

**BLACK SEA BASIN INNOVATION PLATFORM
DIALOGUEINNOHUB**

**LETTER OF INTENT (MoU) FOR COOPERATION
DIALOGUE – Dialogue for Innovation and Better Governance Project (BSB01104)**

1. PARTIES

This Letter of Intent for Cooperation is established between the following institutions, which are stakeholders of the "**DIALOGUE: Dialogue for Innovation and Better Governance**" project, supported by the "Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme 2021–2027":

- ----- (Partner)

- _____

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this agreement is to determine the cooperation framework of the "Black Sea Innovation Platform: Dialoginnohub" to mobilize the innovation potential in the Black Sea Basin and to create a participatory ecosystem within the framework of the quadruple helix (public, academia, business world, civil society) model.

The Parties commit to cooperating on the following matters:

- Improving coordination and cross-border dialogue between regional innovation actors.
- Sharing information, expertise, and best practice examples.
- Carrying out joint studies in capacity building, mentoring, and training activities.



- Raising awareness regarding EU policies (Green Deal, Digital Strategy, etc.) and funding opportunities.
- Creating long-term and sustainable cooperation networks (consortia).

3. AREAS OF COOPERATION

Within the scope of the platform, participants aim to act together in the following areas:

- Organizing workshops, conferences, and thematic events for dialogue and information sharing.
- Sharing current resources, expertise, and experiences regarding innovation policies.
- Developing joint position papers, recommendation decisions, and policy inputs
- Participating together in projects funded by the EU and other international programs.
- Promoting networking and matchmaking opportunities among quadruple helix actors.

Participation is completely flexible and voluntary; each member contributes in line with their own interest and capacity.

4. PLATFORM STRUCTURE

The platform is built on a participatory and horizontal structure. Each member's contribution is valuable and does not create any hierarchical superiority. The structure consists of the following components:

- **Board of Directors:** The highest decision-making body consisting of senior officials of the project partner institutions.
- **Platform Secretariat:** Coordinates daily operations, meeting organizations, and network development activities.

- **Black Sea Innovation Council:** Consists of all members. It ensures the representation of local needs and the development of strategic recommendations.
- **Thematic Working Groups:** Flexible units that produce solutions in specific areas such as green transformation and digitalization.

This structure is designed to facilitate participation and accelerate cooperation.

5. COOPERATION PRINCIPLES AND REPUTATION

Platform participation is based entirely on voluntariness and the principle of mutual benefit;

- Principles of openness, inclusiveness, and transparency are taken as basis in all processes.
- Members use the information shared within the platform within an ethical framework and respect the reputation of other participants.
- In order to protect the corporate identity of the platform, all members are obliged to avoid any actions that may damage the prestige, authority, and reputation of other members.

6. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

This agreement is:

- A declaration of intent and a cooperation commitment that does not create any legal or financial obligations between the parties.
- Platform membership does not create a direct financial responsibility for the stakeholders, except for cases separately agreed upon within the scope of joint projects.
- The European Union and the INTERREG NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme Managing Authority do not bear any legal responsibility towards any member for any damage, loss, or claim that may arise during the implementation or participation stage of this agreement.



- Except for the provisions clearly stated in this agreement, no member can be held responsible to another for any loss, damage, or claim that may arise as a result of participation in the platform or the implementation of the protocol.

Participation in the platform is not a risk for institutions, but an opportunity to create value.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- The parties undertake not to share any commercial, technical, or strategic information they have acquired from each other during platform activities and which is clearly stated as "confidential" with third parties.
- This agreement does not create any transfer of intellectual property rights between the parties. In case of a newly developed product or service developed jointly, the right of ownership is determined by a separate special contract to be made.

8. VISIBILITY AND COMMUNICATION

- In all platform activities, action will be taken in accordance with the "Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme" visibility guide.
- The parties may use the name and logo of the platform only in events and promotions within the scope of cooperation. This use does not mean that the institutions have the authority to represent each other.

9. NEW MEMBER PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL

- Organizations active in innovation, research, regional development, or civil society fields can become members of the platform by signing the Letter of Intent for Cooperation with the decision of the project partners.
- New members are deemed to have committed to actively participating in platform activities and supporting information sharing.



- Any member can leave the platform by giving written notice at least 30 days in advance. The departure of a member does not affect the rights and obligations of the remaining members.

This flexibility ensures that the platform remains in a dynamic and sustainable structure

10. LEGAL NATURE, DURATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY

This agreement is a declaration of intent and cooperation that does not create any legal or financial obligation between the parties. This agreement continues during the project period and as long as one of the parties does not declare a desire to leave.

With the agreement of the parties, the duration can be extended within the scope of the sustainability of the project. Unless there is a written statement to the contrary at the end of the project period, the agreement is considered automatically renewed for one-year periods for the continuation of the cooperation.

This agreement was drawn up, read, and signed in two (2) copies between the parties on _____.

Effective Date: Enters into force on the date signed by the parties.

Partner Name

Authorized Person:

Title: Signature-

Date:

Relevant Institution Name:

Authorized Person:

Title: Signature-

Date:

