**DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE DO NO SIGNIFICANT HARM (DNSH) PRINCIPLE AND THE RELEVANT NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION**

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| Project acronym: |  |
| Organisation name (Beneficial Owner) |  |
| Partner number (as in the PAF): |  |
| Partner legal representative name and surname |  |
| Partner legal representative birth date |  |
| Address |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Country: |  |
| Phone: |  |
| Email: |  |
| VAT identification number(s) or tax identification number(s) |  |

I, the undersigned [*Title, First Name, Last Name*], as legal representative of the above-mentioned organization*,* acting as a project partner in the above-mentioned Interreg Atlantic Area project with the role of project partner, hereby certify the following:

* I am legally authorised to sign this statement on behalf of my organisation;

**DECLARE UNDER MY RESPONSIBILITY THAT**

1. The implementation of the project activities, in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, and subject to further verification through the acquisition of relevant documentation to be produced by the project, is expected not to cause significant harm to environmental objectives, and specifically to the following goals:
   1. mitigation of climate change, as the activities **do not lead** to significant greenhouse gases;
   2. adaptation to climate change, as the activities **do not have** an increased adverse impact on the current and future climate, on the activities themselves or on people, nature or property;
   3. sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, as the activities **are not detrimental** to the good health of water bodies (surface, groundwater or marine) or harm its quality or reduce its ecological potential;
   4. transition to the circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling, as the activities **do not result** in significant inefficiencies in the use of recovered or recycled materials, increase the direct or indirect use of natural resources, or significantly increase waste or the burning or disposal thereof, causing significant long-term environmental damage;
   5. prevention and reduction of air, water and soil pollution, as the activities **must not cause** increased emissions of pollutants in the air, water or soil;
   6. protection and restoration of biodiversity and health of ecosystems, as the activities **must not harm** the good condition and resilience of ecosystems or the conservation status of habitats and species, including those of interest to the European Union[[1]](#footnote-1).
2. The research activities within the project do not include “brown” research and innovation activities, following the Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01:
   1. fossil fuel related activities, including downstream use;
   2. activities under the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) that result in greenhouse gas emission projections that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks;
   3. activities related to waste landfills, incinerators and mechanical biological treatment plants;
   4. activities where the long-term disposal of waste may cause damage to the environment.
3. The research activities are compliant with the relevant national and European environmental legislation.
4. The partner has directed, in the context of the procedures for the selection and execution of the contract, the Subjects contractors or performers to the prior verification of the need to undertake, or less, an environmental assessment procedure.

**AND JUSTIFY THAT**

1. all the previous declarations describing how the DNSH principle has been fulfilled concerning the environmental objectives, producing appropriate evidentiary documentation, and completing the following table:

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| Environmental goal | Was the DNSH principle fulfilled with regards to the environmental objective? (Yes/No)[[2]](#footnote-2) | Justifications[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| 1. Climate change mitigation |  |  |
| 1. Climate change adaptation |  |  |
| 1. The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources |  |  |
| 1. The circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling |  |  |
| 1. Pollution prevention and control to air, water, or land |  |  |
| 1. The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems |  |  |

SIGNATURE For the legal entity

[Forename/Surname/Function]

[Signature]

[Date]

*A digital signature is welcomed.*

1. When assessing an economic activity based on the criteria set out in this paragraph, the environmental impact of those activities and the environmental impact of the products and services they provide throughout their life cycle shall be considered, in particular considering production, use and purpose. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. If the research activities do not have a significant impact on the environmental objective, a “Yes” answer can be provided. In this case, write ‘Not Applicable’ in the «Justifications» column for each row. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Please explain, where appropriate by means of appropriate documentation, how the DNSH principle has been respected for each of the six environmental objectives. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)