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Memorandum of Understanding for a Co-programmed European Partnership on Textiles of the Future

The European Technology Platform for the Future of Textiles and Clothing a.i.s.b.l., the registered offices of which are in Rue Belliard 40, 1040 Brussels, Belgium (hereinafter referred to as the “Partners other than the Union”), and the European Union, represented by the European Commission, (jointly hereinafter referred to as “the Partners”),

Considering that:

- Parts of Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (‘Horizon Europe’) ¹ – may be implemented through Co-Programmed European Partnerships, on the basis of a Memorandum of Understanding between Partners determined to support the development and implementation of research and innovation activities of strategic importance to enable the Union to address global challenges and maintain its competitiveness in line with EU priorities, including the Sustainable Development Goals;
- The Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027² has identified a candidate for a Co-Programmed European Partnership Textiles of the Future considered instrumental to deliver scientific, economic and societal impact in line with the Horizon Europe objectives;
- The proposal received from the Partners other than the Union has been positively assessed by the European Commission in that it fulfils the new ambition and the selection criteria referred to in Article 10 and Annex III of Regulation EU 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council³ (‘the Horizon Europe Regulation’);
- The implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the European Partnerships will comply with the criteria referred to in Annex III of the Horizon Europe Regulation, including an alignment with the Horizon Europe Regulation monitoring and evaluation provisions, set out in its Article 50 and Article 52, as well as Annex V on Key Impact Pathways;
- The multi-annual Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) agreed by the Partners will provide the basis for the development of the co-operation under this Memorandum of

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 (OJ L 170/1, 12.5.2021, p. 1–68, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/695/oj>).

² <https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-law-and-publications/publication-detail/-/publication/6abcc8c7-c685-11ec-8b2b-01aa75ed71a1>

³ OJ L 170/1, 12.5.2021, p. 1–68.

Understanding, and for defining the annual priorities in line with the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027;

- Regulation (EU) 2020/852 ⁴ establishes the general framework for determining whether an economic activity qualifies as environmentally sustainable for the purposes of defining sustainable investments. It creates a common reference that investors, banks, industry and researchers can use when investing in projects and economic activities that have a substantial positive impact on climate and environment and no significant harm on any of them. It is the reference for green investments in the Union;
- Funding sources other than Horizon Europe (other Union programmes as well as external funding sources, including those from Member States) will be explored in order to contribute to the achievement of objectives of this Co-programmed European Partnership in line with the Horizon Europe objectives;
- The Partnership addresses the key priorities for textiles as set out in the Commission Communication “EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles” ⁵ , and in the Commission policy report “Transition Pathway for the Textiles Ecosystem”. One of the actions put forward by in the transition pathway co-created with stakeholders refers to the possibility of a European partnership under Horizon Europe for the sustainable and circular transition of the sector;
- Pursuant to Article 3 of the Statutes of European Technology Platform for the Future of Textiles and Clothing ⁶ , the Partners other than the Union engage in the European Partnership Textiles of the Future with the European Commission to promote, facilitate and carry out the research, innovation, dissemination and other activities aiming at market, regulatory and societal uptake, including workforce training, necessary to achieve the objectives specified in Section 1 below;
- This Memorandum of Understanding constitutes a non- binding document in which the Partners will undertake all efforts necessary to achieve the general, specific and operational objectives set out in point 1 below. It is not legally binding and does not create any contractual obligations under any law or legal system. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding will be construed as creating any liability, rights, waiver of any rights or obligations for any Partner or as releasing any Partner from its legal obligations. Neither Partner should be held liable under this Memorandum of Understanding towards the other Partner.

Have agreed the following:

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (OJ L 198, 22.6.2020, p. 13).

⁵ COM(2022) 141.

⁶ https://cms.extranet.textile-platform.eu/uploads/Textile_ETP_statuts_final_clean_20231116_ENG_355010bba5.pdf

1 Establishment, general, specific and operational objectives

The Co-programmed European Partnership Textiles of the Future hereinafter referred to as “the Co-programmed European Partnership”, is agreed between the Partners, to be implemented in an open, transparent, efficient and flexible way.

This Memorandum of Understanding sets out a cooperative relationship for the duration of the Co-programmed European Partnership with a long-term common vision, and the Partners pledge to pursue this common vision throughout the duration of this Partnership. It will contribute to the objectives of Horizon Europe and the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025- 2027.

