**ANNEX 7: GENERAL DECLARATION BY THE LEAD PARTNER / PARTNER**

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| **Project title and acronym:** |  |
| **Project ID in Jems:** |  |
| **Report no.:** |  |
| **NAME OF THE LEAD PARTNER / PARTNER** |  |

I, the undersigned [NAME] confirm that:

* Documents scanned and uploaded in Jems as supporting documents for the expenditures reported in the Interim/Final report [dd/mm/yy – dd/mm/yy] are according to the original;
* Documents scanned and uploaded in the Jems related to project activities and outputs are according to the originals;
* Our organisation has not benefited from financing support from public funds (national, EU or other international donors budget) for the same project in terms of objectives, activities and results, etc.;
* Please choose:

a) Our organisation is not entitled to recover any paid VAT (Value Added Tax) by whatever means;

b) Our organisation is entitled to recover any paid VAT (Value Added Tax);

c) Our organisation is entitled to partially recover the paid VAT (Value Added Tax);

* Our organisation is not entitled to recover the costs directly linked to salary payments (such as employment taxes and social security including pensions).
* Our organisation has taken all measures to avoid conflict of interests during the implementation activities of the project and it is fully aware that, in case such occasion arises, it is obliged to inform immediately the Managing Authority and the National Authority;
* The procedure for awarding the contracts by our organisation is not vitiated by suspicion of conflict of interests (in the limit of the information held), meaning that:
  + There is no (sub)contracting services/supplies/works to the staff of the Lead Partner/Partner;
  + There is no (sub)contracting services/supplies/works to the other Partners’ staff;
  + There is no other suspicion than the ones listed above.
* Funds granted to this project still comply with the applicable conditions and rules on state aid as mentioned in the Guidelines for grant applicants;
* The project still complies with equivalent national legislation and with the contents on the matter of any bilateral agreement (Association, Framework or Partnership agreements) signed between the EU and the Partner Country(ies) participating in the project and the conditions stipulated in the grant contract;
* The costs based on flat rates have not been declared/claimed under any other project budget line or from other public funds;
* The implementation of project activities shall not harm on the environment. Our organisation is in the position to provide additional information or documents to support this statement, at any moment, if required;
* During the implementation period, the project adequately considers the horizontal principles (sustainable development, equal opportunities and non-discrimination and equality between men and women);
* The Interim / Final Report does not include expenses already reported and claimed in the previous Interim Reports.

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| **Position within the organisation** |  |
| **Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |