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PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is concluded on a voluntary basis between the undersigned Project Partners (PPs) and Associated Project Partners (APPs) of the FI4INN project "Financial Instruments for Innovation" (CE0100233), co-funded by the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme 2021-2027.

WHEREAS:

The FI4INN partnership has successfully implemented actions to strengthen knowledge, capacities, and collaboration in the domain of innovative financial instruments (FIs).

Within Work Package 1, a Knowledge Centre on Financial Instruments was established as a repository of tools, methodologies, and best practices supporting regions, SMEs, and financial intermediaries.

Under Activity 1.3 – Transnational outreach of innovative funding schemes for R&I, partners organised transnational and local dissemination actions, including workshops, information sessions, and outreach events to promote awareness of new financial schemes among key stakeholders (financial institutions, regional authorities, ERDF Managing Authorities, policy makers, financial associations, SMEs, and start-ups);

The partners acknowledge the added value of transnational cooperation and the need to ensure continuity of the peer-learning network and the knowledge exchange achieved through the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned partners agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to express the common intention of the signatories to continue their collaboration beyond the project lifetime, particularly in the field of financial instruments and peer learning, by maintaining and further developing the outcomes achieved during project implementation.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTIVES

The cooperation envisaged under this MoU shall pursue the following objectives:

- To sustain and periodically update the Knowledge Centre on Financial Instruments created under WP1.
- To promote continuous peer learning among stakeholders dealing with financial instruments for R&I.
- To exchange best practices, methodologies, and policy recommendations on innovative funding mechanisms
- To strengthen regional and transnational capacities in the design and implementation of financial instruments.

- To explore opportunities for joint initiatives and project proposals under EU programmes.

ARTICLE 3 – SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The cooperation between partners and associated partners may include, inter alia:

- Promotion of joint workshops, webinars, and networking events.
- Promotion of the Knowledge Centre as a shared reference platform.
- Exchange of data, studies, and reports relevant to innovative financial instruments.
- Dissemination of success stories and best practices to policy and financial stakeholders.
- Collaboration in capacity-building activities at local and transnational level
- Preparation of new project proposals to further develop or scale up the achieved results.

ARTICLE 4 – COORDINATION AND GOVERNANCE

Friuli Innovazione Scarl, as Lead Partner of the FI4INN project, will act as coordinator of the post-project cooperation and as the main contact point for the partnership.

Each signatory shall designate a contact person responsible for maintaining communication and representing the organisation within the cooperation framework.

Partners may hold coordination meetings, ideally once per year (in person or online) to review progress and discuss new initiatives. Additional working groups may be established on specific themes or funding opportunities, upon mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 5 – DURATION AND NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

This MoU is not legally binding and does not create any financial or legal obligations for the signatories.

The cooperation is based on the voluntary commitment and mutual interest of the partners.

Any signatory may withdraw from this MoU by written notification to the coordinator.

This MoU shall enter into effect on the date of the 11th signature. Only partners who have signed the MoU by that date shall be considered initial Parties. Additional partners may join later by signing the MoU; their accession shall become effective on the date of their signature.

The provisions of this MoU shall apply from the date of the end FI4INN project and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years thereafter, unless extended by mutual agreement of the Parties.

ARTICLE 6 – SIGNATORIES

By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, the undersigned partners and associated partners declare their intention to maintain and further develop the cooperation established within the FI4INN partnership, to support ongoing peer learning and the promotion of financial instruments for research and innovation across Central Europe and beyond.

This **Memorandum of Understanding** does not establish legal or financial obligations among the parties. Participation is voluntary, and activities are undertaken within the limits of each organisation’s capacity and interest.

Signatories

(Signatures to be appended on behalf of the respective organizations)

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The Memorandum was signed by 13 participating organisations. Signed originals are retained by the Lead Partner.

LIST OF SIGNATORY ORGANISATIONS

Summary: 10 Project Partners (including the Lead Partner) and 3 Associated Project Partners.

No.	Organisation	Role in FI4INN cooperation
1	Friuli Innovazione – Consortium company with limited liability	Lead Partner
2	Agencja Rozwoju Regionalnego S.A. w Bielsku-Białej	Project Partner
3	SERN - Startup Europe Regions Network	Project Partner
4	Gospodarska zbornica Slovenije	Project Partner
5	Agentura pro podporu podnikání a investic CzechInvest	Project Partner
6	Finpiemonte S.p.A.	Project Partner
7	build! Gründungszentrum Kärnten GmbH	Project Partner
8	Zadruga za etično financiranje	Project Partner
9	Nemzeti Innovációs Ügynökség Nonprofit Zrt.	Project Partner
10	Impact Hub Vienna GmbH	Project Partner
11	National Research, Development and Innovation Office	Associated Project Partner
12	Kärntner Wirtschaftsförderungs Fonds	Associated Project Partner
13	Erste Social Finance Holding GmbH	Associated Project Partner