**DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE DNSH PRINCIPLE**

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**Ministry of University and Research**

**Directorate-General for Internationalisation and Communication**

**Public notice for the submission of project proposals to be funded  
under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP)**

**Mission 4, “*Education and Research*” - Component 2, “*From Research to Business”* -**

**Investment line 1.2, “*Funding projects presented by young researchers”*,**

**funded by the European Union – NextGenerationEU**

**Annex 4 – Declaration of compliance with the DNSH principle  
and the relevant national and European environmental legislation**

The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, born in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, tax code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the “*Applicant*”), address line\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, city \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Region \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, postcode \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, e-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000 and therefore aware of the administrative, civil and criminal liability in the event of false statements, pursuant to Article 76 of the above Presidential Decree, in relation to the project proposal titled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

**DECLARES UNDER HIS/HER OWN RESPONSIBILITY THAT**

1. The activities foreseen within the project proposal, as stated in Article 17 of Reg. (EU) 2020/852, and subject to further verification through the acquisition of relevant documentation to be produced by the Applicant, will be expected not to cause significant damage to any of the of the six environmental objectives during the entire project life cycle and in detail:
   * 1. Climate change mitigation, as the activities do not lead to significant greenhouse gas emissions;
     2. Climate change adaption, as the activities do not lead to an increased negative impact on the current and future climate, on the activities themselves or on people, nature or property;
     3. The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, as the activities do not harm:
2. to the good status or the good ecological potential of bodies of water, including surface water and groundwater; or
3. to the good environmental status of marine waters;
   * 1. the circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling, where:
4. that activity does not lead to significant inefficiencies in the use of materials or in the direct or indirect use of natural resources such as non-renewable energy sources, raw materials, water and land at one or more stages of the life cycle of products, including in terms of durability, reparability, upgradability, reusability or recyclability of products;
5. that activity does not lead to a significant increase in the generation, incineration or disposal of waste, with the exception of the incineration of non-recyclable hazardous waste; or
6. the long-term disposal of waste may not cause significant and long-term harm to the environment;
   * 1. pollution prevention and control, where that activity does not lead to a significant increase in the emissions of pollutants into air, water or land, as compared with the situation before the activity started; or
     2. the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems, as the activities:
7. do not harm the good condition and resilience of ecosystems or the conservation status of habitats and species, including those of interest to the European Union.
8. do not harm the conservation status of habitats and species, including those of Union interest.
9. The evaluation of the activities, on the basis of the above criteria, will take into account the environmental impact of the activities themselves and the environmental impact of the products and services provided by them during their entire life cycle, with particular consideration of the production, the use and the end of life of such products and services.
10. In order to carry out the checks referred to in point 1, the indications contained in the Annex to MEF Circular No. 32 of 30 December 2021, titled "*Operational guide for compliance with the principle of not causing significant harm to the environment (DNSH)*" (hereinafter "DNSH Guide"), have been followed, as modified by the Annexes to the MEF Circular of 13 October 2022, No. 33, and the MEF Circular of 14 May 2024, No. 22 "*Updated Operational Guide for Compliance with the principle of not causing significant harm to the environment (so-called DNSH)*”, including those concerning the Technical Scheme regarding the measure to which the project relates, the associated data sheets and checklist;
11. The research activities within the project do not include “brown” research and innovation activities, pursuant to the Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01:
    1. fossil fuel related activities, including downstream use[[1]](#footnote-1);
    2. activities under the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) that result in greenhouse gas emission projections that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks[[2]](#footnote-2);
    3. activities related to waste landfills, incinerators[[3]](#footnote-3) and mechanical biological treatment plants[[4]](#footnote-4);
    4. activities where the long-term disposal of waste may cause damage to the environment.
12. The research activities are compliant with the relevant national and European environmental legislation.
13. The candidate is aware that compliance with the indications contained in the DNSH Guide will be subject to subsequent checks by the responsible entities.

Place and date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature Applicant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Except projects under this measure in power and/or heat generation, as well as related transmission and distribution infrastructure, using natural gas, that are compliant with the conditions set out in Annex III of the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Where the activity supported achieves projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not significantly lower than the relevant benchmarks an explanation of the reasons why this is not possible should be provided. Benchmarks established for free allocation for activities falling within the scope of the Emissions Trading System, as set out in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/447. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in plants exclusively dedicated to treating non-recyclable hazardous waste, and to existing plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency, capturing exhaust gases for storage or use or recovering materials from incineration ashes, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants’ waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in existing mechanical biological treatment plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency or retrofitting to recycling operations of separated waste to compost bio-waste and anaerobic digestion of bio-waste, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants’ waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)