

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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1. PREAMBLE

TASK4ISI (Transnational Action to advance Skills and competences FOR Inclusive entrepreneurship and Social Innovation) aims to develop better cooperation for a Smarter Central Europe by strengthening skills for smart specialization, industrial transition and entrepreneurship in central Europe by innovating S3 logic towards Smart Specialization Strategy for Sustainable and Inclusive growth (S4+).

To the present day, about 9 million potential entrepreneurs are still missing and belonging to underrepresented groups, including women, youth and immigrants. To involve more entrepreneurs from these groups and develop their skills, TASK4ISI forms a transnational cooperation to promote and provide learning and knowledge transfer programs for them. To achieve such goal, first, TASK4ISI forms regional ISIHUBs and transnational TNISIHUBs where dedicated business skill development programs will be provided for the underrepresented entrepreneurs by the project partnership.

This Cooperation Agreement is a strategic, operational document signed by the TASKS4ISI partnership to support the architecture and functionality of the ISIHUBs in their respective countries to shape and design business skill development programs for underrepresented entrepreneurs, replicability and sustainability by other organizations in the CE area.

1. Objectives of the Agreement

a. Support for Underrepresented Entrepreneurs:

We will focus on developing the business skills and capacities of entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs from marginalized groups.

2. Joint Innovation Development:

a. Through collaboration between businesses, academic institutions, NGOs, and government bodies, we aim to develop innovation models that contribute to economic growth and sustainable development.

3. Knowledge and resource sharing:

a. We will ensure the continuous exchange of knowledge, skills and resources among all signatories to strengthen capacities and improve the efficiency of entrepreneurial initiatives.

4. Networking and Collaboration:

a. The signatories will work on creating networks and partnerships that facilitate collaboration, support and the achievement of common goals.

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2. COLLABORATION OF THE SIGNATORY PARTIES

1. We, the undersigned, recognize the need for a common approach to address the business skill development of underrepresented entrepreneurs in the Central European region.
2. By signing this Cooperation Agreement, we, the signatory parties, show our commitment to be part of the TASK4ISI ISIHUB model, where users (citizens), businesses (industry), research actors (academia), NGOs and agencies (government) work together to produce innovations.
3. This Cooperation Agreement may include but is not limited to the following areas:
 - a. ... shared interest in TASK4ISI project implementation and outcomes, supporting the development of the ISIHUB activities by providing data, infrastructure, capacity and relevant expertise in the process of developing and implementing business skill development programs for target groups in the region;
 - b. ... knowledge transfer and cooperative actions in promoting and sharing national good practices;
 - c. ... involvement in the implementation of the TASKS4ISI ISIHUB program;
 - d. ... the joint application and search for funding opportunities and joint projects in the field of entrepreneurship support;
 - e. ... exchange of ideas between various stakeholders on national and transnational level.
4. We, the undersigned parties, acknowledge that:
 - a. the period of this Cooperation Agreement is valid until the end of the TASK4ISI project (31.10.2026), with possible extension by amending this Cooperation Agreement. Details of further cooperation after the project completion will be specified in the Memorandum for Sustainable Cooperation (D1.2.3) elaborated by i.a. project partners and ISIHUB members as specified in the project proposal.
 - b. meetings should be attended until the project end. The meeting may be held either physically or via teleconferences or videoconferences (online);
 - c. parties shall keep each other informed about all matters of importance to the overall cooperation and the implementation of the activities to be performed.



3. EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION AND TERMINATION OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Cooperation Agreement will take effect on the day when it is signed by all parties, however, it is further open to the signature or support of all authorities, institutions and organisations which are interested in contributing during the project implementation. This Agreement has a validity until the end of the TASK4ISI project (31.10.2026) and may be periodically reviewed. It can be terminated subject to one month' written notice.

4. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. This Cooperation Agreement does not impose any legal or financial obligations on the Parties, it is not intended to be legally binding on the Parties and do not constitute representations on which either party may rely.

2. This Cooperation Agreement has been prepared in English language.

- Amendments:

All additions or modifications of this Cooperation Agreement require written form, duly signed by either Parties. Necessary amendments, additions or adjustments will be agreed by the Parties in a spirit of good cooperation and common interests.

3. Dispute Resolution

The signatories commit to resolving any disputes, disagreements or conflicts arising from this Agreement through good faith discussions, negotiation and mutual cooperation. Should a dispute remain unresolved after reasonable efforts, the parties may seek to resolve the matter through mediation or other mutually agreed upon informal mechanism. The parties agree to refrain from pursuing litigation as the first course of action, recognizing the importance of maintaining a collaborative and constructive relationship throughout the duration of this Agreement.

4. Confidential Information and data protection

Except as otherwise stipulated in this Cooperation Agreement, none of the Parties may disclose to any third party the content of this partnership agreement nor any information provided by the other Party or provided on their behalf, which reasonably should be treated as confidential or of restricted use.



Exceptions to the prohibition referred to in the above paragraph are solely the legal obligations and therefore the Parties have the right to provide the confidential information resulting from this partnership agreement in the presence of a request made by the competent person or authority.

The Parties declare that the processing of personal data transferred to each other in the course of the performance of this Cooperation Agreement shall be governed by Regulation (EU) No 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 95/46/EC (hereinafter referred to as "GDPR").

After carefully reading and interpreting the above provisions, the parties jointly sign this Cooperation Agreement, as fully corresponding with the declared common objectives.

Dated:

Partner's name:

Signature: