

## Participation of CNR in LifeKIC: Declaration of Motivation and Commitment

### Motivation

The National Research Council (CNR) is the largest Italian public research institution; its duty is to carry out, promote, spread, transfer and improve research activities in the main sectors of knowledge growth and of its applications for the scientific, technological, economic and social development of Italy. The scientific network of CNR is composed of more than 100 institutions, divided into 7 Departments (Biomedical sciences, Bio-agro Sciences, Chemical Sciences and Materials technologies, Engineering, ICT and Technology for Energy and Transport, Physical Sciences and Technologies of Matter, Earth System Science and Environmental Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Cultural Heritage) with about 8,000 employees. CNR participates in LIFEKIC with all departments, highlighting the strong multi-disciplinary characterizing the health domain. According to an approach of a national innovation ecosystem in the knowledge triangle, CNR can represent a research institute broker as intermediaries between Research System-Education-Business System, and political systems for LIFEKIC.

The motivation of CNR to take part in LIFEKIC results from several factors:

#### Access to a group of research partners

Access to an extensive and excellent group of EU research partners provided by LIFEKIC will enable CNR to engage new collaborations for both research and technology transfer solutions, developing new skills and competences in multiple disciplines at an EU scale.

#### Access to academic excellence

Access to an extensive and excellent group of Universities and associated training centres across LIFEKIC will enable CNR to engage new academic collaborations and to establish new multi-disciplinary competences.

#### Access to industry partners

Access to an extensive group of industry partners will enable CNR to implement an effective process of technology and knowledge transfers in order to bring research results closer to the market. It will also exploit industrial and specialized expertise on business modelling to validate its research directions in terms of real impact on societal challenges and market solutions.

#### Access to health-care service delivery organisations

CNR will exploit the access to health-care service delivery organisations provided by LIFEKIC to create new opportunities to expand its portfolio of targeted research having a direct exchange between health-care systems requirements and CNR research activities. It will also be able to define new areas for contract research.

### Added Value

CNR brings the following added values to LIFEKIC:

#### Transfer of research excellence into new products and services

CNR will work closely with health-care delivery organisations to help them improve existing products and services and introduce demand-driven innovative products and services.

#### Dissemination of good practise

CNR will support the active promotion of the dissemination of good practices of KIC in order to develop a common innovation and knowledge sharing culture, in particular to those people and institutions that do not directly participate in the KICs.

#### Sponsorship of targeted research at Universities

CNR will both sponsor targeted research at Universities and take an active role in collaborative research programmes with them.

## Stimulation of market-relevant University courses

In collaboration with academic partners, CNR will give input into University syllabi relevant to the needs of the health-care marketplace.

## Promotion of Entrepreneurship

CNR will promote and support the creation of spin-off companies and growth of SMEs, in order to exploit and transfer the market know-how and technologies developed through research within LIFEKIC. To date, the network of CNR has produced 56 spin-off companies (<http://www.cnr.it/sitocnr/IICNR/Innovazione/SocietaSpinoffCNR.html>), of which part to direct participation of the institution and / or utilizing patented technology of CNR in the following areas of interest for the LIFEKIC: biomedical and life sciences, ICT and telecommunications, food, nanotechnology and new materials, environment, electronics, automation.

## Talent development

CNR will support talent development across Europe for enhancing educational, entrepreneurial or innovation potential, (e.g., through short-term mobility programmes for researchers). As part of the activities related to the "International Relations", the exchange of researchers for conducting research programs on both common and free themes is financed and promoted through bilateral agreements on cooperation in science and technology with foreign counterparts entities present in all the continents.

## Policy alignment and cooperation between higher education, research and innovation

CNR has developed different types of synergies with EU, national and regional innovation policies, in order to create faster routes from research to innovation through the optimal use of available programmes and instruments, among which more than 40 bilateral cooperation agreements with European and extra-European countries.

## Commitment

The following commitments result from the participation of CNR in LIFEKIC:

### Funding of relevant research

CNR will invest €100k per annum to fund PhD studies in areas relevant to its business. Furthermore, CNR supports and maintains close working relationships with scientific representatives of foreign embassies present in Italy and with the Italian scientific officers at the Italian representatives abroad. CNR will support at these offices competitions for scholarships for graduates in the domain of LIFEKIC.

