**FRIEND CCI call for proposals dedicated to SMEs**

**Annex C**

**Declaration of financial regularity, privacy,** **non-cumulation and non-retroactivity of grants**

I, the undersigned, ......................................................, representing the organization ..........................................., VAT ......................................................................., in quality of ……………………… (*Lead Partner/Partner*) of the proposal *(Acronym)* ……………………………………………………, covering the position of................................................ *(legal representative/consortium partner)*, an organisation located in ............................................, Country ................................., formally agree with the following declaration and I am aware of the information here stated.

**FINANCIAL REGULARITY**

In my capacity as legal representative or consortium partner, in relation to the application procedure for obtaining funds through the European funding project FRIEND CCI, I declare:

- that my organisation is not-included in situations relating to the prevention, detection, and sanctioning of irregularities occurring in the acquisition and use of European funds and/or related national public funds, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

- that I do not fall within the hypotheses described in the law on the prevention, detection, and sanctioning of irregularities occurring in the acquisition and use of European funds and/or national public funds related to them.  
  
- that I will immediately inform the FRIEND CCI consortium and the funding organisation if there are any changes to this declaration.

- that the information provided is complete and correct in every detail and understand that the funding organisation has the right to request, for the purpose of verification and confirmation of the declaration, any additional information.

I understand that if this declaration is not in conformity with reality, I am liable to breach the provisions of the criminal legislation on false declarations.

**GDPR Compliance**

The General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679/EU) guarantees that the processing of data is carried out in compliance with the fundamental rights and freedoms, as well as the dignity of the data subject with particular reference to confidentiality, personal identity and the right to data protection. By applying, the applicant agrees to the storage and use of their personal data for the execution of the FRIEND CCI objectives and work plan.

The 1st and 2nd Call for financial support for SMEs results will contain information about the successful selections of providers in the awarded project in the context of the FRIEND CCI project, which will be made publicly available before the end of the project. Concretely the following data will be published: project title, names of project partners and selected providers, short project description (as provided by the applicant in the application template, project duration, budget amount).

The processing of data that FRIEND CCI Consortium intends to carry out will be based on lawfulness and correctness in the full protection of the data subject’s rights and its confidentiality pursuant to the general principles of the GDPR and its art.24.

**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.

If a beneficiary requests, the FRIEND CCI Consortium may agree to keep such information confidential for a longer period. The FRIEND CCI Consortium may disclose sensitive information to its staff and to the EU institutions and bodies. It may moreover disclose sensitive information to SMEs, if: a) this is necessary to implement the Sub-Grant Agreement or safeguard the EU financial interests; b) the recipients of the information are bound by an obligation of confidentiality. The confidentiality obligations no longer apply if: c) the disclosing party agrees to release the other party d) the information becomes publicly available, without breaching any confidentiality obligation e) the disclosure of the sensitive information is required by EU, international or national law.

**Declaration of non-cumulation and non-retroactivity of grants**

Non-cumulation – A grant beneficiary may receive no more than one grant per action funded and no more than one operation grant per financial year.

Non-retroactivity – Grants may not be awarded to actions that are already completed or have already started. Exception – Exceptionally, if the applicant can duly justify the need for the action to start prior to the grant contract signature, we may accept for the grant to cover earlier costs.

I have been informed that, under Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European - 2/2 - Communities[[1]](#footnote-1). Applicants found guilty of false declarations may be subject to administrative and financial penalties in accordance with the conditions laid down in that Regulation.

Date: ………………………………………

Signatary Name: ......................................................

*The legal name of the company: ………………………………………*

*Administrator/legal representative: ………………………………………..*

Signature: ……………………………………..

**This document must be signed in digital form (Pades or Cades), or alternatively signed in original with the ID document of the declarant attached**.

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1. OJ L 248, 16.09.2002, p.1, as last amended by Council Regulation n°1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)