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GRANT AGREEMENT

Project 101294195 — LIFE25-NAT-ES-LIFE Aqua Trito

PREAMBLE

This **Agreement** ('the Agreement') is **between** the following parties:

on the one part,

the **European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)** ('EU executive agency' or 'granting authority'), under the powers delegated by the European Commission ('European Commission'),

and

on the other part,

1. 'the coordinator':

DIPUTACION PROVINCIAL DE BARCELONA (DIBA), PIC 964398445, established in RAMBLA CATALUNYA 126, BARCELONA 08008, Spain,

and the following other beneficiaries, if they sign their 'accession form' (see Annex 3 and Article 40):

2. **AGENCIA ESTATAL CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS (CSIC)**, PIC 999991722, established in CALLE SERRANO 117, MADRID 28006, Spain,

3. **CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION ECOLOGICA Y APLICACIONES FORESTALES (CREAF)**, PIC 998880005, established in UNIVERSITAT AUTONOMA DE BARCELONA EDIFICI C, BELLATERRA 08193, Spain,

4. **NATURALEA CONSERVACIO, SL (NAT)**, PIC 952817712, established in CAN CARNER TERRA ALTA - POL.IND. 51, CASTELLAR DEL VALLES 08211, Spain,

5. **UNIVERSITAT AUTONOMA DE BARCELONA (UAB)**, PIC 999986484, established in EDIF A CAMPUS DE LA UAB BELLATERRA CERDANYOLA V, CERDANYOLA DEL VALLES 08193, Spain,

6. **XARXA PER A LA CONSERVACIO DE LA NATURA (XCN)**, PIC 941706653, established in CALLE SAGRADA FAMILIA 7 UNIVERSIDAD DE VIC, Vic 08500, Spain,

7. **DIPUTACION DE GERONA (DIGI)**, PIC 950867818, established in PUJADA DE SANT MARTI 4, GIRONA 17004, Spain,

8. **RAMON MIRALPEIX SL (RMSL)**, PIC 876703461, established in CARRER PLA DEL RAMASSAR 24, GRANOLLERS 08402, Spain,

9. **MULTICRITERI-MCRIT AIE (MCRIT)**, PIC 900981203, established in CALLE SALVADOR ESPRIU 83 4, BARCELONA 08005, Spain,

Unless otherwise specified, references to 'beneficiary' or 'beneficiaries' include the coordinator and affiliated entities (if any).

If only one beneficiary signs the grant agreement ('mono-beneficiary grant'), all provisions referring to the 'coordinator' or the 'beneficiaries' will be considered — mutatis mutandis — as referring to the beneficiary.

The parties referred to above have agreed to enter into the Agreement.

By signing the Agreement and the accession forms, the beneficiaries accept the grant and agree to implement the action under their own responsibility and in accordance with the Agreement, with all the obligations and terms and conditions it sets out.

The Agreement is composed of:

Preamble

Terms and Conditions (including Data Sheet)

Annex 1 Description of the action[1]

Annex 2 Estimated budget for the action

Annex 2a Additional information on unit costs and contributions (if applicable)

Annex 3 Accession forms (if applicable)[2]

Annex 3a Declaration on joint and several liability of affiliated entities (if applicable)[3]

Annex 4 Model for the financial statements

Annex 5 Specific rules (if applicable)

[1] Template published on Portal Reference Documents.
[2] Template published on Portal Reference Documents.
[3] Template published on Portal Reference Documents.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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DATA SHEET

1. General data

Project summary:

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The Montseny brook newt, Calotriton arnoldi , includes two subspecies (C. arnoldi arnoldi and C. arnoldi laietanus), which became geographically separated approximately 125,000 years ago. This species is endemic to the ZEC Montseny (Montseny Special Area of Conservation - Montseny SAC), code: ES 5110001),and is listed as 'Critically Endangered' by IUCN, making it one of the most threatened amphibians in Western Europe. The population is extremely small, with less than 3,500 individuals, and its natural distribution is limited to eight isolated mountain streams, spanning about 18 km. Most of these populations are located in private properties. The Montseny brook newt is highly restricted to areas located in mountain streams and it depends highly on pristine river habitats. Streams in the Montseny mountains are currently threaten by climate change and human activities such as logging and water extraction. The primary aim of this project is to restore the riparian habitats of mountain streams in the Natura 2000 site ZEC Montseny (ES5110001) and to prevent the extinction of the Montseny brook newt. All the planned actions are line with the main objectives of the C.arnoldi Recovery Plan, which was developed in the previous project LIFE Trito Montseny and endorsed by the competent authority. The overall expected outcomes are: - Consolidate the conservation of the Montseny brook newt and expand its distribution - Enhance the value of riparian habitats - Promote their recovery throughout ZEC Montseny, - Engage society (particularly local population) in the conservation of our natural heritage.

