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MED Greenhouses
**“Green Growth through the capitalization of innovative
Greenhouses”**

Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding between actors

Region of Thessaly

Project Details:

Programme: **Interreg MED 2014-2020**

Priority Axis: **1. Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth**

Objective: **1.1. To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area**

Project Title: **Green Growth through the capitalization of innovative Greenhouses**

Project Acronym: **MED Greenhouses**

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Lead Partner: **University of Thessaly**

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Deliverable Title: 3.3.1 Memorandum of agreement/understanding between actors

Responsible Partner: **Region of Thessaly** - Department of Development and Planning

Involved Partners: All Partners

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1. Introduction

The present deliverable, **3.3.1 – Memorandum of Understanding**, is elaborated in the context of the Activity 3.3 - Synergies & Establishment of Transnational Innovative Cluster and the Work Package 3 – Capitalising. The memorandum of Agreement/understanding will be signed by the partners of the MED Greenhouses project and key actors (including policy makers) of the quadruple helix related to agriculture sector. It aims to promote eco-innovative investments, increasing transnational activity of innovative clusters and network of the sector and contributing to Green Growth and Sustainable Agriculture. The Memorandum of Agreement will take into consideration, among others:

- The main points concluded in the consultations took place in every country (del. 3.2.3),
- The Gap Analysis & Policy Recommendations elaborated by the partnership (del. 3.1.5),
- The Recommendations for the establishment of mechanisms favouring cooperation between actors of the quadruple helix (del. 3.2.6),
- The model of operation of ATI-Cluster.

In general, the Act.3.3 - Synergies & Establishment of Transnational Innovative Cluster, aims to create synergies among actors of the quadruple helix related with agriculture/greenhouse sector. This will be achieved through the establishment of an Agricultural Transnational Innovative Cluster (ATI-Cluster) which will be based on the Memorandum of Agreement. The memorandum of agreement will be announced and officially presented in the Final Conference of the project.

The present deliverable is elaborated by the Region of Thessaly (Responsible partner), including the input/contribution of each partner.

2. Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding (MoA/U)

SAMPLE TEMPLATE

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT/UNDERSTANDING (MoA/U)

between

The MED GREENHOUSES PROJECT PARTNESHIP,

consisted of:

LP – University of Thessaly (Greece)

PP2 – Region of Thessaly (Greece)

PP3 – Molise toward 2000 (Italy)

PP4 – EEIG - Euro-Mediterranean Water Information System Technical Unit (France)

PP5 - CSIC-CEBAS - Centro de Edafología y Biología Aplicada del Segura (Spain)

PP6 – Regional Council of Berat (Albania)

PP7 – Agricultural Research Institute (Cyprus)

And

_____ [NAME OF MEMBER] _____

This is an agreement between "MED GREENHOUSES PROJECT PARTNESHIP", hereinafter called Party A and "NAME OF MEMBER", hereinafter called Party B, in order to agreed its commitment for:

- its efforts/ initiatives for the promotion of eco-innovative investments,
- its contribution in Green Growth and Sustainable Agriculture,
- its registration as a member of the Agricultural Transnational Innovative (ATI) Cluster.

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this MoU/A is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party in order to promote eco-innovation, Green Growth and Sustainable Agriculture, increasing also the transnational activity of the ATI-Cluster.

In particular, Party A & Party B agree to:

- Enhance Green Growth & Sustainable Agricultural Production,
- Capitalise existing knowledge,
- Create partnerships, synergies and collaborations among key actors of the Agricultural sector, at the Mediterranean level & beyond
- Protect the environment and contribute to food security,
- Ensure the sustainable use of natural resources (water, nutrients, land use etc.),
- Adopt adaptation measures in agricultural sector for Climate Change,



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- Promote eco-innovative solutions & technologies in agricultural sector,
- Develop smart and sustainable growth,
- Develop new jobs & opportunities,
- Strengthening local and regional economies,
- Identify and promote among the cluster financial mechanism and financial opportunities

II. BACKGROUND

The MED GREENHOUSES PROJECT PARTNERSHIP, consisted of:

LP – The University of Thessaly (Greece),

PP2 - Region of Thessaly (Greece),

PP3 - Molise toward 2000 (Italy),

PP4 - EEIG - Euro-Mediterranean Water Information System Technical Unit (France),

