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**GRANT AGREEMENT  
PREPARATORY PROJECT**



**LIFE16 PRE DE 005**  
**Development of a European Private Land Conservation  
Network (ELCN)**



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The European Union (hereinafter referred to as "the Union"), represented by the European Commission ("the Commission") also referred to as "Contracting Authority", itself represented for the purposes of signature of this agreement by Mr. Jean-Claude MERCIOL, Head of Unit, DG Environment,

on the one part,

**and**

Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V. Bundesverband  
Charitéstraße 3  
10117 Berlin  
Germany

hereinafter referred to as "the coordinating beneficiary", represented for the purposes of signature of this Agreement by Mr. Leif MILLER, Chief Executive Officer,

and the following other associated beneficiaries:

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<sup>1</sup> Within the framework of the Regulation (EC) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 614/2007, OJ L 347 of 20/12/2013, p.185 (hereinafter "the LIFE Regulation") and the Commission Implementing Decision of 19 March 2014 on the adoption of the LIFE multiannual work programme for 2014-17, OJ L116 of 17/04/2014, p. 1.

- Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Lapland, established in Finland,
- Eurosite, established in The Netherlands
- Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania, established in Romania,
- Fundacion Biodiversidad, established in Spain,
- Industrial Minerals Organisation Europe AISBL, established in Belgium,
- A MONTIS - Associação de Conservação da Natureza, established in Portugal,
- Natuurpunt Beheer vzw, established in Belgium,
- WWF Oasi Società Unipersonale a responsabilità limitata con Socio unico, established in Italy,
- Xarxa de Custòdia del Territori, established in Spain,

duly represented by the coordinating beneficiary or by virtue of the mandate included in Annex II form A4 for the signature of this Agreement,

hereinafter referred to collectively as “the beneficiaries”, and individually as “beneficiary” for the purposes of this Agreement where a provision applies without distinction between the coordinating or associated beneficiaries,

on the other part,

#### HAVE AGREED

to the Special Conditions (hereinafter referred to as “the Special Conditions”) and the following Annexes:

- Annex I General Conditions (hereinafter referred to as “the General Conditions”)
- Annex II Description of the project
- Annex III Estimated budget of the project: Annex II F-Forms
- Annex IV Mandate provided to the coordinating beneficiary by the other beneficiaries: Annex II, Forms A4
- Annex V Model technical report: The applicable model technical reports are to be found on the website <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/toolkit/pmtools/index.htm>
- Annex VI Model financial statement: The applicable model financial reports are to be found on the website <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/toolkit/pmtools/index.htm>
- Annex VII Model terms of reference for the certificate on the financial statements : not applicable
- Annex VIII Model terms of reference for the operational verification report: not applicable

Annex IX Model terms of reference for the certificate on the compliance of the cost accounting practices: not applicable

Annex X Financial and Administrative guidelines  
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/toolkit/pmtools/index.htm>

Annex XI Guidelines for applicants  
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/toolkit/pmtools/index.htm>

which form an integral part of this Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement".

The terms set out in the Special Conditions shall take precedence over those set out in the Annexes.

The terms of Annex I "General Conditions" shall take precedence over the other Annexes.

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

### ARTICLE I.1 – SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT

The Commission has decided to award a grant, under the terms and conditions set out in the Special Conditions, the General Conditions and the other Annexes to the Agreement, for the project entitled **Development of a European Private Land Conservation Network** ("the project") as described in Annex II.

With the signature of the Agreement, the beneficiaries accept the grant and agree to implement the project, acting on their own responsibility.

### ARTICLE I.2 – ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT AND DURATION OF THE PROJECT

**I.2.1** The Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the last party signs.

**I.2.2** The project shall run from 01.05.2017 to 31.07.2020.

### ARTICLE I.3 - MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND FORM OF THE GRANT

The grant, also referred to as the Union contribution, shall be of a **maximum amount of EUR 620 000** and shall take the form of:

- (a) The reimbursement of 58,73 % of the eligible costs of the project ("reimbursement of eligible costs"), which are estimated at EUR 1 059 677 and which are:
  - (i) actually incurred ("reimbursement of actual costs") for the following categories of costs for each of the beneficiaries: direct personnel costs; travel and subsistence costs; costs for subcontracting (also referred to as "external assistance costs"); cost of durable goods: (depreciation) costs of infrastructure and equipment, prototype costs; costs for land purchase/long-term lease of land/one-off compensations for land use rights; costs of consumables; other costs;
  - (ii) reimbursement of unit costs: not applicable
  - (iii) reimbursement of lump sum costs: not applicable
  - (iv) declared on the basis of a flat-rate: overheads as specified in Annex III as a fixed percentage of the eligible direct costs excluding costs of land purchase/long-term lease of land/one-off compensations for land use rights.
  - (v) reimbursement of costs declared on the basis of the beneficiary's usual cost accounting practices: not applicable
- (b) unit contribution: not applicable
- (c) lump sum contribution: not applicable
- (d) flat-rate contribution: not applicable