Keywords:

– Calotriton arnoldi, Recovery Plan, ZEC Montseny , riparian habitat restoration, sustainable practices, training and education, local communities, Stewardship agreements.

Project number: 101294195

Project name: Restauration of the ZEC Montseny River habitat to conserve the endemic newt Calotriton arnoldi

Project acronym: LIFE25-NAT-ES-LIFE Aqua Trito

Call: LIFE-2025-SAP-NAT

Topic: LIFE-2025-SAP-NAT-NATURE

Type of action: LIFE Project Grants

Granting authority: European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency

Grant managed through EU Funding & Tenders Portal: Yes (eGrants)

Project starting date: fixed date: 1 September 2026

Project end date: 31 August 2033

Project duration: 84 months

Consortium agreement: Yes

2. Participants

List of participants:

N°	Role	Short name	Legal name	Ctry	PIC	Total eligible costs (BEN and AE)	Max grant amount
1	COO	DIBA	DIPUTACION PROVINCIAL DE BARCELONA	ES	964398445	1 787 297.15	1 340 472.86
2	BEN	CSIC	AGENCIA ESTATAL CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS	ES	999991722	1 313 908.64	985 431.48
3	BEN	CREAF	CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION ECOLOGICA Y APLICACIONES FORESTALES	ES	998880005	256 807.49	192 605.62

N°	Role	Short name	Legal name	Ctry	PIC	Total eligible costs (BEN and AE)	Max grant amount
4	BEN	NAT	NATURALEA CONSERVACIO, SL	ES	952817712	1 562 241.73	1 171 681.30
5	BEN	UAB	UNIVERSITAT AUTONOMA DE BARCELONA	ES	999986484	520 603.15	390 452.36
6	BEN	XCN	XARXA PER A LA CONSERVACIO DE LA NATURA	ES	941706653	271 692.05	203 769.04
7	BEN	DIGI	DIPUTACION DE GERONA	ES	950867818	841 929.50	631 447.13
8	BEN	RMSL	RAMON MIRALPEIX SL	ES	876703461	1 871 569.10	1 403 676.83
9	BEN	MCRIT	MULTICRITERI-MCRIT AIE	ES	900981203	276 916.00	207 687.00
10	AP	FORESTAL CAT	FORESTAL CATALANA SA	ES	867436566	0.00	0.00
11	AP	DARPA	Departament d'Agricultura, Ramaderia, Pesca i Alimentació	ES	947904080	0.00	0.00
12	AP	ACA	AGENCIA CATALANA DE L'AIGUA	ES	998175882	0.00	0.00
13	AP	B:SM	BARCELONA DE SERVEIS MUNICIPALS SA	ES	936980328	0.00	0.00
14	AP	Meteo.cat	SERVEI METEROLOGIC DE CATALUNYA	ES	998167249	0.00	0.00
Total						8 702 964.81	6 527 223.62

Coordinator:

– DIPUTACION PROVINCIAL DE BARCELONA (DIBA)

3. Grant

Maximum grant amount, total estimated eligible costs and contributions and funding rate:

Total eligible costs (BEN and AE)	Funding rate (%)	Maximum grant amount (Annex 2)	Maximum grant amount (award decision)
8 702 964.81	75	6 527 223.62	6 527 223.62

Grant form: Budget-based

Grant mode: Action grant

Budget categories/activity types:

- A. Personnel costs
  - A.1 Employees, A.2 Natural persons under direct contract, A.3 Seconded persons
  - A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries
  - A.5 Volunteers
- B. Subcontracting costs
- C. Purchase costs
  - C.1 Travel and subsistence
  - C.2 Equipment
  - C.3 Other goods, works and services
- D. Other cost categories
  - D.1 Financial support to third parties
  - D.2 Land purchase
- E. Indirect costs

Cost eligibility options:

- Standard supplementary payments