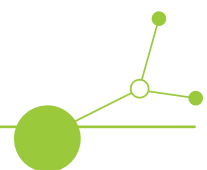


0.3.6. Transnational roadmap on cooperation and transfer activities beyond the project

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Article 1. - Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded among the Partners and Associated Partners of the LOCALIENCE project, funded by the Interreg Central Europe Programme.

The purpose of this Agreement is to formally define the continuation of cooperation following project completion, as an action plan covering at least the upcoming three years, to preserve and utilise its results, and to outline the activities and commitments necessary to ensure long-term sustainability and transferability.

This Agreement:

- is not legally binding,
- expresses the institutional intent of each signatory to cooperate,
- shall be signed by the representatives or directors of all Partners, as required.

In addition, the Associated Partners shall issue a separate declaration of support, confirming their commitment to assist the Partners in fulfilling the activities and intentions set out in this Agreement.

The Agreement will therefore be formally signed by the 11 Project Partners, while the 7 Associated Partners will provide their respective declarations of support.

Here is the list of signing organisations:

LP	Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development
PP2	General Directorate of Water Management
PP3	Vas County Disaster Management Directorate
PP4	Federal Agency for Water Management
PP5	Office of the Styrian Government, Department 14 - Water Management, Resources and Sustainability
PP6	Ministry of the Interior - Directorate General of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic
PP7	University of Ostrava
PP8	Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy, Slovenian Environment Agency
PP9	Ljubljana Fire Brigade
PP10	Fire University
PP11	Centrum Badań Kosmicznych Polskiej Akademii Nauk
A01	Vas County Government Office
A02	Budapest Firefighter Association
A03	Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic
A04	Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief
A05	Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic



- A06 Office of the regional government of Styria Department of Civil Protection and National Defense
- A07 Czech Hydrometeorological Institute

This Agreement does not create any financial or legal obligations for the Parties.

Article 2. - Purpose and Scope

2.1 Purpose

This Agreement aims to:

- a) Ensure the long-term sustainability of the LOCALIENCE outputs, methodologies and cooperation structures;
- b) Formalise post-project collaboration among the Parties;
- c) Support continued knowledge exchange and thematic cooperation;
- d) Facilitate cross-border engagement and international dissemination of results;
- e) Strengthen integration of project findings into national and regional policies.

2.2 Scope

This Agreement defines:

- joint activities,
- thematic follow-up actions,
- cross-border cooperation modalities, and
- sustainability mechanisms

that Parties intend to pursue for at least three (3) years after project closure.

Activities are grouped into three cooperation tiers:

1. Within the partnership;
2. Within the programme area (capitalisation);
3. Beyond the programme area (international outreach).

Article 3. - Post-Project Cooperation Activities (tier 1)

The Parties hereby agree to pursue the following activities, subject to their institutional capacity:



3.1 Annual Partnership Meeting

The Parties shall participate in one (1) annual online meeting for the purpose of:

- sharing updates on thematic developments;
- discussing ongoing use of LOCALIENCE outputs;
- identifying joint opportunities.

3.2 Joint Participation in Professional Events

The Parties shall strive to present LOCALIENCE results jointly - or if not possible, individually - at scientific or policy events, including but not limited to:

- European and International Scientific Conferences (e.g.: International Conference on Flood Management, European Drought Conference, IAHR World Congress, etc.);
- Water Management and Climate Adaptation Platforms (e.g.: Danube Water Forum, EU Water Conference European Climate Adaptation Conference (ECCA), Climate-ADAPT stakeholder events, etc.);
- Interreg and EU Programme Capitalisation Events (e.g.: EUSDR PA5 (Environmental Risks) conferences, Interreg Thematic Clusters related to climate resilience or disaster risk reduction, Joint seminars organised by other Interreg transnational programmes (e.g.: Alpine Space, Central Europe), etc.);
- National and Regional Adaptation & Disaster Risk Management Events;
- Professional Networks and Knowledge Hubs (e.g.: UNDRR (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction) regional platforms, EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change gatherings, etc.);
- Academic and Training Oriented Events (e.g.: technical workshops, university-hosted seminars, practitioner-oriented training events, etc.);
- Disaster Risk reduction and Civil Protection Events (e.g.: EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) Training and Exchange Platform events, UNDRR Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction - Europe & Central Asia, European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR), International Conference on Natural Hazards & Disaster Management, Workshops hosted by national disaster management agencies (fire brigades, water rescue units, emergency response authorities), Risk management conferences for local governments and emergency services, etc.);
- Sector-Specific Emergency Preparedness Events (e.g.: Training events for municipal or regional emergency planners, Cross-border emergency management cooperation meetings, Seminars on climate-induced hazards and crisis-response strategies, Professional gatherings organised by meteorological, hydrological or geospatial agencies focused on risk monitoring, etc.)

3.3 Data and Knowledge Exchange

The Parties agree to continue the voluntary exchange of

- non-sensitive datasets,
- methodological notes,



- pilot results, and
- training materials

developed during the project. To support this activity a common drive platform and email address will be used (localience@gmail.com).

They commit to sharing news on their own websites that relate to post-LOCALIENCE topics.