The general objectives of the Co-programmed European Partnership are defined as follows:

- GO1** Advancing Europe’s open strategic autonomy in digital technologies (technological dimension)
- GO2** Strengthen the resilience and competitiveness of the sector (market dimension)

The specific objectives are the following:

- SO1** Enable digital and technological transformation of the textile ecosystem as a move towards circular, sustainable and resource-efficient production methods and processes
- SO2** Strengthen scientific knowledge and technological capabilities in the sector
- SO3** Build a strong and effective European innovation textiles ecosystem
- SO4** Foster market enabler actions
- SO5** Foster regional development

The operational objectives are the following:

- OO1** Accelerate adoption of digital solutions for implementation of textile value chains which are fully traceable, human-centric and enable creativity
- OO2** Accelerate the uptake of technologies and business models for effective circularity in regional textile value chains incl. repair, remanufacturing and upcycling/recycling operations
- OO3** Accelerate adoption of processes and technologies for resource-efficient, net-zero textile production
- OO4** Support initiatives that foster digital and smart specialisation skills building in the sector
- OO5** Foster new type of jobs in the sector
- OO6** Facilitate collaborative innovations among actors across the full product life cycle (from creation, production, distribution, use and end-of-life)

- 007** Promote collaborative working with other R&I communities at European level and relevant European Partnerships or initiatives under Horizon Europe
- 008** Support initiatives that engage and stimulate sector SMEs and Start-ups
- 009** Support initiatives that engage and stimulate regions.

2 Contributions and activities by the Partners

Any Union contribution, provided through the Horizon Europe to the Co-programmed European Partnership, will be used to fund research and innovation activities, implemented as indirect actions following open calls for proposals and contests for prizes. These activities will be subject to the Rules for Participation and Dissemination of the Horizon Europe Regulation.

The European Commission envisages to dedicate up to EUR 30 million to actions within the scope of the Co-programmed European Partnership.

The Partners other than the Union will provide input and advice to the European Commission in order to contribute to the identification of priorities of research and innovation activities and the definition of call topics to be included in the Horizon Europe Work Programmes **within the scope of the Co-programmed European Partnership's activities**.

Furthermore, **the Partners other than the Union envisage⁷ to dedicate up to EUR 30 million** for the period 2025 - 2030⁸ in research, innovation and other activities in the area of the Co-programmed European Partnership, engaging their constituent and affiliated entities⁹ to make such investments. These contributions will complement the Union contribution and will at least match the Union contribution.

Contributions by the Partners other than the Union^{10 11} will take the form of:

- a. **In-kind contributions to the Actions funded by the Union**, consisting of eligible costs in accordance with the Horizon Europe rules minus the Union contribution;
- b. **In-kind contributions to Additional Activities** that are in the scope of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and addressed in the annual Additional Activities Report, which is approved by the Partnership Board. In-kind Additional activities are those activities which contribute to achieving the

⁷ The undertaking and contribution by the Association covers only the in-kind contributions to be provided by its constituent entities and their affiliated entities (and not any contributions to be provided by its non-constituent entities or by a non-affiliated entity).

⁸ The longer timeline for contributions from Partners other than the Union takes into account the fact that the contributions will materialise over a longer period.

⁹ Affiliated entities as defined by article 190 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast), (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024 ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).

¹⁰ In line with Annex III of Horizon Europe and referred as co-investment in Annex V of Horizon Europe.

¹¹ Where applicable, funding from state resources must be compliant with State aid rules.

objectives of the Co-programmed European Partnership, including R&I at higher Technology Readiness Level (TRL) and/or to ensure demonstration, market, regulatory and societal uptake, which are in the scope of the SRIA but are not covered by Union funding.

For the in-kind contributions generated in Actions with lower funding rates than the maximum funding rates under Horizon Europe, the funding rate will be defined individually per call topic in the Horizon Europe Work Programme. This will range from the standard funding rate for R&I actions, to reduced funding rates for certain R&I actions and for Innovation actions in line with Article 34 of Horizon Europe. The selection of topics with reduced funding rates will be discussed in the Partnership Board.

In addition, the Partners other than the Union intend to make **Investments in operational activities** that go beyond the work foreseen in the SRIA, that contribute to achieving the objectives of the Co-programmed European Partnership and where there is a clear link between the investment and the activities of the Co-programmed European Partnership (e.g. investments in building production facilities, in training programmes for workers, and in other activities required for producing and putting on the market the product/service resulting from the R&I performed as part of the Co-programmed European Partnership). Those Partners may consider the ‘Do No Significant Harm Principle’ pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 and take into account the provisions of that Regulation to improve access to sustainable finance, where relevant. These Investments in operational activities are however not included in the abovementioned contributions intended by the Partners other than the Union, but they should be taken into account as leverage.

3 Governance

The Partners should convene in the form of a **Partnership Board** as the main forum for dialogue and steering to reach the objectives set out in this Memorandum of Understanding. Through the Partnership Board, the representatives of the Partners should agree on all issues concerning the cooperation for the Co-programmed European Partnership. The Partners through their participating representatives are considered as ‘Members’ of the Partnership Board.

The Partners agree on the composition and size of the Partnership Board, while respecting the following principles:

- Adequate representation of the European Commission services, including through acting as co-chair when meeting in the format of the Partnership Board;
- Adequate representation of SMEs;
- Adequate gender balance;
- Adequate geographical coverage.

Participation in the Partnership Board may be on a rotating basis, except for the representatives of the European Commission.

In addition, the Partnership Board may agree to invite, or nominate as observers to its meetings representatives of Member States and Associated Countries, representatives of other European Partnerships, civil society organisations, standardisation bodies, certification bodies, regulators, public procurers as well as experts in the area of the Co-programmed European Partnership.

The Partnership Board will be co-chaired by the European Commission, represented by the lead service in charge of the Co-programmed European Partnership, and a co-chair from the Partners other than the Union, selected among their members nominated to the Partnership Board.

The Partnership Board may adopt its Rules of Procedure, based on a harmonised proposal provided by the European Commission, covering inter alia rules on confidentiality, transparency and avoidance of conflicts of interests.

In order to address strategic issues, the Partners may also convene at a higher level¹² to review the work of the Partnership Board, take stock of the progress by the Co-programmed European Partnership in achieving its objectives, adjust priorities and activities according to changing market or policy needs or based on results from monitoring and evaluation activities, and discuss further ways to enhance collaboration between European Partnerships and synergies with other Programmes. The implementation of results and proposals from such high-level meetings may be subject to approval by the Partnership Board.

The Partners may form **an Advisory Committee**. The Advisory Committee will advise on the priorities to be addressed, in line with the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and the Horizon Europe strategic planning, and suggest, in view of the progress of the Co-programmed European Partnership, adjustments or re-orientations to the Partnership Board, where necessary.

The members of the Advisory Committee should reflect a balanced representation of experts and stakeholders from across Europe within the scope of the priorities of the Co-programmed European Partnership, including e.g. from academia, industry, SMEs, end-users, non-governmental and civil society organisations, stakeholder associations and regulatory bodies. The Advisory Committee may elect a chairperson from among its own members.

The Partnership Board convenes the meetings of the Advisory Committee. The Partnership will engage at strategic level with Member States and Associated Countries. The calls that will implement the Partnership will be co-created with and approved by Member States and Associated Countries represented in the competent Strategic Programme Committee in charge of implementing the Cluster “Digital, Industry and Space” under Horizon Europe (Programme Committee). Moreover, progress and achievements of the Partnership will be discussed in regular and possibly dedicated workshops organised with the Programme Committee.

¹² For example, between the President of the Association and a Director-General from the European Commission.

4 Activities and commitments of the European Commission

The Partners other than the Union may arrange their own governance structures, providing that these do not contradict this Memorandum of Understanding. They may invite a European Commission representative as observer to meetings of their governance structure on subjects related to the Co-programmed European Partnership. The European Commission services may participate as observers to meetings of technical groups set up by the Partners other than the Union that are relevant for the Co-programmed European Partnership.

The European Commission undertakes to duly take into account the input and advice from the Partners other than the Union when identifying and defining call topics for research and innovation activities in the scope of and linked to the European Partnership Textiles of the Future to be included in the Horizon Europe Work Programmes. For this purpose, the European Commission undertakes to consult and maintain a regular dialogue with the Partners other than the Union during the preparation of the Work Programmes. The call topics will be subject to Horizon Europe comitology procedures.

The European Commission may support and contribute to the regular monitoring of the Co-programmed European Partnership, including through its participation in the Partnership Board and in other activities, in line with the Horizon Europe Regulation monitoring provisions (Article 50). The European Commission shall also carry out in a timely manner the interim and final evaluation of the Co-programmed European Partnership feeding into Horizon Europe evaluations, as specified in Article 52 of the Horizon Europe Regulation. These evaluations will inter alia be fed by a self-assessment provided by the Partners other than the Union on the achievement of objectives and how their commitments have been fulfilled and contributions made throughout the lifecycle of the Co-programmed European Partnership.

The evaluations will examine how the Co-programmed European Partnership fulfils its mission and objectives, cover all its activities and evaluate its European added value, effectiveness, efficiency, including its openness and transparency, the relevance of the activities pursued and their coherence and/or complementarity with relevant regional, national and Union policies, including synergies with other parts of Horizon Europe (such as missions, clusters or thematic/specific programmes). The evaluations will take into account the views of stakeholders, at both European and national level. The evaluations will include, where relevant, an assessment of the most effective policy intervention mode for any future action, as well as the relevance of any possible renewal of the Co-programmed European Partnership given the overall policy priorities and the research and innovation support landscape, including the coherence and positioning against other initiatives supported through the Framework Programme, in particular European Partnerships or missions.

5 Activities and commitments of the Partners other than the Union

5.1 Activities

The Partners other than the Union undertake to provide inputs and advice to the European Commission in order to achieve the objectives of the Co-programmed European Partnership. In

particular, they may provide input and advice to the European Commission in order to contribute to the identification of priorities of textile related research and innovation activities and the definition of call topics to be included in the Horizon Europe Work Programmes, in view of financial support for indirect actions following calls for proposals and contests for prizes. This is without prejudice to the outcome of the Horizon Europe comitology procedures.

The Partners other than the Union also undertake to make the following In-kind Additional Activities and Investments in operational activities in support of the objectives set out in Section 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding:

a) In-kind Additional Activities may include:

- i. Additional experimentation, pilot testing, demonstration of approaches, processes or technologies contributing to the achievement of the objectives and the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the Co-programmed European Partnership, using their own funds;
- ii. Additional investments in production line adaptation linked to the deployment and roll out of the solutions resulted from Partnership projects (technology or any other solution or new business model);
- iii. Re/up-skilling activities for the workforce, pre-commercial business development, market research and regulatory activities undertaken by recipients of EU funding for research and innovation actions under the Partnership, during the implementation of the action, using their own funds;
- iv. Activities related to the further development, operation and animation of the ECOSYSTEX Community of Practice bringing together all individual projects funded under the Partnership as well as other EU-funded research and innovation projects related to textile sustainability to exchange information, create synergies and accelerate results exploitation;
- v. Activities related to collaboration and creation of synergies between the Partnership and other related European Partnerships and Knowledge and Innovation Communities;
- vi. Costs related to staff allocated to the Partnership implementation, including monitoring and reporting.

b) Investments in operational activities may include:

- i. Additional experimentation, pilot testing, demonstration, production line adaptation, re/up-skilling activities for the workforce, pre-commercial business development, market research and regulatory activities undertaken by recipients of EU funding under the Partnership, after the implementation of the action, to exploit project results using their own funds or external private or public funding.

The reporting of In-kind Additional Activities and Investments in operational activities will respect confidentiality requirements.

5.2 Openness and transparency

An appropriate level of openness is necessary to achieve the objectives of the Co-programmed European Partnership. Thus, the Partners other than the Union undertake to put in place measures that ensure:

- a) An open and transparent process for consulting their constituent entities and other relevant stakeholders as well as Member States and Associated Countries on the identification of the priorities of the Co-programmed European Partnership and the design of its activities, which results in an appropriate involvement of all relevant stakeholders;
- b) A governance structure that results in a high level of openness and transparency, including publishing information on the functioning of the Co-programmed European Partnership (composition of partnership structures, decisions made by the Partnership Board etc.);
- c) A growing participation in and contribution to the Co-programmed European Partnership, supported by an open policy to membership in the Association and an appropriate level of information and, if necessary, assistance to all constituent entities of the Partners other than the Union.

In particular, the Partners other than the Union undertake to ensure that the In-kind Additional Activities that they contribute are, to the extent possible, open for participation to non-members of the Co-programmed European Partnership (e.g. dissemination and exploitation activities, etc.) and based on equal treatment.

Also, the Partners other than the Union undertake to put in place appropriate measures for informing SMEs, civil society and other relevant stakeholders about the Co-programmed European Partnership and promoting their participation.

5.3 Research security

In line with the 2023 European Economic Security Strategy (JOIN/2023/20 final) and the 2024 Council Recommendation on enhancing research security (C/2024/3510), the European Commission has been working to enhance research security in its flagship research and innovation programme, Horizon Europe, to better safeguard and promote EU interests and values. In light of the above, the Commission strongly encourages European Partnerships to take the abovementioned documents and policy direction into account when evaluating the acceptance of new Constituent entities/members of their Association. Additional guidance on mitigating research security risks can also be found in the following documents: ‘Tackling R&I Foreign Interference: Staff Working Document, 2022’ and the factsheet on Research Security: Building Blocks for Risk Appraisal, 2024.¹³

¹³ European Commission, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation: Tackling R&I Foreign Interference: Staff Working Document, 2022 ([Tackling R&I foreign interference - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)); Factsheet on Research Security: Building Blocks for Risk Appraisal, 2024 ([c0c0dbac-c7d7-45d8-b59b-413f54aa8983_en \(europa.eu\)](#)).

5.4 Dissemination and communication

The Partners undertake to communicate and disseminate their activities and results broadly and through various channels, in order to ensure that any necessary information in the area of the Co-programmed European Partnership is available to all possible stakeholders, all along its duration. The Partners undertake to engage in information, communication, publicity and dissemination and exploitation activities by applying *mutatis mutandis* Article 51 of Horizon Europe.

This communication and dissemination will also ensure that the EU support to the Co-programmed European Partnership is visible.

5.5 Coherence and coordination with other European Partnerships and beyond

The Partners undertake to set up and maintain a clear strategy and plan for the interfaces and joint activities of the Co-programmed European Partnership with the other relevant European Partnerships, as well as with the broader European research and innovation system and communities. The Partners other than the Union will establish a formal and regular collaboration with the following other European Partnerships:

- a) European Partnership Made in Europe
- b) European Partnership Processes4Planet
- c) European Partnership AI-Data-Robotics
- d) European Partnership Innovative Materials for the EU
- e) Circular Biobased Europe Joint Undertaking
- f) EIT Manufacturing
- g) EIT Climate-KIC
- h) EIT Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries

The SRIA sets out further details, as appropriate, on coherence and collaboration with other European Partnerships, synergies with other Union programmes, Union bodies and national, international, and intergovernmental programmes and policies, and the relevant parts of Horizon Europe (including missions).

The Partners other than the Union will report specifically on their collaboration with other European Partnerships and initiatives in their biennial reporting.

5.6 Fulfilment of commitments

The Partners other than the Union undertake to put in place measures that ensure that the contributions agreed are provided in full, and on time.

The Partnership Board may monitor, throughout the life of the Co-programmed European Partnership, the contributions reported by the Partners.

If the *de facto* contribution reported by the Partners other than the Union is significantly lower than the committed contribution, the Partnership Board may make recommendations to the Partners other than the Union on adjustment measures.

If the action taken is not sufficient to reach the contribution originally agreed, the Partnership Board may recommend the European Commission to adjust its own contribution to match the contribution *de facto* made by the Partners other than the Union.

6 Monitoring and reporting

The activities of the Co-programmed European Partnership will be subject to continuous monitoring and periodic reporting in accordance with Article 50, Annex III and Annex V of Horizon Europe. The outcomes of monitoring and reporting will feed into the evaluations of the Co-Programmed European Partnerships as part of Horizon Europe evaluations. It will feed into the biennial monitoring of the European Partnerships in the context of the Strategic Coordinating Process.

The monitoring and reporting by the Partners will be carried out at least biennially for the duration of the Memorandum of Understanding. There will be an Additional Activities reporting and a full reporting, both to be provided together every second year.

The full reporting should cover all points listed below (a-e).

- a) The progress of the Co-programmed European Partnership towards its objectives (based on the Key Performance Indicators (KPI)) and the expected scientific, economic and societal impacts (following the Horizon Europe Key Impact Pathways). This reporting should also contain a qualitative assessment of the KPI for the past year;
- b) Information on the functioning of the Co-programmed European Partnership, including on openness, transparency, collaboration and synergies with other European Partnerships and initiatives, etc. in line with the implementation criteria for European Partnerships;
- c) Agreed and actually provided contributions;
- d) Investments in operational activities undertaken by the Partners other than the Union, and leverage including additional public and private investment mobilised to exploit or scale-up partnership results;
- e) Structured and representative “impact case studies”¹⁴ that will be used to highlight lessons learned from specific projects/activities, their drivers and barriers to impact, and their possible follow-up with the appropriate instruments, including other forms of support outside the Co-programmed European Partnership.

The monitoring and reporting will be done on the basis of evidence provided by Partners, respecting confidentiality of information and avoiding anti-competitive behaviour. To the extent possible, Partners will provide monitoring data in close to real-time following Horizon Europe, in

¹⁴ i.e. high potential project outcomes that can be fast-tracked towards further investment and rapid development.

particular management and implementation data. To the extent possible, the indicators and methodologies used to monitor the progress of the Partnership towards its objectives and scientific, economic and societal impacts should be harmonised and aligned with the monitoring framework of Horizon Europe (Key Impact Pathways), and the monitoring criteria of European Partnerships.

With due regard to their respective competencies, institutional settings and operational frameworks, the Partners may regularly inform and consult each other on the results of the monitoring, including to assess the contributions of the In-kind Additional Activities and Investments in operational activities undertaken by the Partners other than the Union.

The monitoring and reporting should allow for an assessment over time of their results and progress towards impacts, their visibility and positioning in the international context, and potential needs for adjustment measures.

Upon request, the Partners other than the Union engage to provide the European Commission with additional necessary information for the assessment of the achievements of the Co-programmed European Partnership in the context of the overall Horizon Europe evaluation, respecting confidentiality of information, and in the context of the Strategic Coordinating Process for European Partnerships (e.g. input to the biennial monitoring of the European Partnerships).

Further, the Partners other than the Union commit to contribute to the data collection for the Biennial Monitoring Report on the performance of European Partnerships, including full membership lists of their respective association(s).

6.1 General systems

The Partners undertake to set up and implement an effective reporting and monitoring system that allows the Co-programmed European Partnership as well as the European Commission to track progress over time towards the stated objectives and impacts, as well as to provide implementation and management data.

The information provided should include, among others:

- a) Detailed information on the calls for proposals in the Horizon Europe Work Programme, the proposals received, the grants resulting from these calls, the beneficiaries and participants, the results achieved by individual projects and their overall progress towards impact, or any other information deemed necessary for developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating Union policies or programmes. Such access to information is limited to non-commercial and non-competitive use and will comply with applicable confidentiality rules. The primary means of collecting information will be through European Commission's reporting systems for management of the Horizon Europe programme;
- b) Activities and fulfilment of contributions by the Partners other than the Union, progress towards objectives, deliverables and KPIs, visibility and positioning in the international context, the results, impacts and leverage. The primary means of collecting information

will be through biennial¹⁵ reporting by the Partners other than the Union and through European Commission's reporting systems for management of the Horizon Europe programme. Information collection will be based on a common methodology specified by the Commission services in consultation with the Partners other than the Union.

6.2 Reporting method for In-Kind Contributions to Additional Activities and Leverage

There are three categories related to contributions and activities that Partners other than the Union will be reporting on:

- a) In-kind contributions to the Actions funded by the Union¹⁶. At the level of the projects, reporting will be done continuously through European Commission's reporting systems for management of the Horizon Europe programme;
- b) In-kind contributions to the additional activities. At the level of the partnership, reporting will be done biennially by the Partners other than the Union and continuously through European Commission's reporting systems for management of the Horizon Europe programme¹⁷;
- c) Investments in operational activities foreseen beyond the SRIA, and leverage including other investment mobilised to exploit or scale-up partnership results. At the level of the partnership, reporting will be done biennially¹⁸ by the Partners other than the Union and continuously through European Commission's reporting systems for management of the Horizon Europe programme¹⁹.

The value of the in-kind contributions reported by the Partners other than the Union will be calculated on the basis of a common methodology in line with Annex V of Horizon Europe. The Partners may keep an anonymised record of these contributions from its constituent entities, which provides the basis for periodic reporting of the total value by the Partners other than the Union of in-kind contributions to the partnership's activities.

6.3 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The following Key Performance Indicators are defined for the Co-programmed European Partnership and will be included in monitoring and reporting:

¹⁵ i.e. once every two years.

¹⁶ Contributions from beneficiaries that are not members or affiliates of the private partners cannot be considered as a contribution from partners but these will be considered as part of quantitative leverage effect.

¹⁷ For example, project reporting will include fields about indirect leverage that could be used for the partnership-level reporting.