PP5 - CSIC-CEBAS - Centro de Edafología y Biología Aplicada del Segura (Spain),

PP6 - Regional Council of Berat (Albania) and

PP7 - Agricultural Research Institute (Cyprus),

The consortium was developed under the Interreg Mediterranean Programme with main scope to capitalise existing knowledge and improve eco-innovation capacities of public and private actors in the greenhouse/agriculture sector through stronger transnational cooperation, knowledge transfer and better networks between actors of the quadruple helix (SMEs & farmers, research bodies, public authorities and civil society). The partnership has a significant experience in the greenhouse/agriculture sector and strong motivation and willingness to improve the existing innovation framework conditions on the MED agricultural sector, contributing to Green Growth and Sustainable Agriculture.

Brief description of the profile of the party B involved in the MoA/U (a short paragraph)

Party B could be consisted of key actors from quadruple helix related/involved with the agriculture / greenhouse sector:

Type A: Private Actors: Farmers, SMEs, Large Enterprises, manufacturers, greenhouse owners etc.

Type B: Institutions & Academia: Research centres, Universities etc.

Type C: Governmental Bodies: Policy makers, Local – Regional – National Public Authorities, Development Agencies, Chambers, etc.

Type D: Civil Society: NGOs, Associations, Networks, Clusters etc.



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Name of the Actor	
Country & Region	
Type of Actor	
Brief profile description (a short paragraph including offered services, expertise skills, needs etc.)	

(Repeat the above table for every actor signing the MoU)



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III. PARTY A RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

Party A shall undertake the following activities:

- Promote the main objectives and outputs of MED GREENHOUSES project.
- Promote the new innovative greenhouses and agricultural technologies.
- Promote events organized and related to the agricultural sector.
- Continue the organisation of training seminars / webinars for actors of the agricultural sector (including SMEs and farmers) related to the installation, operation, transportation, costs and benefits of innovative greenhouses.
- Support the networking of members of ATI-Cluster at Mediterranean level (Greece, Italy, Spain, France, Cyprus and Albania).
- Promote the development of collaborative projects at regional, national and transnational level.
- Present financial channels and funding opportunities to the members of the ATI-Cluster and actors of the agricultural sector.
- Promote policies and allocate funds, favouring eco-innovative investments (wherever is applicable).
- Support and promote transnational partnerships / synergies between members.
- Ensure the sustainability of ATI-Cluster

IV. PARTY B RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE MoU

Party B shall undertake the following activities (depending on the type of actor some of the responsibilities may not be applicable):

- Participation in events throughout the year at national level related to sustainable agriculture (concern all the type of actors).
- Participate in events and activities of ATI-Cluster (concern all the type of actors).
- Share activities / take initiatives for the promotion of eco-innovative investment in agriculture (concern type of actors B, C and D).
- Sign revised Memorandum of Understanding whenever required (concern all the type of actors).
- Promote knowledge transfer related to eco-innovative solutions related to greenhouses (concern type of actors B, C and D).
- Increase awareness about eco-innovative technologies (concern type of actors B, C and D).
- Organise events related to agriculture and greenhouse sector (concern type of actors C and D).
- Sponsor and organize training seminars related to innovative greenhouse technologies and funding tools (concern type of actors B, C and D).
- Present/provide funding tools related to innovative greenhouses (concern type of actors C and D).
- Upgrade existing policies and financial instruments related to greenhouse sector (concern type of actors C and D).
- Train farmers with eco-innovative technologies (concern type of actors B and D).
- Promote/implement cooperative projects and synergies between public and private sector (concern all the type of actors).
- Foster agriculture competitiveness at national and international level (concern all the type of actors).

V. FUNDING

This MoA/U does not include the reimbursement of funds between the two parties.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MoA/U shall be effective upon the signature of Parties A and B authorized officials.

It shall be in force from (date) ____ to (date) ____.

Parties A and B declare their agreement with this MoU by their signatures.

PARTY A

Partner	Signature & Date
LP – University of Thessaly (Greece)	
PP2 – Region of Thessaly (Greece)	
PP3 – Molise toward 2000 (Italy)	
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