**DECLARATION ON HONOUR**

The undersigned *insert name of the signatory of this form*, representing the following legal entity:

* full official name:
* official legal form:
* full official address:
* VAT registration number :

(**the person**)

which has been authorised to sign the present declaration on behalf of the following other persons (consortium members):

*[insert names of other entities on behalf of which the declaration is being signed,* declares that each person (the applicant, including any member of the consortium)

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| 1. is eligible in accordance with the criteria set out in the specific call for proposals; |
| 1. has the required financial and operational capacity as set out in the specific call for proposals[[1]](#footnote-1); |
| 1. has not received any other Union funding to carry out the action subject of this grant application and commits to declare immediately to CEPOL any other such Union funding it would receive until the end of the action. |

If any of the above requirements is not satisfied, please indicate in annex to this declaration which and the name of the concerned person with a brief explanation.

**I SITUATIONS OF EXCLUSION CONCERNING THE PERSON:**

(4) declares that the applicant (including any member of the consortium) **is not** in one of the following situations:

1. 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 it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for under national legislation or regulations;
2. has been established by a final judgement or a final administrative decision that the applicant is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the applicable law;
3. has been established by a final judgement or a final administrative decision that the applicant is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the applicant belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibility where such conduct denotes wrongful intent or gross negligence, including, in particular, any of the following:

(i) fraudulently or negligently misrepresenting information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of selection criteria or in the performance of a contract, a grant agreement or a grant decision;

(ii) entering into agreement with other persons with the aim of distorting competition;

(iii) violating intellectual property rights;

(iv) attempting to influence the decision-making process of CEPOL during the award procedure;

(v) attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the award procedure;

1. has been established by a final judgement that the applicant is guilty of the following:

(i) fraud, within the meaning of Article 3 of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 and Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995;

(ii) corruption, as defined in Article 4(2) of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 or active corruption within the meaning of Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of EU Member States, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 May 1997, or conduct referred to in Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA, or corruption as defined in other applicable laws;

(iii) conduct related to a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA;

(iv) money laundering or terrorist financing, within the meaning of Article 1(3), (4) and (5) of Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council;

(v) terrorist-related offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA, respectively, or inciting, aiding, abetting or attempting to commit such offences, as referred to in Article 4 of that Decision;

(vi) child labour or other forms of trafficking in human beings as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council;

1. has shown significant deficiencies in complying with the main obligations in the performance of a contract, a grant agreement or a grant decision financed by the Union’s budget, which has led to its early termination or to the application of liquidated damages or other contractual penalties, or which has been discovered following checks, audits or investigations by an Authorising Officer, OLAF or the Court of Auditors;
2. it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person has committed an irregularity within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95;
3. it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person has created an entity under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or any other legal obligations of mandatory application in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration or principal place of business;
4. it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person has been created with the intent provided for in point (g);
5. for the situations referred to in points (c) to (h) above the person is subject to::

(i) facts established in the context of audits or investigations carried out by the Court of Auditors, OLAF or internal audit, or any other check, audit or control performed under the responsibility of an authorising officer of an EU institution, of a European office or of an EU agency or body;

(ii) non-final administrative decisions which may include disciplinary measures taken by the competent supervisory body responsible for the verification of the application of standards of professional ethics;

(iii) facts referred to in decisions of entities or persons being entrusted with EU budget implementation tasks;

(iv) information transmitted by Member States implementing Union funds;

(v) decisions of the Commission relating to the infringement of the Union's competition rules or of a national competent authority relating to the infringement of Union or national competition law;

(vi) decisions of exclusion by an authorising officer of an EU institution, of a European office or of an EU agency or body.

**II SITUATIONS OF EXCLUSION CONCERNING A NATURAL PERSON WHO IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE AWARD OR THE IMLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION SUBJECT TO THE GRANT APPLICATION[[2]](#footnote-2)**

(5) declares that a natural person who is essential for the award or for the implementation of the action subject to the grant application is not in one of the following situations[[3]](#footnote-3) :

- situation (c) above (grave professional misconduct)

- situation (d) above (fraud, corruption or other criminal offence)

- situation (e) above (significant deficiencies in performance of a contract )

- situation (f) above (irregularity)

- situation (g) above (creation of an entity with the intent to circumvent legal obligations)

- situation (h) above (person created with the intent to circumvent legal obligations)

**III SITUATIONS OF EXLUSION CONCERNING BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND NATURAL PERSON WITH POWER OF REPRESENTATION, DECISION-MAKING OR CONTROL[[4]](#footnote-4)**

