και τις δράσεις του προγράμματος.
5. Τηρεί λογιστικά και διοικητικά αρχεία.
6. Εκτελεί τις πληρωμές για τα έργα και τις δράσεις.
7. Υποβάλλει εκθέσεις και απολογισμούς στον Δήμο.

## 4. Οικονομικά θέματα - Προϋπολογισμός – Χρηματοδότηση:

Ο συνολικός προϋπολογισμός της δράσης ανέρχεται στο ποσό των 100.000 ευρώ, το οποίο καταβάλλεται στον Δήμο Σκύρου ως συντονιστή από το TUDelft.

Ο Δήμος Σκύρου αναλαμβάνει, σύμφωνα με την παρούσα σύμβαση, να μεταβιβάσει στην ΑΜΚΕ

«Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων» ποσό που θα καλύπτει τις επιλέξιμες δαπάνες συμμετοχής και υλοποίησης δράσεων, όπως αυτές περιγράφονται στα Παραρτήματα.

Οι δόσεις θα πραγματοποιούνται ως εξής:

- **1η δόση:** 40.000,00 € μετά την υπογραφή του συμφωνητικού «Agreement for Financial Support to Third Parties within the Sea Clear2.0 project 29/07/2024»,
- **2η δόση:** 40.000,00 € μετά την υποβολή και την έγκριση της πρώτης αναφοράς
- **Τελική δόση:** 20.000,00 €, μετά την ολοκλήρωση του έργου

*Με βάση τα παραπάνω και σύμφωνα με το άρθρο 100 του Ν. 3852/2010 και τις σχετικές διατάξεις για τις Προγραμματικές Συμβάσεις, σας υποβάλλω Σχέδιο σύναψης Προγραμματικής Σύμβασης μεταξύ του Δήμου Σκύρου και της Αστικής Μη Κερδοσκοπικής Εταιρείας (ΑΜΚΕ) «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων», επί του οποίου καλείστε ως μέλη της ΔΕ να γνωμοδοτήσετε.*

Οι κ.κ. δημοτικοί σύμβουλοι αφού έλαβαν υπόψη τους την ανωτέρω εισήγηση και μετά από διαλογική συζήτηση

#### **ΑΠΟΦΑΣΙΖΟΥΝ ΟΜΟΦΩΝΑ**

Κάνουν δεκτή την πρόταση του κ. Δημάρχου, γνωμοδοτούν θετικά και εισηγούνται προς το Δημοτικό Συμβούλιο την σύναψη προγραμματικής σύμβασης με την Αστική Μη Κερδοσκοπική Εταιρεία (ΑΜΚΕ) «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων», εγκρίνοντας το κατωτέρω επισυναπτόμενο Σχέδιο της Προγραμματικής Σύμβασης, το οποίο αποτελεί αναπόσπαστο τμήμα της παρούσας απόφασης.

Η απόφαση αυτή πήρε αύξοντα αριθμό **141/ 2025**

Αφού αναγνώστηκε το πρακτικό αυτό υπογράφεται ως ακολούθως.

Ο Πρόεδρος

Τα μέλη

ΑΚΡΙΒΕΣ ΑΝΤΙΓΡΑΦΟ  
Ο ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΣ  
ΑΝΤΩΝΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΟΣ

**ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ ΣΥΜΒΑΣΗ**  
**ΜΕΤΑΞΥ ΤΟΥ ΔΗΜΟΥ ΣΚΥΡΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΤΗΣ ΑΜΚΕ «ΔΙΚΤΥΟ ΜΠΛΕ ΔΗΜΩΝ»**

Στην ..... σήμερα ...../...../2025, ημέρα ....., οι ακόλουθοι συμβαλλόμενοι:

- Ο Δήμος Σκύρου, που εδρεύει στη νήσο Σκύρο και εκπροσωπείται κατά το νόμο από τον Δήμαρχο αυτού **Αντωνόπουλο Κυριάκο**, που θα καλείται στο εξής **1ος συμβαλλόμενος** και
- Η Αστική Εταιρεία μη Κερδοσκοπικού Χαρακτήρα «ΔΙΚΤΥΟ ΜΠΛΕ ΔΗΜΩΝ», που εδρεύει στην Καλαμάτα, κι εκπροσωπείται για την υπογραφή της παρούσας σύμβασης νόμιμα από τον Πρόεδρο της ΚΟΙΝΣΕΠ «Aegean Rebreath» που είναι μέλος και διαχειριστής της ΑΜΚΕ «ΔΙΚΤΥΟ ΜΠΛΕ ΔΗΜΩΝ» **Σαρελάκο Γεώργιο** δυνάμει του 20/03/2025 Πρακτικού ΔΣ, που θα καλείται στο εξής **2ος συμβαλλόμενος**,

λαμβάνοντας υπόψιν την κείμενη Εθνική και Κοινοτική Νομοθεσία και ειδικότερα τις παρακάτω διατάξεις, αποφάσεις και έγγραφα:

- Το Ν. 3852/2010 (ΦΕΚ 87Α) « Νέα Αρχιτεκτονική της Αυτοδιοίκησης και της Αποκεντρωμένης Διοίκησης – Πρόγραμμα Καλλικράτης», ιδίως του άρθρου 100, όπως ισχύει σήμερα
- Το Ν. 3463/2006 (ΦΕΚ 114Α) « Κύρωση του Κώδικα Δήμων και Κοινοτήτων», ιδίως του άρθρου 209, όπως ισχύει σήμερα
- Το Ν. 4412/2016 (ΦΕΚ 147Α) «Δημόσιες Συμβάσεις Έργων, Προμηθειών κ.λπ. Οδηγίες 2014/24 και 2014/25» ιδίως των άρθρων 2, 3,12 και 44, όπως ισχύει σήμερα
- τα άρθρα 741 επι του Αστικού Κώδικα, όπως ισχύει σήμερα
- το άρθρο 270 του Ν. 4072/2012, όπως ισχύει σήμερα
- **το άρθρο 21 του Ν. 4690/2020 -Περί απλοποίησης διαδικασιών**
- και κατόπιν της υπ' αριθμ. 91/2024 απόφασης της Δημοτικής Επιτροπής του Δήμου Σκύρου, με την οποία εγκρίνεται η συμμετοχή του Δήμου στο πρόγραμμα «MERMAID» μέσω του Δικτύου Μπλε Δήμων.
- Της υπ' αριθμόν ..... απόφασης της δημοτικής επιτροπής του Δήμου Σκύρου για την έγκριση του σχεδίου Προγραμματικής Σύμβασης και την εξουσιοδότηση υπογραφής της.
- Του υπ' αριθμόν 6 ΔΣ 20/03/2025 της ΑΜΚΕ «ΔΙΚΤΥΟ ΜΠΛΕ ΔΗΜΩΝ» για τη σύναψη της προγραμματικής και την εξουσιοδότηση υπογραφής της.

**συμφωνούν, συνομολογούν και συναποδέχονται τα ακόλουθα:**

### ΠΡΟΟΙΜΙΟ

Με την παρούσα σύμβαση καθορίζεται το βασικό πλαίσιο συμφωνίας των συμβαλλόμενων μερών και προσδιορίζονται τα μέσα, οι τρόποι και οι διαδικασίες υλοποίησης της σύμβασης.

Ο Πρόεδρος της ΑΜΚΕ, Δήμαρχος Σκύρου υπέβαλε μέσω μηνύματος ηλεκτρονικού ταχυδρομίου προς τα μέλη της ΑΜΚΕ «ΔΙΚΤΥΟ ΜΠΛΕ ΔΗΜΩΝ» αίτημα για την συμμετοχή του δικτύου στο πρόγραμμα «Mermaid» της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης.

Στο πρόγραμμα αυτό συμμετέχουν μέλη της ΑΜΚΕ «ΔΙΚΤΥΟ ΜΠΛΕ ΔΗΜΩΝ» αποτελούμενο από τον Δήμο Αλοννήσου Σκύρου και Πόρου.

Το πρόγραμμα στοχεύει στην δημιουργία ενός ολιστικού μοντέλου διάσωσης του θαλάσσιου περιβάλλοντος το οποίο θα “χτιστεί” πάνω στην ενεργή συμμετοχή των τοπικών κοινοτήτων και θα ενσωματώνει πλήθος δραστηριοτήτων όπως: έρευνα, εκπαίδευση, συλλογή δεδομένων.

Ο κύριος στόχος είναι να αντιμετωπιστεί το σοβαρό πρόβλημα της ρύπανσης των Ελληνικών νησιών με εστίαση στην υπεραλίευση και τη ρύπανση από θαλάσσια απορρίμματα, θέματα που σχετίζονται άμεσα και με τη κεντρική διαχείριση απορριμμάτων, τις ελλείψεις στη νομοθεσία κα., Η εν λόγω πρόταση έχει ήδη προκριθεί για καταβολή ποσού 100.000 ευρώ σύμφωνα με το «Agreement for Financial Support to Third Parties within the SeaClear2.0 project 29/07/2024».

Ο Δήμος Σκύρου δεν διαθέτει το απαραίτητο προσωπικό για την υλοποίηση της εγκεκριμένης δράσης «MERMAID» στο πλαίσιο του ευρωπαϊκού έργου SeaClear2.0.

Για το λόγο αυτό έχει απευθυνθεί στην **ΑΜΚΕ «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων»** που έχει σκοπό **περιβαλλοντικό, κοινωνικό, μη κερδοσκοπικό** (βλ. καταστατικό) καθώς η δράση **MERMAID** εμπίπτει ξεκάθαρα σε δημόσιο περιβαλλοντικό σκοπό.

Κατόπιν αυτών, τα συμβαλλόμενα μέρη προβαίνουν κατά τα προβλεπόμενα στο άρθρο 100 του ν.3852/2010 όπως ισχύει, στη σύναψη της παρούσας προγραμματικής Σύμβασης, με την οποία προσδιορίζουν τα όσα απαιτεί ο Νόμος για την εκτέλεση του αντικείμενου της δεδομένου ότι ο Δήμος είναι **εταίρος της ΑΜΚΕ και συμμετέχει και στο συγκεκριμένο πρόγραμμα**, άρα υπάρχει λειτουργική και νομική σχέση και εξυπηρετείται **σκοπός δημοσίου συμφέροντος για την σύναψη της προγραμματικής**.

### **Άρθρο 1 – Αντικείμενο και Σκοπός της Σύμβασης**

Το **αντικείμενο** της προγραμματικής σύμβασης είναι η συνεργασία του Δήμου Σκύρου με την ΑΜΚΕ «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων» για την υλοποίηση του έργου MERMAID («MarinelittERMitigAtion In MeDiterranean»), το οποίο αποτελεί ενταγμένη δράση του ευρωπαϊκού έργου SeaClear2.0 – “Scalablefull-cycle marine litter remediation in the Mediterranean: Robotic and participatory solutions”, συγχρηματοδοτούμενο από το πρόγραμμα Horizon Europe, με κύριο στόχο την απορρύπανση του θαλάσσιου περιβάλλοντος και την ενίσχυση της τοπικής περιβαλλοντικής συμμετοχής.

Το έργο MERMAID αφορά:

- Την ανάπτυξη, δοκιμή και εφαρμογή καινοτόμων λύσεων για την καταγραφή, αποτύπωση και απορρύπανση του θαλάσσιου περιβάλλοντος από απορρίμματα.
- Την ενεργοποίηση της τοπικής κοινωνίας μέσω δράσεων συμμετοχής, εκπαίδευσης και ενημέρωσης για το θαλάσσιο περιβάλλον.
- Την ενίσχυση της ικανότητας του Δήμου Σκύρου να υλοποιεί σύνθετες δράσεις περιβαλλοντικού χαρακτήρα.

**Σκοπός** της παρούσας Προγραμματικής Σύμβασης είναι η έντεχνη και σύμφωνη με το υλοποίηση του έργου και η παράδοσή των αποτελεσμάτων στον Δήμο Σκύρου.

### **Άρθρο 2- Δικαιώματα Και Υποχρεώσεις Των Συμβαλλόμενων**

**Ο πρώτος συμβαλλόμενος ως συντονιστής εταίρος:**

- Διασφαλίζει την έγκαιρη αποδοχή και μεταφορά της επιχορήγησης στην ΑΜΚΕ.
- Παρακολουθεί την πρόοδο και παραλαμβάνει τα παραδοτέα.

**Ο δεύτερος συμβαλλόμενος:**

- Εκτελεί τα έργα και τις δράσεις του προγράμματος.
- Τηρεί λογιστικά και διοικητικά αρχεία.
- Εκτελεί τις πληρωμές για τα έργα και τις δράσεις.
- Υποβάλλει εκθέσεις και απολογισμούς στον Δήμο.
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**Άρθρο 3 – Προϋπολογισμός – Χρηματοδότηση**

Ο συνολικός προϋπολογισμός της δράσης ανέρχεται στο ποσό των 100.000 ευρώ, το οποίο καταβάλλεται στον Δήμο Σκύρου ως συντονιστή από το TUDelft.

Ο Δήμος Σκύρου αναλαμβάνει, σύμφωνα με την παρούσα σύμβαση, να μεταβιβάσει στην ΑΜΚΕ «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων» ποσό που θα καλύπτει τις επιλέξιμες δαπάνες συμμετοχής και υλοποίησης δράσεων, όπως αυτές περιγράφονται στα Παραρτήματα.

Οι δόσεις θα πραγματοποιούνται ως εξής:

- 1η δόση: 40.000,00 € μετά την υπογραφή του συμφωνητικού «Agreement for Financial Support to Third Parties within the SeaClear2.0 project 29/07/2024»
- 2η δόση: 40.000,00 € μετά την υποβολή και την έγκριση της πρώτης αναφοράς
- Τελική δόση: 20.000,00 € μετά την ολοκλήρωση του έργου

**Άρθρο 4– Διάρκεια**

Η σύμβαση θα ισχύει για χρονικό διάστημα τριών (3) ετών από την υπογραφή της, με δυνατότητα παράτασης κατόπιν συμφωνίας των συμβαλλομένων .

**Άρθρο 5 – Παρακολούθηση – Έλεγχος- Επιτροπή Παρακολούθησης**

Ο Δήμος Σκύρου διατηρεί το δικαίωμα ελέγχου προόδου και οικονομικών παραστατικών.

Η ΑΜΚΕ υποχρεούται να παρέχει κάθε αναγκαία πληροφορία για την τεκμηρίωση της ορθής εκτέλεσης των δράσεων.

Για την παρακολούθηση της υλοποίησης της παρούσας προγραμματικής σύμβασης, συστήνεται Επιτροπή Παρακολούθησης αποτελούμενη από τρία (3) μέλη:

- Έναν εκπρόσωπο του Δήμου Σκύρου (οριζόμενο με απόφαση Δημάρχου)- όνομα και αναπληρωματικό μέλος,
- Έναν εκπρόσωπο της ΑΜΚΕ «Δίκτυο Μπλε Δήμων»- κ. Σαρελάκο Γεώργιο
- Έναν κοινά αποδεκτό επιστημονικό ή τεχνικό σύμβουλο, κατά περίπτωση- όνομα και αναπληρωματικό μέλος,

Η Επιτροπή Παρακολούθησης:

- Συνεδριάζει ανά τρίμηνο και τηρεί πρακτικά.
- Εξετάζει την πρόοδο υλοποίησης και την τήρηση του χρονοδιαγράμματος.
- Αξιολογεί τα παραδοτέα και εισηγείται την εκταμίευση των χρηματοδοτήσεων.

Αντικείμενο της Επιτροπής Παρακολούθησης είναι ο συντονισμός και η παρακολούθηση της εκτέλεσης της παρούσας προγραμματικής σύμβασης και ειδικότερα η τήρηση των όρων της και η επίλυση κάθε διαφοράς μεταξύ των συμβαλλόμενων μερών που προκύπτει σχετικά με την ερμηνεία των όρων της παρούσας σύμβασης και τον τρόπο εφαρμογής της. Εισηγείται επίσης στους συμβαλλόμενους κάθε μέτρο

που είναι αναγκαίο για την υλοποίηση της σύμβασης, όπως και για την ανάγκη τροποποίησης ή παράτασης αυτής.

Η Επιτροπή Παρακολούθησης συγκαλείτε από τον Πρόεδρό της και συνεδριάζει και μέσω τηλεδιάσκεψης, εφόσον κριθεί σκόπιμο. Στην πρόσκληση αναγράφονται τα θέματα της ημερήσιας διάταξης, ενώ ειδοποιούνται τα μέλη της εγκαίρως εγγράφως ή ηλεκτρονικά. Στην ημερήσια διάταξη αναγράφονται υποχρεωτικά και εισάγονται προς συζήτηση και τα θέματα που θα ζητήσει εγγράφως έστω και ένα από τα μέλη της. Χρέη γραμματέα εκτελεί μέλος της Επιτροπής Παρακολούθησης που θα εκλεγεί στην πρώτη συνεδρίαση.

Η Επιτροπή Παρακολούθησης συνέρχεται και συνεδριάζει μετά από αίτημα οποιουδήποτε από τα μέλη της, προκειμένου να αντιμετωπίσει προβλήματα που προκύπτουν κατά τη διάρκειά της, σε σχέση με τη συγκεκριμένη πράξη. Τα πρακτικά της Επιτροπής Παρακολούθησης κοινοποιούνται σε όλα τα μέλη, αφού υπογραφούν.

Η Επιτροπή Παρακολούθησης συνεδριάζει έγκυρα όταν είναι παρόντα τουλάχιστον δύο (2) μέλη της, ένα από κάθε συμβαλλόμενο μέρος. Οι αποφάσεις της πρέπει να είναι αιτιολογημένες, λαμβάνονται δε κατά πλειοψηφία των παρόντων μελών και δεσμεύουν όλους τους συμβαλλόμενους φορείς.

Τέλος πιστοποιεί την ολοκλήρωση του αντικειμένου της παρούσας και την λύση της.

#### **Άρθρο 6 – Επίλυση Διαφορών**

Οποιαδήποτε διαφορά περί την ερμηνεία ή την εφαρμογή των όρων της παρούσης επιλύεται με φιλικό διακανονισμό μεταξύ των μερών.

Η παράβαση οποιουδήποτε από τους όρους της παρούσας προγραμματικής σύμβασης, οι οποίοι θεωρούνται όλοι ουσιώδεις ή η παράβαση των διατάξεων του νόμου και της καλής πίστης από οποιοδήποτε από τα συμβαλλόμενα μέρη παρέχει στο άλλο μέρος το δικαίωμα να καταγγείλει την σύμβαση και να αξιώσει κάθε θετική ή αποθετική ζημία του.

Για κάθε διαφορά αρμόδια είναι τα Δικαστήρια Χαλκίδας.

#### **Άρθρο 7- Ειδικοί Όροι**

Καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια ισχύος της σύμβασης, αλλά και μετά τη λήξη ή λύση αυτής, η ΑΜΚΕ αναλαμβάνει την υποχρέωση να μη γνωστοποιήσει σε τρίτους, συμπεριλαμβανομένων των εκπροσώπων του ελληνικού και διεθνούς τύπου, χωρίς την προηγούμενη έγγραφη συγκατάθεση του Κυρίου του Έργου, οποιαδήποτε έγγραφα ή πληροφορίες που θα περιέλθουν σε γνώση του κατά την υλοποίηση του Έργου και την εκπλήρωση των υποχρεώσεών του. Αντίστοιχη υποχρέωση αναλαμβάνει και το έτερο συμβαλλόμενο μέρος, στο μέτρο που θα περιέλθουν σε γνώση του έγγραφα και σημαντικές πληροφορίες.

#### **Άρθρο 8 - Παραρτήματα**

Η σύμβαση συνοδεύεται από:

- Παράρτημα Α: «Agreement for Financial Support to Third Parties within the SeaClear2.0 project 29/07/2024».

- Παράρτημα Β: Απόφαση Δημοτικής Επιτροπής 91/2024

Αυτά συμφώνησαν, συνομολόγησαν και συναποδέχθηκαν οι συμβαλλόμενοι και προς απόδειξή τους συντάχθηκε η παρούσα σύμβαση, που αφού διαβάστηκε και βεβαιώθηκε από αυτούς, υπογράφηκε σε δύο (2) πρωτότυπα κι έλαβε καθένας από ένα.

Για τον ΔΗΜΟ ΣΚΥΡΟΥ

Για την ΑΜΚΕ «ΔΙΚΤΥΟ ΜΠΛΕ ΔΗΜΩΝ»

Ο Δήμαρχος  
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΟΣ ΑΝΤΩΝΟΠΟΥΛΟΣΟ Νόμιμος Εκπρόσωπος  
ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΣΑΡΕΛΑΚΟΣ**Παράρτημα Α: «Agreement for Financial Support to Third Parties within the SeaClear2.0 project 29/07/2024».**

Agreement for  
**Financial Support to Third Parties**  
**within the SeaClear2.0 project**

This Agreement for providing financial support for Associated Region Projects (“**ARP**”) under the SeaClear2.0 project by Technische Universiteit Delft, hereinafter referred to as the “**Agreement**”, is entered into by and between:

1. Technische Universiteit Delft, (**hereinafter referred to as: “TU Delft”**), 27364265, established at Stevinweg 1, Delft 2628 CN, Netherlands, VAT number NL001569569B01, legally represented for the purposes of signing the Agreement by Prof. dr. ir. A. van Keulen

and

2. Municipality of Skyros, (**hereinafter referred to as: “Municipality of Skyros”**), established at Townhall, 34004 Skyros, Greece, VAT number 090183484, legally represented for the purpose of signing the Agreement by KYRIAKOS ANTONOPOULOS,

Party 2, hereinafter referred to as “Beneficiary”, TU Delft and the Beneficiary will hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as “Party” or “Parties”.

**Whereas** TU Delft has entered into a Grant Agreement (“**GA**”) no. 101093822 as of 1 January 2023 and Consortium Agreement (“**CA**”) as of 6 April 2023, establishing the project “Scalable full-cycle marine litter remediation in the Mediterranean: Robotic and participatory solutions” (“**SeaClear2.0**”), and setting out the terms and conditions, and rights and obligations, applicable to the grant by the European Commission and between and amongst the SeaClear2.0 Partners;

**Whereas** the European Commission has agreed that specific projects may be performed by Local and/or Regional Authorities in so called FSTP Associated Region Projects (“**ARPs**”);

**Whereas** the Beneficiary has entered into a proposal “Marine littER MitigAtion In MeDiterranean”, called **MERMAID**, attached as Annex I to the Agreement;

**Whereas** the Beneficiary is aware that for fulfilment of the GA, TU Delft is co-dependent on the performance of the Beneficiary;

**Whereas** TU Delft is willing to provide financial support under the funding received from the European Commission to the Beneficiary for MERMAID carried out by the Beneficiary. Beneficiary is willing to receive such grant under the terms and conditions of the GA and this Agreement;

The parties referred to above have agreed to enter into the Agreement under the terms and conditions below.

By signing the Agreement, the Beneficiary accepts the grant and agrees to implement it under its own responsibility and in accordance with the Agreement, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

The Agreement is composed of:

- Definitions
- Terms and Conditions
- Applicable Requirements arising out of the embedded legal framework: conditions from the GA
- Intellectual Property Rights Policy
- Confidentiality
- Termination
- Concluding conditions
- Annex I ARP description (ARP proposal)
- Annex II Payments
- Annex III Statement
- Annex IV Special Conditions - includes an excerpt of GA Annex I and Articles 12, 13, 14, 17.2, 18, 19, 20 and 25 of the GA
- Annex V Acknowledgement

Now therefore it has been agreed as follows:

## 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **Background** shall mean any Intellectual Property (IP), other than results, resulting from work done prior to the start or independently of the performance of the ARP.
- 1.2 **Associated Region Project (ARP)** means a feasibility, scalability and replicability activity that supports the objectives of the SeaClear2.0 Project, partially funded by the European Commission under the framework of the GA, eventually in co-operation with other entities.
- 1.3 **Grant** means the financial support to be given to the Beneficiary in accordance with the terms and conditions of article 8 of the GA and the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the description of the ARP in Annex I.
- 1.4 **GA** means the Grant Agreement relevant to SeaClear2.0 dated 6 December 2022 with reference number **101093822**.
- 1.5 **Beneficiary** refers to: Municipality of Skyros.
- 1.6 **ARP Local and/or Regional Authority** refers to the entity leading the ARP, who submitted the ARP proposal MERMAID .
- 1.7 **ARP Local and/or Regional Authority** refers to the Beneficiary that will perform the ARP work.
- 1.8 **Results** shall mean IP resulting from work done during and as part of the objective(s) of the ARP.

## 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 The Beneficiary will take part in the following ARP: MERMAID as further defined in Annex I to this Agreement and in accordance with the state of the art.
- 2.2 The ARP Local and/or Regional Authority shall carry out the tasks according Annex I starting no later than two months upon signature of this agreement unless agreed with TU Delft otherwise.
- 2.3 Within 14 days after project month 12, the ARP Local and/or Regional Authority will submit the first reporting with the results as detailed in the project plan, and ask for approval of the report. After approval of this report, the second payment will be transferred.
- 2.4 Further the ARP Local and/or Regional Authority shall report to TU Delft on the activities' progress in regular intervals as reasonably requested. Such reports shall contain detailed information on the results generated by the ARP Local and/or Regional Authority. Specifically, the ARP Local and/or Regional Authority shall provide a summary report providing evidence that the result was reached, as defined in Annex I.
- 2.5 GA requirements: Art 18-20 Reports and Deliverables:
- The ARP Participants agree to submit progress reports to TU Delft if needed to enable TU Delft to include all contents directly into the project reporting, and to identify work performed and resources deployed by the ARP Local and/or Regional Authority.
  - The contents and format of the various reports required, and the publication and approval procedures, are set out in Art. 18-20 of the Grant Agreement.
  - TU Delft shall in any event be entitled to include the main issues regarding the ARP according to Annex I in its reporting towards the European Commission and third parties. For that matter, the Beneficiary grants a worldwide, perpetual and royalty free publication license to TU Delft.
  - In case TU Delft wishes to include in a dissemination activity a Beneficiary's Results (which are not yet publicly available), and as the case may be, its Background that is included in the respective Result(s) and it cannot be removed without losing its informative value, it needs to inform the respective Beneficiary hereof within 21 calendar days.
- 2.6 The Beneficiary shall adhere in the execution of this Agreement to all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including, but not limited to safety, security, welfare, social security, public procurement and fiscal laws, rules and regulations. Especially, the Beneficiary shall not be entitled to act or to make legally binding declarations on behalf of TU Delft. The Beneficiary shall indemnify TU Delft from any third party's claim resulting from a breach of these obligations.
- 2.7 The liability of TU Delft under this Agreement shall in any case be limited to the amount of the financial support and TU Delft shall not in any case be liable for any indirect or consequential damages. This limitation of liability shall not apply in cases of willful intent.
- 2.8 The Beneficiary shall fully and exclusively bear the risks in connection with the ARPs for which financial support is granted by TU Delft. The Beneficiary shall indemnify TU Delft for all damages, penalties, costs and expenses which TU Delft as a result thereof would incur or have to pay to the European Commission or any third parties with respect to such ARPs financially supported and/or for any damage in general which TU Delft incurs as a result thereof. In addition, should the European Commission, in accordance with the GA, have a right to recovery regarding the Grant under this Agreement, the Beneficiary shall pay the sums in question in the terms and the date specified by TU Delft, in execution of any request formulated by the European Commission or TU Delft. Moreover, the Beneficiary shall indemnify and hold TU Delft, their respective officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against all repayments, loss, liability, costs, charges, claims or damages that result from or arising out of any such recovery action. With regard to claims of third parties using the results of the ARP at

hand, the Beneficiary represents and warrants to TU Delft that the deliverables under this agreement shall be fit for use.

- 2.9 The Beneficiary is and will remain an independent party and is not and will not be an agent of TU Delft. The Beneficiary will conduct all of its operations on its own behalf and for its own account. The Beneficiary has no power or authority to act for TU Delft for any purpose and the Beneficiary will not, on behalf of, or in the name of TU Delft, either enter into any contract, undertaking or agreement of any sort or make any promise, warranty or representation or any other matter. The Beneficiary agrees to refrain from any attempt to assume or create obligations for, or to act in any other manner as agent or on account of on behalf of TU Delft.
- 2.10 The Beneficiary agrees with regard to SeaClear2.0 to refrain from any attempt to contact the European Commission without the prior written consent and intermediation of TU Delft.
- 2.11 In case of doubts regarding the quality or quantity of the work performed by the Local and/or Regional Authority (including actual hours spent on the work), TU Delft or the auditors of TU Delft are entitled to request for additional information from Participants or Local and/or Regional Authority. Participants or Local and/or Regional Authority will provide such information to TU Delft or auditors of TU Delft within two weeks as from the date of the request. The Participants and Local and/or Regional Authority will keep such accurate books as necessary to provide TU Delft the necessary information upon request, such as timesheets.
- 2.12 The Beneficiary agrees to collaborate with other entities performing another SeaClear2.0 ARP that is related to the Beneficiary's ARP and whose results and objective(s) present similarities and/or overlap, upon request from SeaClear2.0. This collaboration may consist of:
- Early sharing of results between the Beneficiary and the other entities.
  - At least one meeting via teleconference, to discuss the nature of both projects, their potential overlap and joint actions.
  - Reasonable modifications to Annex I of this agreement to adapt the planned activities to any potential joint activity that results in a minor modification of the scope of the ARP, as long as this modification does not affect the ARP budget and its nature remains within the reach of the applicants' skills.
- 2.13 The ARP Beneficiary herewith affirms compliance with the EC requirement of being a local and/or regional organization located in a Member State/Associated country other than those that are part of the project consortium.
- 2.14 The ARP Beneficiary herewith affirms not to benefit from this EC funding opportunity twice by also participating in the REMEDIES project which was awarded under the same call as SeaClear2.0.

### **3. APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS ARISING OUT OF THE EMBEDDED LEGAL FRAMEWORK: CONDITIONS FROM THE GA**

TU Delft receives funding from the European Commission and some of the obligations of TU Delft under the GA have to be imposed on the Beneficiary by TU Delft. The Beneficiary acknowledges and agrees that these obligations will be fully applicable to it and shall do everything that is necessary in order to enable TU Delft to comply with these obligations. In particular, the Beneficiary acknowledges and agrees that the European Commission, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) can exercise their rights under Articles 22 and 23 of the GA towards the Beneficiary. The Beneficiary acknowledges and agrees that obligations of TU Delft under Articles 35, 36, 38 and 46 of the GA also apply to the Beneficiary. Annex IV Special Conditions includes the Articles 35, 36, 38 and 46 of the GA.

