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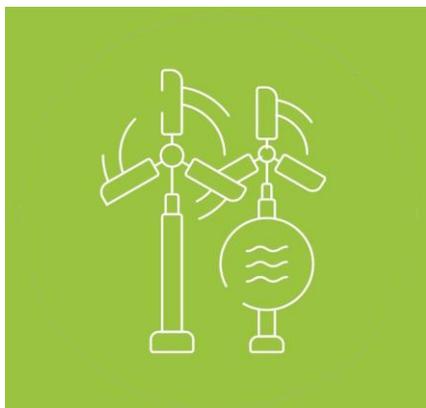


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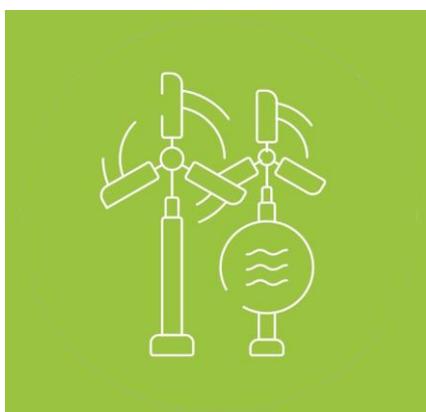
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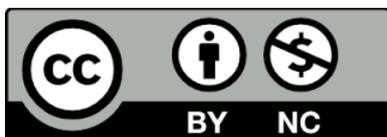
About ECOBASE project

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (M.O.U)

Between the Partners and Stakeholders of the ECOBASE Project

Project Title: *Eco-Friendly Nature-based Solutions to Mitigate Soil Degradation*
Project Website: www.ecobase-adrion.eu

Date: [Insert Date]

The undersigned parties enter this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

Recitals:

Whereas,

Soil degradation is a critical global issue that adversely affects ecosystems vital to food production, energy, carbon sequestration, water purification, and nutrient regulation. The consequences of soil degradation include a decline in soil health, biodiversity, and productivity and result in significant environmental and socio-economic issues such as floods, migration, and long-term environmental damage;

the **ECOBASE Project** aims to develop innovative and sustainable strategies for soil management that will address soil degradation and its associated impacts,

The project focuses explicitly on the IPA-ADRION region, working within the framework of EU legislation to:

- **Manage and improve soil health**, reduce environmental pollution, and safeguard regional biodiversity.
- **Equip policymakers and farmers** with tools to understand soil degradation's economic, social, and ecological risks.
- **Evaluate and implement sustainable soil management methodologies** that reduce soil erosion, prevent water contamination, and improve overall ecosystem health.

Therefore,

the undersigned parties agree to the following terms and conditions of this MOU to collaborate in achieving the goals of the ECOBASE project.

1. Purpose and Objectives

The primary purpose of this MOU is to formalize the collaboration between project partners and stakeholders in achieving the objectives of the **ECOBASE Project**:

- **Development of Strategic Solutions:** Collaborate in the joint development of methods and strategies to manage soil health, reduce pollution, and protect biodiversity within the ADRION region in line with EU legislation.

- **Provision of Innovative Tools:** Develop and provide innovative tools and approaches to help policymakers and stakeholders better assess and mitigate soil degradation's social, ecological, and economic impacts.
- **Sustainable Soil Management:** Promote practices that reduce soil erosion, prevent contamination of water bodies, and preserve natural habitats, contributing to cleaner, healthier environments.
- **Enhancing Food Safety and Public Health:** Ensure the implementation of sustainable agriculture practices that improve soil quality, directly benefiting food safety, public health, and nutrition.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

Project Partners will:

- Actively participate in developing, testing, and implementing soil remediation methods, sustainable soil management practices, and innovative technologies.
- Contribute to researching and formulating strategies for soil health improvement and preserving biodiversity under EU regulations.
- Lead and participate in stakeholder training programs, workshops, and other capacity-building activities.
- Provide data and expertise on soil quality monitoring, agricultural practices, and ecological impacts.

Stakeholders will:

- Support disseminating and adopting the project's methodologies and technologies across their respective sectors.
- Provide feedback and expertise on implementing and effectively mitigating strategies and soil management practices.
- Assist in engaging with local communities and stakeholders, promoting the integration of project outcomes into regional development plans and sustainable land practices.

3. Expected Outcomes and Impact

The **ECOBASE Project** aims to generate the following outputs and benefits for stakeholders:

- **Training and Capacity Building:** Train land operators and policymakers on sustainable soil management techniques.
- **Soil Remediation Methodologies:** Develop and implement remediation strategies to combat soil degradation in the ADRION region.
- **Innovative Technologies:** Introduce and integrate cutting-edge soil health monitoring and remediation technologies.
- **Environmental and Economic Benefits:** Enhance the long-term sustainability of regional development, improve competitiveness, and secure environmental sustainability and biodiversity.

- **Impact on Food Safety:** Improve food safety and public health through sustainable agricultural practices and improved soil quality, reducing risks from food contamination.

These outputs will directly contribute to improving soil health, removing pollution, and preserving natural ecosystems, with significant positive effects on the IPA-ADRION region's economy, society, and environment.

4. Duration and Governance

- **Duration:** This MOU is effective from the date of signing and will remain in force until the completion of the ECOBASE project, expected to end on [Insert Date], unless extended by mutual agreement.
- **Steering Committee:** A steering committee will oversee the project's progress. The committee will include representatives from all partners and key stakeholders and will meet periodically to evaluate the project's progress and resolve any issues.

5. Financial Considerations

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, each party is responsible for funding its participation in the project. The project's financial resources, including EU grants and stakeholder contributions, will be managed according to the project's budget and financial plans.

6. Confidentiality and Intellectual Property

- Each party agrees to maintain confidentiality regarding any proprietary or sensitive information disclosed during the project.
- Intellectual property rights arising from the project's activities will be governed by specific agreements between the partners, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

7. Dispute Resolution

If any disputes or disagreements arise from the terms of this MOU, the parties agree to resolve such issues amicably through dialogue and negotiation. If a resolution cannot be reached, the parties may seek mediation or arbitration, depending on mutual agreement.

8. Amendments

Any amendments or modifications to this MOU must be made in writing and signed by all parties.

9. Signatures

By signing below, the undersigned parties agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.

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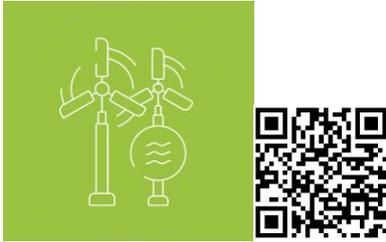
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This MOU formally establishes the commitment of all parties to work together towards the shared goal of combating soil degradation, promoting sustainable land management, and enhancing the overall health and sustainability of the IPA-ADRION region’s ecosystems.

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