**(6)** declares that a natural or legal person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of the above-mentioned person(s), or who has powers of representation, decision or control with regard to the above-mentioned person(s) (this covers e.g. company directors, members of management or supervisory bodies, and cases where one natural or legal person holds a majority of shares), or a beneficial owner of the person(s) (as referred to in point 6 of article 3 of Directive (EU) No 2015/849) is not in one of the following situations:

- situation (c) above (grave professional misconduct)

- situation (d) above (fraud, corruption or other criminal offence)

- situation (e) above (significant deficiencies in performance of a contract )

- situation (f) above (irregularity)

- situation (g) above (creation of an entity with the intent to circumvent legal obligations)

- situation (h) above (person created with the intent to circumvent legal obligations)

**IV SITUATIONS OF EXCLUSION CONCERNING NATURAL OR LEGAL PERSONS ASSUMING UNLIMITED LIABILITY FOR THE DEBTS OF THE PERSON[[5]](#footnote-5):**

(7) declares that a natural or legal person that assumes unlimited liability for the debts of the above mentioned person(s) is not in one of the following situations[[6]](#footnote-6):

- situation (a) above (bankruptcy)

- situation (b) above (breach in payment of taxes or social security contributions)

**V GROUNDS FOR REJECTION FROM THE PROCEDURE**

(8) declares that each person was not previously involved in the preparation of documents used in this award procedure, where this entailed a breach of the principle of equality of treatment including distortion of competition that cannot be remedied otherwise[[7]](#footnote-7) .

**VI REMEDIAL MEASURES:**

If the person(s) declares one of the situations of exclusion listed above, it/they should indicate the measures it/they has/have taken to remedy the exclusion situation, thus demonstrating its/their reliability. This may include e.g. technical, organisational and personnel measures to prevent further occurrence, compensation of damage or payment of fines or of any taxes or social security contributions. The relevant documentary evidence which illustrates the remedial measures taken must be provided in annex to this declaration. This does not apply for situations referred in point (d) of this declaration.

**VII EVIDENCE UPON REQUEST**

CEPOL may request any person subject to this declaration to provide information and the applicable evidence on any natural or legal person that is member of an administrative, management or supervisory body or that have powers of representation, decision or control, including legal and natural persons within the ownership and control structure and beneficial owners, as well as on a natural persons who are essential for the award or for the implementation of the action or work programme subject to the grant application.

CEPOL may request any person subject to this declaration to provide the applicable evidence concerning the person itself and the natural or legal persons which assume unlimited liability for the debts of the person.

Evidence may be requested as follows:

For situations described in (a), (c), (d), (f),(g) and (h) production of a recent extract from the judicial record is required or, failing that, an equivalent document recently issued by a judicial or administrative authority in the country of establishment of the person showing that those requirements are satisfied.

For the situation described in point (b), production of recent certificates issued by the competent authorities of the State concerned are required. These documents must provide evidence covering all taxes and social security contributions for which the person is liable, including for example, VAT, income tax (natural persons only), company tax (legal persons only) and social security contributions. Where any document described above is not issued in the country concerned, it may be replaced by a sworn statement made before a judicial authority or notary or, failing that, a solemn statement made before an administrative authority or a qualified professional body in its country of establishment.

If a person has already submitted such evidence for the purpose of another award procedure of CEPOL the documents must have been issued no more than one year before the date of their request and must still be valid at that date.

If selected to be awarded a grant, the person subject to this declaration accept(s) the terms and conditions laid down in the grant agreement.

The above-mentioned person must immediately inform CEPOL of any changes in the situations as declared.

The person subject to this declaration may be subject to rejection from this procedure and to administrative sanctions (exclusion) if any of the declarations or information provided as a condition for participating in this procedure prove to be false.

Full name and function:

Signature:

Date (day/month/year)

1. This does not apply to affiliated entities except if their financial capacity and operational capacity is necessary due to the fact that the beneficiary composed of these affiliated entities does not have the required capacity itself. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Where the natural person has been defined in the grant application as essential for the award or for implementation of the legal commitment in the meaning of Article 136(4)(c) Financial Regulation (e.g. principal investigator in a research project) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. If yes, please indicate in annex to this declaration which situation and the name(s) of the concerned person(s) with a brief explanation. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Not applicable to natural persons, Member States and local authorities [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. This section applies only to declarations that include a person for which a natural or legal person assumes unlimited liability for debts [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. If yes, please indicate in annex to this declaration which situation and the name(s) of the concerned person(s) with a brief explanation. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. If yes, please indicate in annex to this declaration the name(s) of the concerned person(s) with a brief explanation. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)