¹⁸ i.e. once every two years.

¹⁹ For example, project reporting will include fields about indirect leverage that could be used for the partnership-level reporting.

1. Key Performance Indicators related to the Partnership's objectives

General Objectives	Specific Objectives	Operational Objectives	Key Performance Indicators
<i>Technological dimension</i>			
G01 Advancing Europe's open strategic autonomy in digital technologies	SO1 Enable digital and technological transformation of the textile ecosystem as a move towards circular, sustainable and resource-efficient production methods and processes	OO1 Accelerate adoption of digital solutions for implementation of textile value chains which are fully traceable, human-centric and enable creativity	Number of digital technologies and solutions developed and pilot-tested reaching TRL 7-8
		OO2 Accelerate adoption of technologies and business models for effective circularity in regional textile value chains including repair, remanufacturing and recycling operations	Number of TRL 7-8 level technologies and business models developed and pilot-tested to enable reuse, repair, remanufacturing and recycling of textile products
	SO2 Strengthen scientific knowledge and technological capabilities in the sector	OO3 Accelerate adoption of processes and technologies for resource-efficient, net-zero textile production	Number of technologies and solutions developed and pilot-tested reaching TRL 7-8
		OO4 Support initiatives that foster digital and smart specialization skills building in the sector	Number of re/upskilling training programmes, mobility programmes for the workforce
		OO5 Foster new type of jobs in the sector	Projects and actions contributing to the creation of new job profiles

Market Dimension

GO2 Strengthen the resilience and competitiveness of the sector globally	SO3 Build a strong and effective European innovation textiles ecosystem	OO6 Facilitate collaborative innovations among actors across the full product life cycle (from creation, production, distribution, use and end-of-life)	Number of new formal collaborations established between relevant partnerships under Horizon Europe
		OO7 Promote collaborative working with other R&I communities at European level and relevant European Partnerships or initiatives under Horizon Europe	Projects and actions to connect and align actors across the full product life cycle (e.g. designers, advanced technology providers, manufacturing SMEs, end-market facing companies such as retailer or professional or consumer service provider)
	SO4 Foster market enabler actions	OO8 Support initiatives that engage and stimulate sector SMEs and Start-ups	Number of projects and actions to engage sector SMEs, single entrepreneurs and start-ups
	SO5 Foster regional development	OO9 Support initiatives that engage and stimulate regions	Number of regions represented in projects

2. Key Performance Indicators related to Management and Implementation Data

Management and Implementation Data	Key Performance Indicators
Membership of the Partnership private side lead organisation	Quantitative data on membership of the Partnership private side lead organisation
Data on the funded actions	Quantitative assessment of the Partnership actions and activities
Records of the decision-making bodies of the Partnership	Records of meetings and attendance

The SRIA sets out further details, as appropriate, on the monitoring framework for the Co-programmed European Partnership.

7 Application of this Memorandum of Understanding

Any issues related to the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding may be decided upon in consultation by the Partners in the Partnership Board. In case of ultimate disagreement, any of the Partners may request an early end of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Adaptations to this Memorandum of Understanding may be requested by any of the Partners by registered letter.

8 Duration and Review

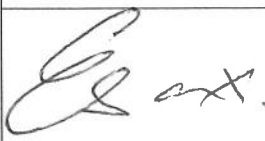

The starting date for the Partnership is 07/07/2025 and its end date is 31.12.2030. The last calls for proposals can be launched up until 31.12.2027, so the last three years of the partnership should be used to conclude the remaining activities.

Any of the Partners may communicate by a registered letter at any time the motivated intention to end this Memorandum of Understanding. In the absence of renewal, appropriate measures may be taken to ensure phasing-out of Horizon Europe funding according to the conditions and timeline agreed with the Partners ex-ante, without prejudice to possible continued transnational funding by national or other Union programmes, and without prejudice to private investment and on-going projects. This phasing-out plan may be prepared by the Partnership Board up until one year after the signature of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The periodic monitoring and reporting will inform the interim and final evaluations of Horizon Europe evaluations referred to in Article 52 of the Horizon Europe Regulation. The evaluations will be taken into consideration in the phasing out or possible renewal of the partnership.

On the basis of these reviews and the evaluations, any of the Partners may propose adaptations to this Memorandum of Understanding or request its early end.

Done in duplicate at Brussels on 07/07/2025,

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