

# Declaration of Honour

To be submitted at the application stage

September 2024

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Company name) established  
in \_\_\_\_\_, (Official SME address), SME VAT number<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_,  
represented for the purposes of signing and submitting the proposal and the Declaration of Honour by  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of legal representative), (position in the company)

By signing this document, I declare that

- 1) I have the legally binding authorisation of the above-mentioned SME for submitting this proposal;
- 2) the legal status of the above-mentioned company is SME as defined in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC. Definition here: [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en)
- 3) The above-mentioned SME is **not** in one of the following situations:
  - a) it 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) it or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over it have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of res judicata;
  - c) it has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify including by decisions of the European Investment Bank and international organizations;
  - d) it is not in compliance with its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed, to be proved by the deliverance of official documents issued by the local authorities, according to the local applicable rules;

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<sup>1</sup> VAT is mandatory during the contract preparation. Failure providing of a valid VAT of the specific SME will result in automatic rejection of the proposal.



- e) it or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over it have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity, where such illegal activity is detrimental to the Union's financial interests;
- f) it is subject to an administrative penalty for being guilty of misrepresenting the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in a grant award procedure or another procurement procedure or failing to supply this information or having been declared to be in serious breach of its obligations under contracts or grants covered by the Union's budget.

4) the natural persons with power of representation, decision-making or control over the above-mentioned SME are not in the situations referred to in a) to f) above;

5) I certify that the above-mentioned SME:

- has not made false declarations in supplying the information required by the Innovation Challenge as a condition of participation or does not fail to supply this information;
- is committed to participate in the abovementioned project;
- has the necessary resources as and when needed to carry out its involvement in the above-mentioned project.

Full name: _____  On behalf of SME: _____	Signature and stamp (if applicable)
Done at (place) _____ the (day) _____ (month) _____ (year)	