### **4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY**

Parties acknowledge that the aimed results will have an open source nature. The Beneficiary

acknowledges the terms of the Intellectual Property Rights Policy included in the GA (Articles 23a to and including 28 of the GA). The Beneficiary agrees that it will apply such terms to the ARP to which it takes part under this Agreement in a manner to ensure that TU Delft will always be able to comply with such terms towards the European Commission, the Consortium Partners or any other relevant third party, even if such compliance would imply that the Beneficiary needs to transfer all intellectual property rights to TU Delft. TU Delft and Municipality of Skyros may enter into further specific agreements for this purpose.

Should the Beneficiary wish to use (and keep protected) any Background IP it is entitled to, it shall do so only with prior written consent of TU Delft. Any such Background IP shall be listed on an inclusion list and fixed as Annex to this Agreement.

The Beneficiary will acknowledge the support of the SeaClear2.0 project and the European Commission for the results obtained in any reasonable way requested by the TU Delft, for example by including such acknowledgement in a text attached to the results open-sourced in a suitable manner (such as in a readme-file).

For communication activities: *“This project has indirectly received funding from the European Union’s Horizon Europe programme under SeaClear2.0 (GA n° 101093822)”*.

For infrastructure, equipment and major results: *“This [infrastructure] [equipment] [insert type of result] is part of a sub-granted project that has indirectly received funding from the European Union’s Horizon Europe programme under project SeaClear2.0 (GA n° 101093822)”*.

When displayed in association with a logo, the European emblem should be given appropriate prominence. The obligation to use the European emblem in respect of projects to which the EC contributes implies no right of exclusive use.

## 5. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties shall keep in confidence for the duration and for a period of four years after the end of the SeaClear2.0 Project any SeaClear2.0 and ARP Partner's technical or business information which was declared and marked as confidential, and shall not disclose such information to third parties without the prior written consent of the respective Partner. This obligation shall not apply to any information, which is:

- orally provided and not confirmed in writing as being confidential within three (3) days from the moment the information was provided;
- proven to have been known to the receiving Party prior to the time of its receipt pursuant to this Agreement; or
- in the public domain at the time of disclosure to the receiving Party or thereafter enters the public domain without breach of the terms of this Agreement; or
- lawfully acquired by the receiving Party from an independent source having a bona fide right to disclose the same; or
- independently developed by an employee of the receiving Party who has not had access to any of the Confidential Information of the other Party.

## 6. TERMINATION

Each Party can terminate this Agreement with immediate effect through written notice to the other Party:

- 6.1 if the other Party is in breach of any of its material obligations under this Agreement, which breach is not remediable, or, if remediable, has not been remedied within thirty (30) days after written notice to that effect from the party not in breach,
- 6.2 if the other Party is declared bankrupt, is being wound up, is having its affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with its creditors, has suspended business activities, or is the subject of any other similar proceeding concerning those matters, or
- 6.3 if the other Party is subject to an Event of Force Majeure, which prevents the other Party from correct performance of its obligations hereunder and such circumstances have lasted, or can reasonably be expected to last more than 3 months.

## **7. CONCLUDING CONDITIONS**

- 7.1 Ancillary agreements, amendments, additions hereto shall be made in writing. This applies also if the requirement of the written form shall be waived.
- 7.2 The Beneficiary shall secure that all involved persons and/or parties will comply with the obligations – especially coming from the GA, and with regard to confidentiality – resulting from this Agreement and that the results attained by the involved persons and/or parties will be available in accordance with Section 4.
- 7.3 If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be illegal or in conflict with the applicable law, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected. The ineffective provision shall be replaced by an effective provision that is economically equivalent. The same shall apply in case of a gap.
- 7.4 Each Party warrants that it is duly authorized and empowered to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement, its representative is entitled to sign this Agreement and that such actions do not conflict with or violate any provision of law, regulation, policy, contract or other instrument to which it is a Party or by which it is bound and that this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of it enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 7.5 This Agreement will come into force on the date of the last signature and will have the same duration as the GA. Should the duration of the GA change, this Agreement will be amended accordingly.
- 7.6 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Netherlands.
- 7.7 Any disagreement or dispute which may arise in connection with this Agreement and which the Parties are unable to settle by mutual agreement will be brought before the courts of the Hague, the Netherlands.

Technische Universiteit Delft:

Municipality of Skyros:

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## Annex I

**ARP description****1. SUMMARY OF PROJECT PROPOSAL (public summary)**

Three municipalities in the Aegean Sea, in Greece, all members of the Blue Municipalities Network, are uniting their efforts to develop a holistic model for preserving the marine environment, aligning with SC2 project objectives. This model will be built upon active engagement from local communities and municipal authorities, incorporating a range of activities spanning prevention, monitoring, depollution, education, research, and scientific data collection. This ambitious project aspires to cultivate a culture of environmental democracy by empowering both local and regional stakeholders and promote evidence-based policies that harmonize ecological sustainability with socio-economic progress in the Greek region.

**2. CONCEPT AND INNOVATION**

The MERMAID project will address the critical challenge of marine pollution in the Greek islands, particularly focusing on pollution from marine litter and overfishing, which are deepened by the lack of a central waste management strategy, increased tourism, legislative non-compliance, and inadequate infrastructure, generating unsustainable conditions for local communities. The project aims to develop a holistic and innovative model for preserving the marine environment, aligned with the SC2 and the EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters", contributing to the overall vision of promoting ecological sustainability in the Mediterranean region. The proposal will implement activities in three members of the "Blue Municipalities Network", a network of 19 municipalities in Greece that under the coordination of an NGO "Aegean Rebreath" focus on shaping and developing practices for the protection of the marine environment. For this project, the municipalities of Skyros, Alonissos, and Poros islands were selected due to the local authorities' and communities' recognized readiness and need for holistic marine environment activities. The Project Objectives are 6 which are divided into 2 categories:

Innovation in collection, recycling and reduction of marine litter

Enhance Recycling and Circular Economy by enhancing the operation of Marine Litter Collection Stations (MLCS) that are already established and managed by Aegean Rebreath is expected to further promote recycling and valorization in three different streams and the circular economy through the re-use of fishing gear. Establishing them in ports and coastal areas contributes to the planning of field activities that enhance trust with local authorities and communities with a bottom-up approach.

Conduct Research and Data Collection on water quality, shoreline and underwater pollution from micro and macroplastics that combined with data from the MLCSs, will contribute to the development of evidence based proposals for policy formulation. Also the project partners will collect data using RoVs, Drones and a Sonar enhancing the SC2 database contributing to the ML project objective of its AI activities.

Litter collection with RoV in ports, coasts and reefs for abandoned fishing gear, to clean the seas, raise awareness, and familiarize citizens with new technologies.

Community activation

This will focus on reducing marine by providing substantial datasets to local communities regarding the primary sources of pollution on each island, resulting in the development of relevant initiatives.

Promote environmental education with educational workshops for student communities of each island as well as local communities, aiming to promote environmental democracy and active participation.

Engage local authorities and communities by disseminating and creating models for other municipalities of the Blue Network to follow and target a collaboration with the MoEnvironment, the MoShipping, the Union of Greek Municipalities, the Marine Research Center and universities, who have been identified as significant stakeholders, highlighting issues related to tourism and fishing, thus linking the results with other economic sectors.

Interoperability between project activities will be ensured through coordinated planning and execution, enabling data and insights from one activity to inform and enhance others, ensuring a cohesive and synergistic approach and the project will maintain a standardized terminology glossary with the rest of the SC2 project ARs to ensure semantic interoperability between the overall project stakeholders. The project demonstrates innovation through the use of RoVs and technical equipment and advanced data driven approaches. Strategically, it integrates prevention, monitoring, depollution, education, research, and data production, while promoting environmental democracy, educational workshops, &enhanced litter collection.

### 3. EXPERTISE AND EXCELLENCE OF THE PROPOSED TEAM

The implementation of the program will be founded on the cooperation between municipal authorities and civil society to initiate and achieve the active engagement of the local communities in the 3 islands. Specifically, specialized personnel from the municipal authorities, in collaboration with personnel from the environmental organization Aegean Rebreath, which is also the coordinator of the Blue Municipalities Network, will form the project team to ensure continuous and parallel monitoring of the program across all islands.

More specifically, the personnel from the 3 municipalities, participating in the Working Group of the Blue Municipalities Network, are expected to represent the municipal authorities in the project team. It is important that the appointed municipal employees have significant experience in implementing European programs (Erasmus+, Interreg, Life, etc.) through the European Structural Funds support received by the municipal authorities. Moreover, through their participation in the Blue Municipalities Network, they are familiar with the daily management of issues related to the marine and coastal environment. Members of Aegean Rebreath, a marine conservation organization focusing on the development of holistic models at the national level, will also participate in the project team. The management team of the organization has significant experience both at operational level (through the implementation of 95 widespread and complex initiatives across Greece) and at institutional level through the coordination of the Blue Municipalities Network (<https://aegeanrebreath.org/en/>). At the same time, Aegean Rebreath has managed Erasmus+ programs and has developed practices that have been recognized at national and European level. Practices focusing on underwater and coastal clean-ups, implementation of research and educational activities, waste management and promotion of circular economy, promotion of environmental democracy and implementation of innovative technological projects in collaboration with international business groups (relevant information can be found at the link <https://aegeanrebreath.org/en/programmes/>).

The composition of the project team is essentially based on long-standing and existing cooperation between the members and capitalizes on the relationships of trust between the environmental organization and the municipal authorities. At the same time, it ensures the active participation of local societies and enhances sustainability of the interventions envisaged by the suggested program.

