**PARTNER’S DECLARATION**

I, the undersigned …………………………………………………………………………………..

In my capacity of a legal representative of ………………………………………

With its official address at: ……………………………………………………………………….

National registration code: ………………………………………………………………………..

VAT №/ equivalent: ……………………………………………………………………………

acting as PARTNER …. in the project …………

hereby declare that the body/institution/organisation I represent:

1. **Is eligible** in accordance with the criterias set out under section 2 of the Guidelines for Applicants.
2. Has the sources of financing, professional competence and qualifications for implementation of the project.
3. Undertakes to comply with the obligations foreseen in the Project Partnership Agreement and grant application form and with the principles of good partnership practice.
4. Is directly responsible for the preparation, management and implementation of the action with all project partners and is not acting as an intermediary.
5. **Do not fall** in any of the situations excluding it from participating in contracts, namely:

* is bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding-up procedures, its assets are being administered by a liquidator or by a court, it is in an arrangement with creditors, its business activities are suspended, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for under national laws or regulations;
* are not under liquidation or under difficulty accordingly to the Commission Regulation No 651/2014. Companies revealing economic difficulties only due to the pandemic situation will be analyzed and considered even if they provide a negative balance of year 2020/2021.
* is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the applicable law;
* is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the economic operator belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibility where such conduct denotes a wrongful intent or gross negligence, including, in particular, any of the following:
* fraudulently or negligently misrepresenting information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of eligibility or selection criteria or in the implementation of the legal commitment;
* entering into agreement with other persons or entities with the aim of distorting competition;
* violating intellectual property rights;
* attempting to influence the decision-making process during the award procedure;
* attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the award procedure;
* is guilty of fraud, corruption, conduct related to a criminal organisation, money laundering or terrorist financing, terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, child labour or other offences concerning trafficking in human beings;
* has shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations in the implementation of a legal commitment financed by the EU, which has:
* led to the early termination of a legal commitment;
* led to the application of liquidated damages or other contractual penalties;
* been discovered by an authorising officer, OLAF or the Court of Auditors following checks, audits or investigations;
* has committed an irregularity within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Council Regulation(EC, Euratom) No 2988/95;
* has created an entity in a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or any other legal obligations in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration or principal place of business;
* has been created with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or any other legal obligations in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration or principal place of business.

1. **Has not benefited** of the financing support from public funds for the same project proposal in terms of objectives, activities and results, and do **not apply for other funds** in the form of grant for the same project proposal , that is described within the current application submitted under the call for proposals for (INTERREG VI-A) IPA Bulgaria Serbia Programme.
2. **Has not receiving state aid** for the same action, that is described within the current application submitted under call for proposals for (INTERREG VI-A) IPA Bulgaria Serbia Programme. Assistance provided under this Programme is in accordance with the National and Community legislation on state aid.
3. **Has not generating revenue from the same action**, that is described within the current application submitted under call for proposals (INTERREG VI-A) IPA Bulgaria Serbia Programme.
4. Will provide its own contribution to the eligible expenditure and **ensure the temporary availability of funds** until they are reimbursed by the Programme.
5. Will **cover all non-eligible expenditures** corresponding to its activities incurred during project implementation.
6. Is aware that, for the purposes of safeguarding the financial interests of the Communities, their personal data may be transferred to internal audit services, to the European Court of Auditors, to the Financial Irregularities Panel or to the European Anti-Fraud Office.
7. Is fully aware of the obligation to inform without delay the Managing Authority to which this application is submitted if the same application for funding made to other European Commission departments or Community institutions has been approved by them after the submission of this grant application.

I, also, hereby declare, that the operation has **not been physically completed or fully or partially implemented before the application** for funding under the programme is submitted by the beneficiary to the managing authority, irrespective of whether all related payments have been made by the beneficiary (except project preparation).

I shall immediately inform the Managing authority within Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Republic of Bulgaria and/or National Authority within Ministry of European Integration of Republic of Serbia, of any multiple applications and multiple grants relating to the same action or to the same work programme.

[Applicable only to Lead partner

If the project proposal is recommended for funding, I accept the contractual conditions as laid down in the Standard Subsidy Contract.]

I am fully aware of the fact I am legally liable for making false declarations.

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(Place, Date/month/ year)

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(Signature of legal representative)