### Co-Funding of relevant innovation

CNR can offer resources to finance 75% including EU, national and regional funding sources from ongoing already funded projects (e.g. more than 50 EU projects are currently running in the domain of LIFEKIC). CNR will align its co-funding activities to LIFEKIC goals.

### Secondment

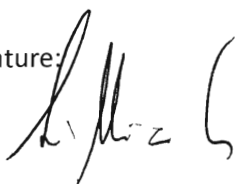
CNR commits to a secondment of staff to bring their expertise and experience to the research organisations and Universities across the LIFEKIC network.

## Confirmation

I confirm that the statements above are correct

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Signature:



## **PART A – Form A2\_2 Partner Declaration**

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**Instructions** - "Form A2\_2 Partner Declaration" has to be filled in by **each partner** excluding the coordinator. **The coordinator** will be responsible for collecting and merging all partners' documents in one PDF ("portable document format", compatible with Adobe version 5 or higher, with embedded fonts) to be uploaded in the system. Other file formats will not be accepted by the system. There is an overall limit of 10 Mbyte to the size of the file.

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### **Declaration of honour on exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interest**

The undersigned (*insert name of the signatory of this form*) representing the following legal person:

full official name:

official legal form:

full official address:

- declares that the above-mentioned legal person is not in one of the following situations:
  - a) is bankrupt or being wound up, is having its affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
  - b) has been convicted of an offence concerning professional conduct by a judgment of a competent authority of a Member State which has the force of *res judicata*;
  - c) has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) can justify including by decisions of the European Investment Bank and international organisations;
  - d) is not in compliance with all its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions and the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established, with those of the country of the authorising officer responsible and those of the country where the proposal is to be implemented;
  - e) has been the subject of a judgement which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering or any other illegal activity, where such activity is detrimental to the Union's financial interests;
  - f) is subject to an administrative penalty for being guilty of misrepresenting the information required as a condition of participation in a grant award procedure or procurement procedure or failing to supply this information, or having been declared to be in serious breach of its obligations under contracts or grant agreements covered by the Union's budget.
- declares that the natural persons with power of representation, decision-making or control<sup>1</sup> over the above-mentioned legal entity are not in the situations referred to in b) and e) above;
- declares that the above-mentioned legal person:
  - g) has no conflict of interest in connection with the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 2014 Call for Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) proposals; a conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinity, family, emotional life or any other shared interest;
  - h) will inform the EIT, without delay, of any situation considered a conflict of interest or which could give rise to a conflict of interest;

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<sup>1</sup> This covers the company directors, members of the management or supervisory bodies, and cases where one natural person holds a majority of shares.



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- i) has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and has not accepted and will not accept any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, where such advantage constitutes an illegal practice or involves corruption, either directly or indirectly, inasmuch as it is an incentive or reward relating to the designation of the KICs;
- j) has provided accurate, sincere and complete information to the EIT within the context of this application process;

*I acknowledge that according to Article 131 of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (Official Journal L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1) and Article 145 of its Rules of Application (Official Journal L 362, 31.12.2012, p.1) applicants found guilty of misrepresentation may be subject to administrative and financial penalties under certain conditions.*

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*Your personal data may be registered in the Early Warning System (EWS) only or both in the EWS and Central Exclusion Database (CED) by the Accounting Officer of the Commission, should you be in one of the situations mentioned in:*

- the Commission Decision 2008/969 of 16.12.2008 on the Early Warning System (for more information see the Privacy Statement) on

[http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts\\_grants/info\\_contracts/legal\\_entities/legal\\_entities\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/legal_entities/legal_entities_en.cfm),

or

- the Commission Regulation 2008/1302 of 17.12.2008 on the Central Exclusion Database (see more information on

[http://ec.europa.eu/budget/explained/management/protecting/protect\\_en.cfm#BDCE](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/explained/management/protecting/protect_en.cfm#BDCE)).

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Date and place: 28/8/2014

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Nicolais', is written over a horizontal line.