#### PROJECT TEAM

	Name of person	Person Months
1	George Sarelakos Environmental Educator & Policy Recommendations Expert	10.5 pm
2	George Sarelakos Environmental Educator & Policy Recommendations Expert	10.5 pm
3	George Sarelakos Environmental Educator & Policy Recommendations Expert	4.2 pm
4	Eleni Michailidou Communication Expert	5.99 pm
5	Thanasis Andrianopoulos Financial Expert	1.2 pm
6	Marina Papanikopoulou Reasercher & Data Analyst	2.43 pm
7	Thodoris Chalikias Technical Specialist - ROV	0.8 pm
8	Dimitris Melos MLCS Monitoring - Skiros	1.8 pm
9	Apostolos Drosakis MLCS Monitoring - Alonissos	1.8 pm
10	Dimitris Panagiotou MLCS Monitoring - Poros	1.8 pm
	10 Team members	41.02 pm

#### ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL (calculated according to the EC Horizon Europe rules)

	Budget	Description and justification
Direct Personnel costs	63.384	41.02 person months of employees & volunteers involvement. For employees the calculation has taken the form annual salary / 215 days and for volunteers the daily cost provided by the EC Horizon Europe rules for Greece which is 78 euro daily rate (unit cost)
Travel costs	13.000	For traveling for the beach clean ups for the 3 locations (8.000 Euro) & for 2 people to travel for SC2 project meeting (5.000 Euro)
Equipment costs	9.800	The purchase of a Ping360 Scanning Imaging Sonar (3.000 Euro) & a Fathom Spool for our ROV (800 Euro) & an underwater camera (6.000 Euro)
Other Direct costs	13.000	6.000 Euro for Clean-up and research activities costs 3.000 Euro for underwater audiovisual activities 4.000 Euro for the MLCSs upgrade (2.000 x3)
TOTAL	100.000	All costs incl 25% indirect costs, partly covered by the applicant itself

#### 4. ALIGNMENT AND PROJECT PLANNING

The MERMAID project aligns closely with the open call goals and the SC2 project vision of promoting ecological sustainability in the Mediterranean region. The suggested activities are designed to reduce marine litter, enhance recycling efforts, promote environmental education, and develop evidence based policies and are based on findings that emerged at the beginning of 2024 from a needs assessment already conducted in Greece specifically with participants from the Blue Municipalities Network. Waste management, cleaning activities, educational, and research programs emerged as key issues from the participants. This fact demonstrates the clarity and quality of the proposal as the content is perfectly aligned with the needs of the municipalities, the call and the vision of the project.

The project implementation is expected to last eighteen months, considering the proposal's goal is to have an impact on the perception regarding marine litter at the local level.

In order to ensure project efficiency, improved organization, better monitoring & control and incremental progress delivery the proposal has been structured through 5 interdependent and parallel work packages.

WP1: Educational and Initial Engagement (Months 1-2)

WP2: Community Consultation and Planning (Months 3-4)

WP3: Mapping and Data Collection (Months 5-6)

WP4: Implementation of Clean-Up and Research Activities (Months 7-10)

WP5: Dissemination, Policy Development, and Final Reporting (Months 11-12)

#### Deliverables & Means of Verification:

- 3 Clean-Up Reports from the 3 Island Municipalities: These will be verified through detailed reports, including participant numbers, waste collected, photographic evidence, participant feedback forms, and GIS mapping of cleaned locations.
- 6 Participatory Side Event Reports from the 3 Island Municipalities: Verification will include event reports, attendance records, and pre- and post-event surveys.
- Research Data from 3 Different Islands: Comprehensive data on water quality and pollution levels will be integrated into the SC2 database and verified through comprehensive research reports and data integration logs.
- 3 Policy Proposals from Meetings with Project Stakeholders: Evidence-based policy proposals for local and regional authorities will be verified with policy proposal documents, meeting minutes, and feedback from local and regional authorities.
- 3 MLCs Upgrade and Usage Reports: These will include upgrade reports, usage logs, and strategic action plans, providing evidence-based proposals to local authorities.
- 1 Dissemination Campaign for the Project Results: This will be verified with campaign materials, media coverage records, and web and social media analytics.
- 1 Roadmap on Operating the SC2 System: This roadmap will address feasibility and possible barriers and be verified through detailed documentation and stakeholder feedback.
- 1 Community of Practice Model: This will be documented through model documentation, pilot implementation reports, and evaluation surveys.
- 1 Endorsement of the Mission Ocean Charter: Verification will include the endorsement letter, public announcements, and meeting records.
- Participation in SC2 Workshops: This will be verified through workshop reports, presentation materials, and networking records.

The resources foreseen for the project implementation are divided into expenses for specialized personnel, expenses for implementing field activities and the purchase of necessary equipment. At the same time, the expenses are not related to the large number of Aegean Rebreath volunteers who will participate in clean-up activities, as well as the use of mobile units, high-value research and dive equipment and the RoVs and Drone that the environmental organization already possesses. These three main expense categories ensure the effectiveness of holistic activities that will result in raising awareness and boosting active participation of local communities.

## WORK PLAN

### WP1: Needs assessment and Engagement with SeaClear 2.0 Project (M1- M5)

The activities in WP1 collectively ensure the achievement of the project goals by systematically addressing key areas. The needs analysis provides crucial stakeholder insights, tailoring the SeaClear 2.0 roadmap to local challenges. Creating and executing MLCS upgrade training materials ensures local personnel are equipped to maintain these systems effectively, crucial for marine litter reduction.

Deliverables by M5 and KPIs 1 Roadmap on Operating the SC2 System will be verified through detailed documentation and stakeholder feedback. (20 Pages in English) and the training for MLCS (materials and execution)

### WP2: Mapping, Data Collection and research implementation activities (M6 - M14)

WP2 activities contribute significantly towards the project's end goals by ensuring community involvement and strategic planning. Developing an intervention plan based on these consultations ensures that the project's actions are relevant and effectively address local environmental issues. Additionally, creating audiovisual materials helps document and communicate the project's progress and plans, enhancing transparency and fostering broader community awareness and support. Overall, WP2 lays a strong foundation for effective and sustainable environmental interventions.

Deliverables by M12 and KPIs: 3 Clean-Up Reports from the 3 Islands: These will be verified through detailed reports, participant numbers, waste collected, photographic evidence, participant feedback, and GIS mapping of cleaned locations & 1 Community of Practice Model and. Research Data from 3 Different Islands. Comprehensive data on pollution levels of shoreline and underwater litter will be integrated into SC2 database and verified through research reports and data integration logs. 3 MLCSs Upgrade and Usage Reports will include upgrade reports, usage logs, and evidence-based proposals to local authorities. Documentary of clean up and research activities for each island (3 minutes x3 in English).

Milestone for all deliverables is the completion of research activities by M13.

### WP3: Policy Development & Community Engagement (M10-M17)

WP3 activities advance the project's goals by fostering community engagement through participatory events, establishing a Community Practice Model, endorsing the Mission Ocean Charter, and conducting policy proposal meetings with municipalities and stakeholders. These efforts build local support and ensure policy alignment for sustainable marine conservation.

Deliverables by M17 and KPIs: 6 Participatory Side Event Reports from the 3 Islands will include event reports, attendance records, and pre- and post-event surveys. 1 Endorsement of the Mission Ocean Charter that will include the endorsement letter, public announcements, and meeting records. 3 Policy Proposals from Meetings with Project Stakeholders with Evidence-based policy proposals for local and regional authorities.

### WP4: Dissemination, and Final Reporting (M5-M18)

WP4 focuses on effective dissemination and communication activities that are crucial for the success of the project ensuring that the project's objectives, activities, and results are effectively communicated and disseminated at local, regional, central and EU level.

Deliverables Milestones and KPIs: 1 Dissemination Strategy (20 pages in English) which is a milestone (M2) & SC2 Dissemination toolkit in Greek (2 virtual infographics, leaflet content, 1xVideo captions in Greek), 1 Dissemination Campaign for the Project Results that will be verified with campaign materials, media coverage records, and web and social media analytics. Short documentary (5 minutes in English)

External Barriers:

- Limited awareness for marine environment issues
- Lack of political will
- Limited engagement of local communities due to the tourist season
- Limited use of MLC

	Activity Name	Description	Planned Duration	Expected Output
Activity 1	1.1 Needs Analysis & Development of SeaClear 2.0 Roadmap	Feasibility study & needs analysis for the development of the Roadmap on operating the SC2 System 1 Roadmap on Operating the SC2 System: This roadmap will address feasibility and possible barriers and be verified through detailed documentation and stakeholder feedback. (20 Pages in English)	M2-M4	Meeting reports, needs analysis  Stakeholder feedback x3  Feasibility study  1 Roadmap document
Activity 2	1.2 MLCS upgrade training materials & training Execution	Development of audiovisual material for training needs	M3-M5	Training materials in Greek Training execution with at least 5 municipal employees. Total of 15 for the project
Activity 3	2.1 Clean-up activities x3 & Development of Community of Practice	Implementation of underwater and coastal clean-up activities on beaches, ports, reefs for abandoned fishing gear and polluted zones on each island	M4-M6	Clean up activities with over 30 participants in each. Total engagement 90 people actively participating
Activity 4	2.2 Microplastics & Macroplastic Research x3	Implementation of research activities on each island in terms of microplastics, seabed sediment and seawater quality	M4-M6	Research activities
Activity 5	2.3 MLCS Litter collection	Collection of Litter and Data from MLCS	M10	Litter collected and sent for recycling
Activity 6	2.4 RoV, Sonar and Drone Research & Image Collection	Use of RoV for locating abandoned fishing gear and showcasing underwater work	M12-M13	Audiovisual material through the use of ROV, Sonar & Drone
Activity 7	2.5 Classification of all Materials collected & Production of Data sets & GIS Databases	Production of data sets (image, videos) from RoV, Sonar, Drone Measurement and classification of collected materials GIS Mapping of polluted coastal and underwater zones on each island	M14	Databases on marine litter, microplastics, seabed sediment and seawater health indicators
Activity 8	2.6 Documentary Production	Documentary of clean up and research activities for each island	M12-M14	Audiovisual materials
Activity 9	3.1 Participatory Events x 6	Participatory Events for student communities aiming to promote environmental democracy and active participation and inform about the project content	M10-M13	Workshops/ Training execution/Education activities/Competitions/ Discussions. 6 events for 20 each would make a total of 120 participants engaged.
Activity 10	3.2 Endorsement of the Mission Ocean Charter	Commitment to Actions	M16	Endorsement Letter

Activity 11	3.3 Policy Proposal Meetings with Municipalities and Project Stakeholders	Evidence-based policy proposals for local and regional authorities will be verified with policy proposal documents, meeting minutes, and feedback from local and regional authorities.	M17-18	Meetings & Policy Recommendations with at least 5 in each location. Total engaged participants 15 members of Greek municipalities and local authorities
Activity 12	4.1 Development of Dissemination strategy	Production of a project dissemination strategy along with SC2 information material in Greek	M2	1 Dissemination Strategy
Activity 13	4.2 Dissemination and Communication Activities & Dissemination Campaign	Monthly dissemination and communication of the Mermaid and SC2 project activities and progress to project stakeholders and the general public in all 3 municipalities and in Greece in general 1 Dissemination Campaign for the Project Results: This will be verified with campaign materials, media coverage records, and web and social media analytics.	M2-M18	Promotion of project progress and results on all involved partners social media/ website and press. During the project 3 newsletters and impact stories as per the dissemination strategy. Total engaged more than 5.000 people in 18 months
Activity 14	4.3 Project Documentary	Short documentary about the project	M16	To be used for communication purposes and in the dissemination campaign

## DESCRIPTION OF MILESTONES AND KPIS

	Activity Name	Milestone and KPI description	Del. month
Activity 1	1.1 Needs Analysis & Development of SC2 Roadmap	M2 Feasibility study needs to be completed on time. KPI: Stakeholder feedback report x3 Electronic Document (20 Pages in English)	M4
Activity 2	1.2 MLCS upgrade training materials & training execution	PPT Presentation and written guidelines approx. 10 pages Attendance sheets - Training reports x3 (15 participants total)	M5
Activity 3	2.1 Clean-up activities x3 Development of Community of Practice	Photos of the events - Participation list x3 Electronic Document (5 pages in English) (90 participants total)	M6
Activity 4	2.2 Microplastics & Macroplastics Research x3	Photos of the events x3 Participation list x3 Research Reports x3	M6
Activity 5	2.3 MLCS Litter collection	Tons of marine litter & MLCS usage reports x3	M10
Activity 6	2.4 RoV, Sonar and Drone Research & Image Collection	Data Sets of images x3	M13
Activity 7	2.5 Classification of all Materials collected & Production of Data sets & GIS Databases	Materials List of Marine Litter Taxonomy Project Datasets GIS Database sets Milestone is M13 for 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5 to be completed as to ensure Activity 7 is done on time	M14
Activity 8	2.6 Documentary Production	Milestone is M6 for clean-up and research activities to take place and M13 to get footage from RoV and Drone research Video of 3' x3 islands in English & Greek subtitles	M14
Activity 9	3.1 Participatory Events x 6	Photos of the events - Participation list x3 (120 participants total)	M13
Activity 10	3.2 Endorsement of the Mission Ocean Charter	Endorsement letter, public announcements, and meeting records.	M16
Activity 11	3.3 Policy Proposal Meetings with Municipalities and Project Stakeholders	Policy Recommendations x3 Electronic documents 5 pages each in English (15 participants)	M18
Activity 12	4.1 Development of Dissemination strategy	1 electronic document x 20 pages in English	M2
Activity 13	4.2 Dissemination and Communication Activities & Dissemination Campaign	Use analytics, feedback forms, and surveys to assess the reach and effectiveness of dissemination activities as per dissemination strategy Milestone is M2 for the strategy to be completed as to set the dissemination activities.	M18
Activity 14	4.3 Project Documentary	Video 5 minutes in English with Greek Subtitles	M16

## 5. IMPACT AND SUSTAINABILITY

The MERMAID project directly contributes to the SC2 objectives by implementing comprehensive clean-up activities, enhancing recycling efforts, and targeting marine litter prevention and depollution. By conducting underwater and coastal clean-up activities, the project addresses marine litter head-on. Research activities on microplastics, macroplastics, seabed sediment, and seawater quality generate valuable data to develop innovative models, policies and practices. Additionally, the project's educational workshops and participatory events promote environmental democracy, encouraging active participation from local communities. This multi-faceted approach ensures that the project aligns with SC2's mission of ecological sustainability in the Mediterranean region.

The project places a strong emphasis on promoting, exploiting, and disseminating its results to maximize impact and replicability. A robust dissemination strategy will be developed at the beginning of the project which will include social media campaigns, newsletters, and press releases to ensure continuous communication and dissemination of the project activities and results with key stakeholders and the general public. Policy briefs and stakeholder meetings will ensure that evidence-based recommendations reach all 19 Municipalities of the Blue Municipalities network and are disseminated in appropriate ministries maximizing impact in Greek authorities and policy makers.

Additionally, the project includes the production of audiovisual materials and short documentaries to maximize impact and serve as powerful tools for raising awareness and educating broader audiences about marine pollution and the project's efforts.

The project's ambition lies in its potential to create significant and lasting impacts on marine pollution reduction and community engagement. By implementing a comprehensive and replicable model, the project sets a benchmark for similar initiatives in other regions of the Mediterranean. The engagement of local communities, coupled with evidence-based policy proposals, ensures that the project's impact extends beyond the immediate geographical scope.

The project's structured work plan, which includes needs analysis, community consultation, clean-up activities, research, and dissemination, provides a clear roadmap for achieving its objectives. The development of a Community of Practice model and the endorsement of the Mission Ocean Charter further reinforce the project's replicability and sustainability. By fostering collaboration and building local capacity, the MERMAID project creates a ripple effect, encouraging other municipalities and regions to adopt similar approaches.

### STRONG POINTS

Ambitious as it targets to have an impact not only to the 3 municipalities selected to participate but also to all 19 municipalities that are members of the Blue Municipalities Network giving it the ambition to change drastically sustainability in 19 regions in Greece.

Engaging because it targets to engage more than 5.000 with innovative and gripping communication materials.

Technologically innovative as it targets to support the AI function of the SC2 project and it also aims to introduce automations in underwater clean ups that until now have been done only by human divers in Greece.

## Annex II

**SeaClear2.0 AGREEMENT for Associated Region  
Project (for Financial Support to Third Parties)  
total SeaClear2.0 contribution to ARP: Payment to Beneficiary**

**Payments**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Payment</b>
Municipality of Skyros	EUR 100.000 40% after signature of the agreement 40% after approval first reporting 20% after completion of the project

TU Delft will pay to ARP Beneficiary 40% [EUR 40.000] from the overall estimated grant [EUR 100.000] upon signature of this agreement, 40% [EUR 40.000] upon approval of the first reporting and 20% [EUR 20.000] after completion of the project.

Details of the beneficiary

Full name :  
Full address :  
Postal code :  
Town :  
Country :  
Telephone number :  
E-mail address :  
VAT Number :  
Chamber of Commerce number :

Details about the bank

Name of the bank :  
Address if the bank :  
Town / City of the branch :  
Country of the branch :  
(Bank) account number of :  
Beneficiary Bankcode :  
Branchcode :  
SWIFT / BIC code :  
IBAN :

## Annex III

**Statement****Verification of the Municipalities of Alonissos, Skyros and Poros islands serving as local authorities****Introduction**

The current document aims to provide evidence that the applicant municipalities are compliant with the specified EC guidelines pertaining to the subject.

**Official Name and Identification**

Municipality of Alonissos

Municipality of Skyros

Municipality of Poros

**Legal Status**

Municipalities, Public Bodies, Local Governments

The Municipalities have been established according to the Ν. 3852\_2010-ΦΕΚ 87Α7-6-2010- ΝΟΜΟΣ ΚΑΜΙΚΡΑΤΗ law (Official Government Gazette no. 242 and Official Government Gazette Α87/2010. The law is attached (nr.1)

**Public Services and Functions**

The municipalities and regions make up the first and second degrees of local government. As expressions of public sovereignty, they are fundamental institutions in the public life of the Greeks, as guaranteed by the provisions of Article 102 of the Constitution and the European Charter of Local Autonomy, which was sanctioned by Law 1850/1989 (Government Gazette 144 Α'). The Decentralized Administrations are constituted as single units for the decentralized services of the state and exercise general decision-making authority in the state affairs of their districts, in accordance with Article 101 of the Greek Constitution. With regards to the structure of municipalities please see the attached document Structure-Operation-Lrd-English-Version-2024 (nr.2)

**Public Records and Transparency**

All the decisions of the administrative bodies of the municipality of Poros are made public in the ΔΙΑΓΓΕΙΑ program of the Ministry of the Interior (<https://diavgeia.gov.gr/>) and on the website of the Municipality of the municipalities

<https://alonissos.gov.gr/>

<https://poros.gr/index-en.html>

<https://www.skyros.gr/en/>

**Conclusion: Summarize the key points that establish your organisation as a local or regional authority.**

The Constitution of the Hellenic Republic (mainly its articles 101 and 102, attached nr.3), sets out the institutional basis for local government:

**THE CONSTITUTION OF GREECE Hellenic Parliament ISBN: 978-960-560-221-5**

## **SECTION VI**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Chapter One**

##### **Organization of the Administration**

##### **Article 102 – Local Authorities**

1. The administration of local affairs is exercised by Local Authorities of first and second level. For the administration of local affairs, there is a presumption of competence in favour of Local Authorities. The range and categories of local affairs, as well as their allocation to each level, are specified by law. Law may assign to Local Authorities the exercise of competences constituting mission of the State. 2. Local Authorities enjoy administrative and financial independence. Their political personnel is elected by universal and secret ballot, as specified by law. 3. Law may provide for compulsory or voluntary associations of Local Authorities to execute works or render services or exercise competences belonging to Local Authorities; these shall be governed by elected bodies. 4. The State exercises the supervision of Local Authorities, which consists exclusively in the review of the legality and is not allowed to impede their initiative and freedom of action. The review of legality is exercised as specified by law. With the exception of cases involving ipso jure forfeiture of office or suspension, disciplinary sanctions to elected administrations of Local Authorities are imposed only with the concurrent opinion of a council composed in its majority of judges, as specified by law. 5. The State adopts the legislative, regulatory and fiscal measures required for ensuring the financial independence and the funds necessary to the fulfilment of the mission and exercise of the competences of local authorities, ensuring at the same time the transparency in the management of such funds. Matters pertaining to the attribution and allocation, among Local Authorities, of the taxes or duties provided in their favour and collected by the State are specified by law. Every transfer of competences from central or regional administrations of the State to local government also entails the transfer of the corresponding funds. Matters pertaining to the determination and collection of local revenues directly from Local Authorities are specified by law.

##### **Basic Legal Texts**

- ✓ Law 1850/1989 (OG A 114), with reservations made to articles 5, 7 (§2), 8 (§2) and 10 (§2) during ratification of the “European Charter of Local Self-Government” is one of the key legislative texts on Local Government.
- ✓ Other relevant legislative texts:
  - Presidential Decree 30/1996 (OG A 21) “Prefectural Administration Code” applicable for the new Regions of the State, set up by law 3852/2010.

- Law 3463/2006 (OG 114 A) –“Ratification of the municipal and Communal Code” which encodes in a single text the current legislation on the functioning of municipalities and communities.
- Law 3852/2010 (OG 87 A) “New architecture of Decentralised Administration and Self-government – the Kallikratis Programme” restructuring the administrative organisation of the country for first and second level Local Government (municipalities and regions) and establishing seven Decentralised Administration Authorities as single decentralised state administration units, which automatically and without any further formality enjoy all the rights and responsibilities /obligations of the abolished regions.
- Law 4325/2015 (OG 47 A’) “Democratization of Administration – Bureaucracy fighting and E-Government. Restitution of injustices and other provisions”, with article 28 that provided for the position of the Coordinator of Decentralised Administration. The position of the Coordinator is equivalent to that of the head of the General Directorate of a Ministry. The Decentralised Administration Coordinator is appointed and terminated by decision of the Minister of the Interior.
- Law 4555/2018 (OG 133 A’) “Reform of the institutional framework of Local Government - Deepening Democracy - Strengthening Participation - Improving the economic and development function of Local Government. [“Kleisthenis” Programme] - Arrangements for the modernisation of the framework of the organisation and operation of the Regional Associations of Solid Waste Management Agencies (FODSA) - Arrangements for more efficient, faster and uniform exercise of the powers related to the granting of citizenship and naturalization - Other provisions of the competence of the Ministry of the Interior and other provisions.” This law provided for changes in the electoral system of local government (introduction of the proportional representation of the largest remainder method), the responsibilities of elected officials and bodies, the institutions of consultation and citizens’ participation in local affairs, the responsibilities of committees, the institutions of local and regional mediators and the context of organisation and operation of the Solid Waste Management Agencies.
- Law 4623/2019 (OG 124 A’) “Provisions of the Ministry of the Interior, for Digital Government, Pensions and other urgent issues”. This law introduces the possibility of forming coalitions between factions in municipal and regional councils.
- Law 4674/2020 (OG 53 A’) “Strategic development perspective of Local Government Organisations, provisions of Ministry of Interior over own competence issues and other provisions”, by which changes are introduced in development planning at local and regional levels, through the development organizations that were introduced.
- Law 4804/2021 (OG 90 A’) “Election of Municipal and Regional Authorities and other provisions”, which changed the electoral system of local and regional government, in view of the October 2023 elections.
- Law 4954/2022 (OG 136 A’) “Supplementary measures for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/788 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Citizens’ Initiative and the Implementing Regulation (EU) of the Commission laying down technical specifications for individual online aggregation systems - Provisions related to electoral process and the audit of income and expenses of parties, coalitions and candidates for parliament and elected representatives - Other urgent provisions.” Articles 63 to 67 include provisions for Decentralised Administrations. Article 63 introduces the position of the Secretary of Decentralised Administration, as a seconded employee, who heads the Decentralized Administration, and article

64 outlines his powers. Article 65 establishes the "Coordinator of Decentralised Administration" and provides for the new selection procedure. Article 66 outlines the new responsibilities of the Decentralised Administration Coordinator.

- Law 5056/2023 (OG 163 Α'), "Reform of the governance system of first and second level Local Government Organizations, abolition of municipal legal entities of public law, monitoring of local government performance, financial and administrative management of local government organizations, pet welfare construction and upgrading of operating land border stations and other provisions of the Ministry of the Interior", by provisions of which critical changes concerning the governance system of municipalities have taken place by means of interventions in the way of constitution and functioning of elected bodies of municipalities and the exercise of their competences.

Municipality of Skyros:

Ψηφιακά υπογεγραμμένο από ΚΥΡΙΑΚΟΣ ΑΝΤΩΝΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ  
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## Annex IV

### Special Conditions

Within the SeaClear2.0 project three demonstration areas and three pilot sites will ensure a system development close to market and addressing local challenges by the litter fractions defined and the environments represented, spreading along - close to - the entirety of the Mediterranean Sea. Moreover, in order to show feasibility, scalability and replicability in unknown terrain, at least five associated regions will be involved for verification and validation. The objective is to focus on a maximum of possible domains, different countries in and associated to the European Union, reaching and engaging a large public, decision makers and policy makers. The envisaged regions are areas with ecosystems that can benefit from the project's demonstration activities and/or less-developed regions. On the one hand, in these regions the innovative solutions from the project will be implemented to prevent, eliminate and remediate pollution, address possible barriers and show the feasibility of implementing innovative solutions; on the other hand, we expect outcomes that contribute to SeaClear2.0 developments per the details below. Suitable partners from the associated regions can apply to benefit from the FSTP within SeaClear2.0 by handing in a formal proposal outlining their contribution to support the SeaClear2.0 developments.

The following types of activities have been identified to qualify for FSTP:

- A feasibility study including a demonstrator (e.g.: river sourced litter inflows to the Mediterranean)
- Technology test of a relevant part of the SeaClear2.0 system and approach beyond the conditions tackled in the main project (e.g.: detection of litter in deep-sea conditions)
- Local initiative including demonstration to solve issues of marine litter on the seafloor, at the surface or in the water column by using a technical machine-based approach
- Recycling actions illustrating one or several of the options that we develop in our full-cycle approach.
- Building a database with newly gathered images for AI-training on a wide variety of marine litter on the seafloor, differentiated by:
  1. Visibility conditions
  2. Sensors (visual, sonar, magnetic, electromagnetic)
  3. Classification in terms of size, material, etc.
  4. Equal proportions of large and small scaled debris, e.g.: Bikes, Shopping, carts, tires, machine parts, boat equipment (anchor, chains); Bottles, plastic bags, etc.; Fishing gear and ghost nets; Ammunition and unexploded ordnances

In addition, a **roadmap** for application of the SeaClear2.0 approach in the associated region is a required output of each project, addressing feasibility and possible barriers. Also **at least two clean up events** are required to be organized. Finally, each associated region project must always include a mandatory **side event** for completion. The event intends to engage the public, raise awareness to the marine litter challenge through a workshop, media coverage, best practice competition, community building event or others, connected to our dissemination and public-engagement strategy.

The project of the local and/or regional authorities will include:

- Detailed project description including the indication of the Domain/s and use cases described in the call, envisioned objectives, scope, methodology, expected results and impact towards the SeaClear2.0 project
- Clear statement on the domain and Use Case focus of the application
- Timeline including work plan with clear deliverables, milestones, and periodic reporting instances
- Budget plan
- Personnel expertise
- Procedure to handover of all materials for reporting and dissemination of results

Only applicants from countries eligible for EU funding can receive FSTP. Exclusively person hours from persons working directly on the project are considered eligible costs; project management, financial and legal administration are not considered eligible activities. Furthermore, purchase of equipment, consumables, travel and subsistence costs are considered eligible costs. The budget will be calculated according to the EU Horizon Europe regulations.

Within the award criteria the maximum budget and spending procedure, the output generated, as well as operational capacity are considered. The selected participant can be either a single entity or a small consortium (maximum 3 entities) composed by local and/or regional authority/ies, and each partner must at least meet the regional requirements described above.

A pre-payment of 40% of the agreed funding will be transferred at the start of the project, another 40% of the funding will follow after approval of the first reporting. The first reporting will be required in a specific format and shall be submitted after month 12. The first reporting is treated as a go/no go control point for the remaining period of the project. This reporting should include the results according to the original project plan, including the progress on the roadmap, the clean up events, etc. The final payment (20%) will be performed after the final reporting on the project has been approved by the FSTP Board. The payments will be treated as lump sum payments based on the initial budget and progress of the associated regions.

**Articles 12, 13, 14, 17.2, 18, 19, 20 and 25 of the Grant Agreement****ARTICLE 12 — CONFLICT OF INTERESTS****12.1 Conflict of interests**

The beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement could be compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect interest ('conflict of interests').

They must formally notify the granting authority without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

The granting authority may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.

**12.2 Consequences of non-compliance**

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28) and the grant or the beneficiary may be terminated (see Article 32).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

**ARTICLE 13 — CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY****13.1 Sensitive information**

The parties must keep confidential any data, documents or other material (in any form) that is identified as sensitive in writing ('sensitive information') — during the implementation of the action and for at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6).

If a beneficiary requests, the granting authority may agree to keep such information confidential for a longer period.

Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, they may use sensitive information only to implement the Agreement.

The beneficiaries may disclose sensitive information to their personnel or other participants involved in the action only if they:

- (a) need to know it in order to implement the Agreement and
- (b) are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

The granting authority may disclose sensitive information to its staff and to other EU institutions and bodies.

It may moreover disclose sensitive information to third parties, if:

- (a) this is necessary to implement the Agreement or safeguard the EU financial interests and
- (b) the recipients of the information are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

The confidentiality obligations no longer apply if:

- (a) the disclosing party agrees to release the other party
- (b) the information becomes publicly available, without breaching any confidentiality obligation
- (c) the disclosure of the sensitive information is required by EU, international or national law.

Specific confidentiality rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

### **13.2 Classified information**

The parties must handle classified information in accordance with the applicable EU, international or national law on classified information (in particular, Decision 2015/444<sup>15</sup> and its implementing rules).

Deliverables which contain classified information must be submitted according to special procedures agreed with the granting authority.

Action tasks involving classified information may be subcontracted only after explicit approval (in writing) from the granting authority.

Classified information may not be disclosed to any third party (including participants involved in the action implementation) without prior explicit written approval from the granting authority.

Specific security rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

### **13.3 Consequences of non-compliance**

<sup>15</sup> Commission Decision 2015/444/EC, Euratom of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

## ARTICLE 14 — ETHICS AND VALUES

### 14.1 Ethics

The action must be carried out in line with the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles.

Specific ethics rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

### 14.2 Values

The beneficiaries must commit to and ensure the respect of basic EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).

Specific rules on values (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

### 14.3 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

## 17.2 Visibility — European flag and funding statement

Unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority, communication activities of the beneficiaries related to the action (including media relations, conferences, seminars, information material, such as brochures, leaflets, posters, presentations, etc., in electronic form, via traditional or social media, etc.), dissemination activities and any infrastructure, equipment, vehicles, supplies or major result funded by the grant must acknowledge EU support and display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement (translated into local languages, where appropriate):



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The emblem must remain distinct and separate and cannot be modified by adding other visual marks, brands or text.

Apart from the emblem, no other visual identity or logo may be used to highlight the EU support.

