**DECLARATIONS WHERE STATE AID IS NOT APPLICABLE**

**PUBLIC ACADEMIC ENTITIES (RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS)**

Project Application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Applicant, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, declares the following:

the planned research is to be carried out in the context of its activities as a “research and knowledge dissemination organisation” as defined in the Commission Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2022/C 414/01) paragraph 16(ff), which carries out a non-economic activity in line with the following:

1. primary activities of research organisations and research infrastructures, in

particular:

* education for more and better skilled human resources.
* independent R&D for more knowledge and better understanding, including collaborative R&D where the research organisation or research infrastructure engages in effective collaboration;
* wide dissemination of research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis, for example through teaching, open-access databases, open publications or open software;

(b) knowledge transfer activities, where they are conducted either by the research organisation or research infrastructure (including their departments or subsidiaries) or jointly with, or on behalf of other such entities, and where all profits from those activities are reinvested in the primary activities of the research organisation or research infrastructure. The non-economic nature of those activities is not prejudiced by contracting the provision of corresponding services to third parties by way of open tenders.

The Applicant intends to:

a) publicise widely the results of the research;

b) license on non-discriminatory terms any Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) resulting from the research at the market price for the said IPR;

c) any income from the licensing of IPR shall be reinvested in the primary educational and research activities of the Beneficiary;

d) appropriate procedures shall be established to prevent the direct or indirect support of economic activity in the meaning of chapter 2 of the Commission Notice on the notion of State aid as referred to in Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (2016/C 262/01).

The Applicant understands that, should it be found to be in breach of the conditions for being exempt from State Aid regulations, the Managing Authority will enforce the retrieval of funds with interest, in part or in full, as the case may necessitate.

The Applicant also undertakes to comply faithfully and immediately with any decision of the European Commission or a Maltese judicial authority declaring Article 107(1) TFEU to be applicable to this Agreement.

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Legal Representative

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