3.4 Bilateral and Multilateral Collaborations

Parties may enter into targeted cooperation for the preparation of joint initiatives, studies or proposals. For example, cooperation agreement between PP8 ARSO and PP9 LJFB was signed to cement the cooperation between the organizations.

Article 4 - Thematic Follow-Up Activities (tier 1 & tier 2)

The Parties intend to continue cooperating on the following thematic areas:

4.1 Continuation of Pilot Research

The Parties intend to explore whether conditions exist for the potential refinement, replication and upscaling the small-scale pilot solutions developed under LOCALIENCE (O.3.1-O.3.5):

- Stakeholder involvement models developed through the Climate Living Lab (HU) (O.3.1), including methods for community engagement, co-creation and dialogue with municipal actors.
- Pluvial flood preparedness approaches applied in the Austrian pilot (O.3.2), such as the use of local monitoring inputs, community-level communication chains and small-catchment response protocols.
- Urban warning and alert solutions tested in Slovenia (O.3.3), with a focus on two-way communication and improved responsiveness of municipal fire and rescue services.
- Enhanced rural alert-mobilisation systems piloted in the Czech Republic (O.3.4), including targeted warnings, mobilisation procedures and structured feedback mechanisms for local residents.
- Gamification-based preparedness tools developed in Poland (O.3.5), supporting awareness-raising and decision-making training for different user groups.

The Parties will exchange experience arising from these activities at the annual Partner meetings.

4.2 Training and Capacity-Building

Parties shall undertake reasonable efforts to:

- continue using and updating the LOCALIENCE training materials,
- explore the possibility of delivering the trainings (subject to available resources),
- exchange training methodologies for disaster-management and municipal professionals.



4.3 Maintenance of the Knowledge Repository

The Lead Partner will retain an online repository (drive platform) hosting all public deliverables and working materials, which Parties may access without restriction.

Article 5 - Cross-Border Engagement (tier 2 & tier 3)

5.1 International Dissemination

The Parties commit to continue sharing project knowledge beyond the Central Europe Region, particularly with:

- research communities,
- EU platforms,
- international thematic networks.

5.2 Cooperation with Relevant Networks

The Parties intend to maintain cooperation with networks relevant to the thematic scope of the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme, including:

- Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE capitalisation platforms and thematic clusters, supporting knowledge exchange on climate resilience and stakeholder engagement;
- the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR), particularly Priority Areas 5 and 6, where LOCALIENCE results may contribute to ongoing regional cooperation;
- national and regional disaster-management, hydrometeorological and civil-protection institutions within the programme area;
- European platforms related to climate adaptation, early warning and public-civil cooperation, where these activities remain aligned with programme priorities.

Through these engagements, the Parties aim to support wider dissemination and uptake of LOCALIENCE outcomes within Central Europe.

5.3 Joint Development of New Initiatives

Where feasible, Parties shall explore the preparation of new proposals under:

- Horizon Europe,
- Interreg (including Interreg Europe, Interreg Central Europe, Interreg Danube Region),
- LIFE,
- IPA or other EU or national programmes,

For example, PP3 VCDM and PP7 OSU already joined under the BETTHER project proposal for the Interreg Central Europe strategic call for capitalisation.



The Parties acknowledge that participation in future proposals is voluntary and subject to internal institutional procedures

Article 6 - Sustainability Mechanisms

6.1 Policy Integration

Parties commit to promote the integration of LOCALIENCE results into:

- national adaptation strategies,
- water management frameworks,
- rural development programmes,
- municipal adaptation processes.

6.2 Maintenance of Digital Outputs

The Lead Partner with the help of the Partners shall ensure long-term accessibility to:

- methodological guidelines,
- pilot fiches,
- training materials,
- replication documents.

In the event of any change affecting the availability of a deliverable, the respective Partner shall inform the Lead Partner without delay.

6.3 Replication and Upscaling

Parties agree to support the replication of demonstrated cooperation approaches and outputs at local and regional levels, where feasible.

6.4 Sustainability Reporting

Parties may share annual updates with the Lead Partner on:

- use of project outputs,
- replication activities,
- new developments relevant to the project's themes.



Article 7. - Governance of Post-Project Cooperation

7.1 Coordination

The Lead Partner (“LP”) shall serve as the coordinator of this Agreement for the afterlife of the project’s official end date.

These governance and cooperation arrangements constitute the cooperation concept required under Result Indicator RCR84, ensuring structured, regular and documented post-project collaboration among the Parties.

7.2 Decision-Making

Decisions related to the implementation of this Agreement shall be made by simple consensus during the annual meeting or via written procedure coordinated by the LP.

7.3 Amendments

This Agreement may be amended at any time through written consent of all Parties.

7.4 Duration

The Agreement enters into force on the date of the last signature and shall remain valid for three (3) years, unless extended by mutual agreement.

7.5 Ownership

Ownership, title and industrial and intellectual property rights in the results of the project and the reports and other documents relating to it shall, depending on the applicable national law, vest in the LP and/or its PPs.

Where several members of the partnership (LP and/or PPs) have jointly carried out work generating outputs and where their respective share of the work cannot be ascertained, they shall have joint ownership on it/them.

Article 8 - Closing Remarks

By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, the undersigned institutions affirm their intention to support the long-term sustainability and transferability of the LOCALIENCE results and to cooperate in accordance with the terms described herein.