When displayed in association with other logos (e.g. of beneficiaries or sponsors), the emblem must be displayed at least as prominently and visibly as the other logos.

For the purposes of their obligations under this Article, the beneficiaries may use the emblem without first obtaining approval from the granting authority. This does not, however, give them the right to exclusive use. Moreover, they may not appropriate the emblem or any similar trademark or logo, either by registration or by any other means.

## **ARTICLE 18 — SPECIFIC RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION**

### **18.1 Specific rules for carrying out the action**

Specific rules for implementing the action (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

### **18.2 Consequences of non-compliance**

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such a breach may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

### **SECTION 3 GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

#### **ARTICLE 19 — GENERAL INFORMATION OBLIGATIONS**

##### **19.1 Information requests**

The beneficiaries must provide — during the action or afterwards and in accordance with Article 7 — any information requested in order to verify eligibility of the costs or contributions declared, proper implementation of the action and compliance with the other obligations under the Agreement.

The information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

##### **19.2 Participant Register data updates**

The beneficiaries must keep — at all times, during the action or afterwards — their information stored in the Portal Participant Register up to date, in particular, their name, address, legal representatives, legal form and organisation type.

##### **19.3 Information about events and circumstances which impact the action**

The beneficiaries must immediately inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) of any of the following:

- (a) **events** which are likely to affect or delay the implementation of the action or affect the EU's financial interests, in particular:
  - (i) changes in their legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation (including changes linked to one of the exclusion grounds listed in the declaration of honour signed before grant signature)
  - (ii) linked action information: not applicable
- (b) **circumstances** affecting:
  - (i) the decision to award the grant or
  - (ii) compliance with requirements under the Agreement.

##### **19.4 Consequences of non-compliance**

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

## ARTICLE 20 — RECORD-KEEPING

### 20.1 Keeping records and supporting documents

The beneficiaries must — at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6) — keep records and other supporting documents to prove the proper implementation of the action in line with the accepted standards in the respective field (if any).

In addition, the beneficiaries must — for the same period — keep the following to justify the amounts declared:

- (a) for actual costs: adequate records and supporting documents to prove the costs declared (such as contracts, subcontracts, invoices and accounting records); in addition, the beneficiaries' usual accounting and internal control procedures must enable direct reconciliation between the amounts declared, the amounts recorded in their accounts and the amounts stated in the supporting documents
- (b) for flat-rate costs and contributions (if any): adequate records and supporting documents to prove the eligibility of the costs or contributions to which the flat-rate is applied
- (c) for the following simplified costs and contributions: the beneficiaries do not need to keep specific records on the actual costs incurred, but must keep:
  - (i) for unit costs and contributions (if any): adequate records and supporting documents to prove the number of units declared
  - (ii) for lump sum costs and contributions (if any): adequate records and supporting documents to prove proper implementation of the work as described in Annex 1
  - (iii) for financing not linked to costs (if any): adequate records and supporting documents to prove the achievement of the results or the fulfilment of the conditions as described in Annex 1
- (d) for unit, flat-rate and lump sum costs and contributions according to usual cost accounting practices (if any): the beneficiaries must keep any adequate records and supporting documents to prove that their cost accounting practices have been applied in a consistent manner, based on objective criteria, regardless of the source of funding, and that they comply with the eligibility conditions set out in Articles 6.1 and 6.2.

Moreover, the following is needed for specific budget categories:

- (e) for personnel costs: time worked for the beneficiary under the action must be supported by declarations signed monthly by the person and their supervisor, unless another reliable time-record system is in place; the granting authority may accept alternative evidence supporting the time worked for the action declared, if it considers that it offers an adequate level of assurance
- (f) additional record-keeping rules: not applicable

The records and supporting documents must be made available upon request (see Article 19) or in the context of checks, reviews, audits or investigations (see Article 25).

If there are on-going checks, reviews, audits, investigations, litigation or other pursuits of claims under the Agreement (including the extension of findings; see Article 25), the beneficiaries must keep these records and other supporting documentation until the end of these procedures.

The beneficiaries must keep the original documents. Digital and digitalised documents are considered originals if they are authorised by the applicable national law. The granting authority may accept non-original documents if they offer a comparable level of assurance.

## **20.2 Consequences of non-compliance**

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, costs or contributions insufficiently substantiated will be ineligible (see Article 6) and will be rejected (see Article 27), and the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

## **ARTICLE 25 — CHECKS, REVIEWS, AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS — EXTENSION OF FINDINGS**

### **25.1 Granting authority checks, reviews and audits**

#### **25.1.1 Internal checks**

The granting authority may — during the action or afterwards — check the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement, including assessing costs and contributions, deliverables and reports.

#### **25.1.2 Project reviews**

The granting authority may carry out reviews on the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement (general project reviews or specific issues reviews).

Such project reviews may be started during the implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

If needed, the granting authority may be assisted by independent, outside experts. If it uses outside experts, the coordinator or beneficiary concerned will be informed and have the right to object on grounds of commercial confidentiality or conflict of interest.

The coordinator or beneficiary concerned must cooperate diligently and provide — within the deadline requested — any information and data in addition to deliverables and reports already submitted (including information on the use of resources). The granting authority may request beneficiaries to provide such information to it directly. Sensitive information and documents will be treated in accordance with Article 13.

The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may be requested to participate in meetings, including with the outside experts.

For **on-the-spot visits**, the beneficiary concerned must allow access to sites and premises (including to the outside experts) and must ensure that information requested is readily available.

Information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

On the basis of the review findings, a **project review report** will be drawn up.

The granting authority will formally notify the project review report to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned, which has 30 days from receiving notification to make observations.

Project reviews (including project review reports) will be in the language of the Agreement.

### 25.1.3 Audits

The granting authority may carry out audits on the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

Such audits may be started during the implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the beneficiary concerned and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

The granting authority may use its own audit service, delegate audits to a centralised service or use external audit firms. If it uses an external firm, the beneficiary concerned will be informed and have the right to object on grounds of commercial confidentiality or conflict of interest.

The beneficiary concerned must cooperate diligently and provide — within the deadline requested — any information (including complete accounts, individual salary statements or other personal data) to verify compliance with the Agreement. Sensitive information and documents will be treated in accordance with Article 13.

For **on-the-spot visits**, the beneficiary concerned must allow access to sites and premises (including for the external audit firm) and must ensure that information requested is readily available.

Information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

On the basis of the audit findings, a **draft audit report** will be drawn up.

The auditors will formally notify the draft audit report to the beneficiary concerned, which has 30 days from receiving notification to make observations (contradictory audit procedure).

The **final audit report** will take into account observations by the beneficiary concerned and will be formally notified to them.

Audits (including audit reports) will be in the language of the Agreement.

## **25.2 European Commission checks, reviews and audits in grants of other granting authorities**

Where the granting authority is not the European Commission, the latter has the same rights of checks, reviews and audits as the granting authority.

## **25.3 Access to records for assessing simplified forms of funding**

The beneficiaries must give the European Commission access to their statutory records for the periodic assessment of simplified forms of funding which are used in EU programmes.

## **25.4 OLAF, EPPO and ECA audits and investigations**

The following bodies may also carry out checks, reviews, audits and investigations — during the action or afterwards:

- the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) under Regulations No 883/2013<sup>20</sup> and No 2185/96<sup>21</sup>
- the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) under Regulation 2017/1939
- the European Court of Auditors (ECA) under Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and Article 257 of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

If requested by these bodies, the beneficiary concerned must provide full, accurate and complete information in the format requested (including complete accounts, individual salary statements or other personal data, including in electronic format) and allow access to sites and premises for on-the-spot visits or inspections — as provided for under these Regulations.

To this end, the beneficiary concerned must keep all relevant information relating to the action, at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (Point 6) and, in any case, until any ongoing checks, reviews, audits, investigations, litigation or other pursuits of claims have been concluded.

## **25.5 Consequences of checks, reviews, audits and investigations — Extension of results of reviews, audits or investigations**

### **25.5.1 Consequences of checks, reviews, audits and investigations in this grant**

Findings in checks, reviews, audits or investigations carried out in the context of this grant may lead to rejections (see Article 27), grant reduction (see Article 28) or other measures described in Chapter 5.

Rejections or grant reductions after the final payment will lead to a revised final grant amount (see Article 22).

<sup>20</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18/09/2013, p. 1).

<sup>21</sup> Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/1996 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15/11/1996, p. 2).

Findings in checks, reviews, audits or investigations during the action implementation may lead to a request for amendment (see Article 39), to change the description of the action set out in Annex 1.

Checks, reviews, audits or investigations that find systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or breach of obligations in any EU grant may also lead to consequences in other EU grants awarded under similar conditions ('extension to other grants').

Moreover, findings arising from an OLAF or EPPO investigation may lead to criminal prosecution under national law.

### 25.5.2 Extension from other grants

Results of checks, reviews, audits or investigations in other grants may be extended to this grant, if:

- (a) the beneficiary concerned is found, in other EU grants awarded under similar conditions, to have committed systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant and
- (b) those findings are formally notified to the beneficiary concerned — together with the list of grants affected by the findings — within the time-limit for audits set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6).

The granting authority will formally notify the beneficiary concerned of the intention to extend the findings and the list of grants affected.

If the extension concerns **rejections of costs or contributions**: the notification will include:

- (a) an invitation to submit observations on the list of grants affected by the findings
- (b) the request to submit revised financial statements for all grants affected
- (c) the correction rate for extrapolation, established on the basis of the systemic or recurrent errors, to calculate the amounts to be rejected, if the beneficiary concerned:
  - (i) considers that the submission of revised financial statements is not possible or practicable or
  - (ii) does not submit revised financial statements.

If the extension concerns **grant reductions**: the notification will include:

- (a) an invitation to submit observations on the list of grants affected by the findings and
- (b) the **correction rate for extrapolation**, established on the basis of the systemic or recurrent errors and the principle of proportionality.

The beneficiary concerned has **60 days** from receiving notification to submit observations, revised financial statements or to propose a duly substantiated **alternative correction method/rate**.

On the basis of this, the granting authority will analyse the impact and decide on the implementation (i.e. start rejection or grant reduction procedures, either on the basis of the revised financial statements or the announced/alternative method/rate or a mix of those; see Articles 27 and 28).

### 25.6 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, costs or contributions insufficiently substantiated will be ineligible (see Article 6) and will be rejected (see Article 27), and the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

## Annex V

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