Memorandum of Understanding

Between the Region/MS

And the Joint Undertaking

Clean Sky 2 JU

2016
Preamble

Research & Innovation in all its forms is a priority for the new programming of European Funds 2014-2020.

Under the Regional Operational Programmes, a significant share of the structural funds and investment (ESIF) is devoted to supporting the competitiveness of SMEs and industry and other entities where applicable in your strategy and plans, for research and innovation.

The European Union funds the Programme HORIZON 2020 dedicated to research & innovation. The co-financed projects shall respond to priorities such as scientific excellence, industrial competitiveness and societal challenges.

The European Commission and the Member States are mandated by the Regulations that lay down the rules for the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and Horizon 2020 to ensure coordination, facilitate synergies and leverage complementarities. To achieve this, it is crucial to align strategies and implementation modalities with a view to support and complement existing and future roadmaps.

The challenge for the new programming for the years 2014-2020 is to strengthen the overall coherence of public action in favour of innovation, competitiveness and economic actors, especially but not limited to small and medium-sized enterprises, which constitute essential factor of competitiveness of the territories. In this respect, both ESIF and H2020 allow articulating the mechanisms necessary for consistency within the regional strategies of so-called "smart specialization areas" which foster excellence and place research and innovation at the heart of public investment.

This provides a better understanding amongst the actors of the innovation, better information for beneficiaries, and an increased coordination between public authorities.

…… (Add here one or more additional preliminary consideration if necessary)

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Therefore,

Considering the strategic role of the CLEAN SKY 2 Joint Undertaking as the major European Programme of research and innovation in aeronautics;

The Council Regulation no. 558/2014 establishing CLEAN SKY 2 JU provides that it should seek to develop close interactions with ESIF, which can specifically help to strengthen local,
regional and national research and innovation capabilities in the area of the Clean Sky 2 and underpin smart specialization efforts;

The Council Regulation no 558/2014 states that Clean Sky 2 must encourage the participation of SMES in its activities;

**Considering** that, in order to respond to the above provisions, CLEAN SKY 2 wishes to establish bilateral relations with the interested Regions/Member States while ensuring the respect of its principles and rules on the selection of participants.

**Considering** the importance, for the future of the aeronautical industry, of introducing the use of European funds for the financing of aeronautical research through an interaction and combination with the structural funds which is currently required by the applicable European regulations;

**Considering** that the Region ( ) over several years, places innovation and competitiveness at the heart of its economic development policies,

- in the regional innovation strategy for a smart specialization,
- in the regional pattern of economic development,
- in the PO FEDER-FSE........
- *In the Contract to Plan / Investment Programs (where applicable) ....*
- *(add bullets where applicable)……*

While also making the regional attribution of the EU2020 Strategy a transversal and high priority for the employment service;

**Considering** that the Region ( ) wishes to promote and support the complementarity and synergy between the European funds and H2020 in connection with the regional and European actors.

**Considering** the level of participation and of interest of the SMEs/regional industry/other actors in the Clean Sky Programme under FP7 and in the calls launched by CLEAN SKY 2 under H2020, and the strategic role of the Region in the support of the aeronautics regional supply chain, as well in the support of the research and technological innovation and the expansion of the involvement SMEs and sub-contractors in the big contractors/integrators order, given its Regional Innovation Strategy *(add any reference in the smart specialization to aeronautics and sectors correlated such as R&I in general, competitiveness, environment, materials etc)*.

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The following two parties,

the CLEAN SKY 2 Joint Undertaking (the “CSJU”), represented by its Executive Director,
And
the Region ( ), represented by ( ),

Are determined to establish an active cooperation framework with consideration to their respective legislation,

And therefore have agreed to:

Work together for the identification of common priorities to both entities and to identify potential synergies between its funding instruments and framework through:

✓ The regular exchange of information;

✓ The participation of the Region ( ) in the "General Forum" organized by CSJU

✓ The participation of CSJU, or a designated representative, to the events organized by the Region (or delegated ESIF Agency/entity) under the theme of aeronautics, in particular in the information days ( ) designed to promote the participation of actors from ( ) to European programs, and in meetings/working groups focused on the themes of smart specialization in combination with aeronautics and R&I ( indicate the sectors here e.g. engines, systems of shipment, materials, etc. where the Region organizes meetings/working groups with industry and where Regional stakeholders wish to be involved and on which the Region wishes to organize dedicated meetings to identify synergies)

Work together for the identification of synergies among programmes through:

✓ successive/sequential projects that build on each other or;
✓ parallel projects that complement each other.
✓ ESIF programmes could also be designed and implemented to take up and launch thematic objectives and topics agreed with the CSJU and high quality project proposals for which there is not enough budget available in the respective CSJU Programme area and CSJU Calls, but are important for both CSJU and the Region;
✓ ESIF programmes may also be designed and implemented to support infrastructural investments to be combined to R&I activities in CSJU.

Establish procedures and working arrangements between their instruments and frameworks to accompany the aeronautics sector by promoting synergies and complementarities between the European funds managed by CSJU in the aeronautics research and the structural funds and investment funds;
In particular, by identifying the complementary areas of support and procedures in support of the activities initiated and foreseen under the competences of CSJU and the activities covered by the Operational Programme FEDER-FSE 2014-2020 ( ), particularly through the (list here the Regional support/financing instruments funded or co-funded by ERDF/ESIF which the Region commit to use or to delegate to be used for supporting complementary activities in synergy with Clean Sky Programme under this agreement, the typology of calls that will be used within this agreement and the other direct support instruments used by the Region )

In relation to the calls launched by CSJU or the calls launched by the Region, in particular the call/s ( you may indicate here a specific support scheme» for Aeronautics like some Regions have or an R&I scheme designed with implementation modalities to stimulate synergies), intended to accompany the development of projects ( )

Establish a monitoring and follow-up system of the actions carried out under the framework of the Regional Innovation Strategy for a smart specialization ( )

By associating the CSJU, or a representative designated by it, with the Working Groups of smart specialization related to aeronautics, in particular:

- List here the Working Groups where Region will discuss the priorities and the thematic areas/ topics to be supported by the Region under ESIF in synergy with CSJU (engines, material etc.)
- ( )

By associating the Region ( ) with European events organized by CSJU.

- Jointly assess under the applicable regional framework the possible complementary activities related to innovative projects proposed by the economic or academic actors in the Region ( ) and selected by Clean Sky 2, in view of an industrial development in the region;

- Promote their respective mechanisms through an information policy aimed towards economic and industrial actors

As a result of an online update, on the website of the Region ( ) and the website ( ) managed by the Region, of relevant information regarding the launched calls for projects by CSJU, and by a description on the website of CSJU the regional policy of ( ) in favour of aeronautics (short descriptive and Link to the site of the Region) ;
By a mutual enhancement of the mechanisms of both structures for the support of communication ( ) and the Newsletter "Skyline" published by CSJU, and other publications;

The Region ( ) and CSJU will ensure a joint monitoring and follow-up of the present agreement during a first “pilot phase” (2015-2016) on the technical, legal and administrative mechanisms put in place under the present agreement. They will also foresee, in the course of the year 2016, an interim evaluation of the first phase of implementation of the present Protocol.

The parties will ensure the protection of any sensitive information and the confidentiality of any internal document and information related to the parties or the participants to the technical activities under the present agreement.

Signed in ( ), on ( )

Executive Director

President of the Region

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