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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

To establish

THE BALKANET STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK



One of the most important BALKANET project objective is to create a **Transnational Cooperation Network** between public/private research centers and local enterprises in order to improve SME's efficiently. This protocol of understanding is based on the awareness that innovation in agri-food sector can contribute to a sustainable development.

Since agriculture is an important economic field of the BMP area, the project relevance is mainly focused on the development of agro-food market through **a transnational pilot model of local stakeholders Network** (SMEs, institutions, research centers, young innovators, civil society) transferring innovative best practices.

Be part of this Network has many advantages:

- ❖ SMEs can increase their competitiveness and internationalization ability thanks to the support of new ideas coming from high skilled young innovators and the transnational network.
- ❖ Young innovators, involved as volunteer "testers" (without any fees) and selected through open public calls with no exclusions and wide selection criteria can have the great opportunities to test and optimize their ideas facing SMEs needs and fostering the innovation processes of agro-food market;
- ❖ Research centers, national, regional, local institutions, can support the innovation processes and facilitate the transferring of innovative best practices.

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It will be possible to:

- Support and enhance the results of the research of young innovators and the matching between public / private demand (companies) and the offer (young researchers) of innovation, for a sustainable growth of the agri-food sector in BPM area;



- Create the general conditions to improve dialogue, exchange and mobility between public / private research centers and to promote the development and application of young innovators' ideas;
- Create a system of interconnected offices and a technological platform for the exchange and development of young innovators' ideas

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, the BALKANET project is committed to the establishment of the Network through the subscription of a **Memorandum of Understanding** based on the awareness that innovation in the agri-food sector can contribute to sustainable development and on the conviction that to innovate it is necessary to strengthen the ideas of young researchers. It is important also to support entrepreneurs with an innovative spirit and therefore the encounter between research demand and supply with particular reference to the improvement of young innovators skills and business competences

Objectives, principles and conditions of the BALKANET STAKEHOLDERS Network

The MOU subscribers accept the following fundamental objectives, principles and conditions for the establishment of the project Network:

Name: the parties agree to call this Network "BALKANET TRANSNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK".

Mission: The general objectives of the Network are:

- ❖ Promote and stimulate innovation processes
- ❖ Support the start-up of companies to enhance the exploitation of research results of young innovators,
- ❖ Facilitate the connection between the training supply chain and the world of work by encouraging youth employment;



- ❖ Encourage the meeting between public / private domain (companies) and the innovation offer (young researchers), for sustainable growth in the agri-food sector

Memberships

Members: the BALKANET TRANSNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK” is always open to new members and institutions that operate at international, national, regional and local levels, and who may be interested in promoting innovative ideas.

Eligibility of accessions: joining BALKANET TRANSNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK”.is voluntary and open to public and private organizations;

Creators Members: They are the project partners and those individuals (or groups of young innovators) designated by BALKANET TRANSNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK”.in order to provide innovative ideas that can be promoted and supported by the Network itself;

Supporting members: individuals or companies interested in the objectives of the network and who intend to support their activities;

Principles of collaboration: all BALKANET TRANSNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK” members will promote and have benefit from the use of the structure, activities and services of the project.

The members can join for the following purposes:

- ❖ Promotion of BALKANET project services to research organizations, companies, sector associations, for innovators;
- ❖ Identification, assistance and guidance to potential designers in the development and presentation of project innovative ideas, with the support of BALKANET project platform;
- ❖ Collaboration in the dissemination of information on the innovative ideas and on the results of research projects related to the needs of companies;
- ❖ Collaboration in partners research for the young innovators ideas and their applicated results

To this end, BALKANET project is committed to provide a digital platform that acts as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information between members of the BALKANET TRANSNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK and for the dissemination of information material to be used for the activity. awareness-raising and as a tool to promote young people's innovative ideas



Forms of Collaboration: The collaboration within the BALKANET TRANSNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK will be conducted voluntarily, without association or formal constitution.

Coordination: The Network will be managed and directed by a Coordination Committee composed of 12 members (each partner will indicate two members). The formed Committee will appoint the President and the secretary

Decisions and Voting: The decisions of the Committee will be reached with the majority of votes, unless there is a different agreement

Financing of Activities: The Network Members will have access to the project services without any cost. All activities carried out by members for the benefit of the network will be carried out voluntarily and each party will cover its own expenses incurred in relation to it. The Network will try to stimulate external support from national or transnational bodies that could be interested in promoting their activities in favor of the European Union and participating countries

Web site and publications: Each member must agree to make their membership status visible on their own website and on any other publications related to the innovation in the agro food sector. Each member undertakes to provide and update their information for this purpose.

Member's resignations: All members can present their resignation voluntarily and at any time, upon written notice.

Duration: the present Memorandum of Understanding will be valid for the entire duration of the project. After the project end a new formal agreement will be requested becoming part of the BALKANET project sustainability plan.



Creators Member

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Supporting members

Name of the member

I / We declare my / our support for the general objective of BALKANET TRANSNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK

I / We undertake to collaborate with other members of the BALKANET TRANSNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS NETWORK, through

- ❖ Promotion of BALKANET Project services on the web,
- ❖ Identification and guidance of BALKANET project services,
- ❖ Providing information on innovations in the agro-food sector for the BALKANET project database,
- ❖ Collaborating in the organization of BALKANET project events

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