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[address and contact details of recipient coordinating entity – Coordinator of Proposal]

**Request for Letter of Intent for the Call**

**“HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ACCESS-01-01-two-stage: Teaming for Excellence”**

**Title: Letter of Intent for financial support of [project proposal acronym] under the Horizon Europe call "HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ACCESS-01-01-two-stage: Teaming for Excellence"**

The main objective of the proposal [*project proposal acronym*] coordinated by [*name of Coordinator*] which will be submitted to the 1st stage of the Teaming for Excellence call is (*to be completed by the proposer*)………

In this context, the General Secretariat for Research and Innovation expresses its support to the above mentioned proposal submitting to the 1st stage of the Teaming for Excellence of the WIDERA Work Programme call and to the establishment of the proposed Center of Excellence (CoE) whose scientific domain of choice aligns with the national and /or regional smart specialization strategy of Greece.

We trust that the proposed Center of Excellence could play a critical and significant role for improving the scientific capacities of the coordinating institution (s), for enhancing its innovation performance and for creating new and future-proof jobs, with a major potential spill-over effect to our national economy.

In particular, through focusing on a key priority sector such as [……] and through forging a strategic partnership with […..], a leading organisation in [….], the proposed CoE is expected to act as a catalyst for the development of a critical mass of infrastructure and human capital and adequate competences for the development, application and dissemination of cutting-edge technologies.

In light of the above, we would also like to reassure that in case of a positive 1st stage evaluation and invitation to submit to the 2nd stage of the call, the required complementary funding will be secured.

The General Secretariat for Research and Innovation (GSRI) is a public entity, part of the Hellenic Ministry of Development and Investments, assigned with the task of defining, promoting and coordinating the implementation of, the national policy for Research, Technological Development and Innovation. Furthermore, it supervises research and technology bodies, which provide local communities with the skills necessary for producing knowledge and boosting innovation.

Finally, GSRI acts as a funding agency by implementing research and innovation competitive calls under the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and purely national funds from the Public Investment Programme .

Following the above, GSRI would like to support [proposal acronym – full name of proposal], coordinated by [……] aiming to [subject matter] mentored by internationally leading scientific institutions [x].

Proposals supported by GRSI at this stage will provide a Commitment Letter of at least equal value to the requested Horizon Europe contribution, once they are invited to the second stage.