

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

between Federation Terre De Liens and Xarxa per a la  
Conservació de la Natura for their support  
to the Life project Biodiv' paysanne

The present Partnership Agreement is valid for the following Project:

Title of the Action	LIFE Biodiv' Paysanne
Project Reference	LIFE20NAT/FR/000758 - LIFE Biodiv' Paysanne
Duration and date of the Action	2024-2027
Budget of the action	48600€
Applicant / Coordinator	TDL-A2L
Co-applicant	XCN

This contract shall govern relations between:

***Terre de Liens, association under the French law of 1901, with registered office at 25 quai André Reynier 26400 Crest, France,***

***called hereafter "the Coordinator", represented by Benjamin Duriez, Director,***

of the one part,  
and

***Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura, registration number 27665, with registered office at C/ Sagrada Família 7. 08500 – Vic***

***called hereafter "the Partner", represented by Cristina Sánchez Alsonso ,***

of the other part,

Which have agreed as follows:

## **ACRONYMS**

TDL: Terre de Liens (FTDL = Federation of Terre de Liens in France)

XCN: Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura (Catalunya)

A2L: Access To Land Network (European informal network hosted by TDL)

FCEN: Federation of Conservatories of Natural Spaces (France)

CEN: Conservatory of Natural Spaces In Occitanie (France)

## **SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT**

TDL and XCN are long-term partners around farmland and conservation. They both have field-based experience with conservation and agroecological farming, regularly engage with a broad range of stakeholders (farmers and future farmers, farming organisations, civic movements, private landowners, local authorities, etc.) and conduct policy work.

Both are founding members of the European network on Access to Land for agroecology (A2LN) ([www.accesstoland.eu](http://www.accesstoland.eu)), of which TDL is the coordinator. Both organisations collaborated in the past with some of the project partners (CEN LR, FNCEN, Solagro).

Given the strong convergence of their social mission and activities with the project, TDL and XCN are willing to help consolidate the project's activities and results, and broaden their dissemination. TDL and XCN will work in pair as strategic partner to the project, and will in particular take part in the following activities as mentioned in the signed agreement between FTDL, FCEN and CEN on Feb 1, 2023 (see in Annexe):

**On the European level, TDL-A2L and XCN will take part in the different actions planned in the Life Biodiv Projec such as:**

- Action 1: consolidating the project results and activities through engaging with other EU-funded projects (Life, H2020), and relevant European networks: first of all the Access to Land Network, as well as other European networks around food, farming, agroecology and nature conservation (IPES Food, ARC2020, Eurosite - ABC group, etc.) - this will mostly consist in communication activities (next item) and in supporting the organisation of one seminar "Agriculture & Biodiversity" bringing together a wide range of European participants as well as one study visit in Europe- 35 days in total;
- Action 2: communicating on results and activities (e.g. training module, policy briefs, methodological guide..) through the newsletters, websites and social media of TDL, XCN and A2LN, which together reach out to over 40 000 people - 10 days in total
- Action 3: drafting 1 policy brief for EU institutions and policy makers (e.g. on PES, CAP...) and 2 short notes to share lessons learnt with local authorities - 40 days in total
- Action 4: sharing policy analyses with policy makers and institutions at EU and national levels through conferences/ workshops and face to face meetings. - 15 days in total
- Action 10: providing feedback on activity development during the steering group's annual meetings - participation of 1 or 2 person (of TDL and/ or XCN) per annual meeting - 8 days in total for preparation and participation in the meetings;

XCN contribution will both be based on its knowledge and contacts of the European situation, as well as strongly informed by its expertise, existing network and collaborations in Catalonia and the rest of Spain.

**Total days in connection with the project: 108 days - day rate: €450 - total amount: 48600€. Of these: 73 days would be covered by the project as subcontracted (i.e. 32850€) and 35 days would be covered by the two partners (TDL-A2L & XCN) own budget (i.e. 15 750€).**

XCN and TDL-A2L agree on tasks sharing among them, based on their respective priorities and expertise as detailed in the [workplan](#) presented in annexe (Excel Table).

Activities and Partners	XCN and A2L	XCN	A2L
Action 1/	35	31	4
Action 2/	10	5	5
Action 3/	40	20	20
Action 4/	15	10	5
Action 10/A	8	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>42</b>
Nb of days funded by the project LIFE	73	45	28
Nb of days funded by the partner	35	21	14
<b>TOTAL BUDGET (450€ / day)</b>	<b>48 600 €</b>	<b>29 700 €</b>	<b>18 900 €</b>
Repartition of the budget between the partners	100%	61%	39%
<b>BUDGET FUNDED BY THE PROJECT</b>	<b>32 850 €</b>	<b>20 075 €</b>	<b>12 775 €</b>
<b>BUDGET FUNDED BY THE PARTNERS</b>	<b>15 750 €</b>	<b>9 625 €</b>	<b>6 125 €</b>
Repartition of the CO-FINANCING	32%	32%	32%

## Payments:

TDL commits himself to carrying out payments relating to the subject matter of this MoU to XCN according to the achievement of the tasks and the schedule (table in annexe). XCN will send to TDL each year **by December 1st** an annual report based on the time worked during the year. In this report, XCN will include its invoice which should reflect the co-financing as mentioned in the table above. So, for instance if XCN send a report based on 15 days of work, the invoice will count 68% of these 15 days.

Invoices and related documents should be sent to TDL with the project reference: LIFE20NAT/FR/000758 - LIFE Biodiv'Paysanne.

**Travel expenses and other project related expenses will be covered by the project.**

This MoU will be signed for the project duration, from April 2024 to June 2027.

**Signatories : Fédération TDL and XCN.**

Done at....., in two copies.

For the **Coordinator**,

For the **Partner**,

The legal representative Benjamin Duriez, Director	The legal representative (Cristina Sánchez Alonso, President of the
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