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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Project for Transnational cooperation

"Entrepreneurship for the sustainable development of our rural territories"

Art. 1. Objective of the transnational Cooperation Project

1. Parties and subject matter of the agreement:

Partner 1: Local Action Group: Non-profit association "LAG –LOM", BULGARIA

Partner 2: Local Action Group: GAL Meridaunia, ITALY

Partner 3: Local Action Group: Association for Rural Development del Litoral de la Janda, SPAIN

Accept that:

- The rural development programmes in accordance with art. 44, para. (I) (a) of Regulation (EU) No 1305 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 support actions for cooperation between the different territories within the framework of EECUC/CLLD;
- Cooperation is a way to broaden local views and transfer new knowledge in the field, in order to improve local development strategies
- Cooperation may improve the innovative nature of local development actions;
- Transnational cooperation provides added value from Europe to local development

HAVE CONCLUDED THIS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT,

expressing their common consent and commitments as partners for the implementation of the Project for transnational Cooperation "Entrepreneurship for sustainable development of our rural territories" of the NGO "LAG-LOM", co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development in accordance with art. 44, para. (I) (a) of Regulation (EU) No 1305 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support



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for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005.

2. Objectives of the project:

- To stimulate the entrepreneurship as a factor for the development of the territories of the three partner's LAG's;
- To improve the entrepreneurial capacity of young people and women for active economic and social behavior;
- To establish international cooperation in the field of youth and female entrepreneurship, oriented towards the development of the local community for their inclusion in the regional development and specially in the tourism sector.

The necessity for the realization of the project is determined by the different stage of the development and realization of their strategies - a key strategic document on the LEADER approach and the current CLLD in the three countries.

The task is based on the implementation of territorial development strategies through the participation of all social and economic local actors (public and private) in the three European LAG'S simultaneously.

3. Means to achieve our goals:

The objectives in point 2 will be achieved through the implementation of the activities detailed in the annex (*project description*), including innovative for the territories of the partner LAG's activities, contributing to:

- Sustainable development of local communities and supporting the achievement of the objectives of the CLLD strategies;
- Support for a shared economy made by enterprising people finding ways to make available their own resources for the temporary short-term use of other people with the purposes : income and social communication with people with similar interests, such as connecting through mobile applications and Internet;

Art. 2. Working languages

1. Communication, including the official correspondence between the partners will be done in English.
2. Where, in the course of communication, including the official correspondence between the partners, a foreign language document is used (other than English), the document shall be translated and applied in English.

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**ART. 3. GENERAL CLAUSES CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT, DURATION,
CLOSURE AND LOCATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT**

1. The Agreement shall be valid from the date of approval of the project and the notification thereof by at least two managing authorities or other national / local authorities responsible for approving the transnational cooperation project concerning the territories in which the cooperation partners operate;
2. The appropriate timeframe of the agreement shall end when the relevant national / regional authority has approved the last payment request related to the transnational cooperation project.
3. Collaboration among the partners will continue after the completion of the project for joint activities contributing to the sustainable development of the local communities.
4. The locations where the project activities will be implemented are the ones of the respective local initiative groups (cooperating partners).

ART. 4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The collaborating partners confirm and approve the information in Annex I with the timetable for the project activities and the budget breakdown.
2. The duties and responsibilities of the leading partner "LAG – Lom " include:
 - 2.1. Management and coordination in project development;
 - 2.2. Management and coordination of the implementation of the project activities in accordance with the assigned responsibilities of each partner and the implementation schedule;
 - 2.3. Project monitoring and progress.
 - 2.4. Submitting the application form;
 - 2.5. Coordination in the implementation of project activities;
 - 2.6. Filing a joint request for payment;
 - 2.7. Submitting information related to the implementation of the partners' project to the MA of RDP 2014-2020 and to the State Agriculture Fund.
3. Each partner is responsible for the implementation of the activities as described in Annex I;
4. Partners cooperate in the organization of the team meetings.



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5. The partners are responsible for the implementation of the activities planned in the agreement, the evaluation of the results achieved, and the dissemination of both positive and negative outcomes.

6. Limited liability of each partner for cooperation in case of unpredicted circumstances (force majeure circumstances);

7. Partners shall organize any other matter not covered by this agreement through consensus discussions and decisions.

ART. 5. CHANGES IN PARTNERSHIP

5.1 The present Partnership Agreement can only be changed by means of a written amendment that is signed by all partners.

5.2 The Lead Partner and the project partners commit themselves to the project implementation and agree not to withdraw from the project unless there are unavoidable reasons. If this nonetheless occurs, the Lead Partner and the project partners shall endeavour to cover the contribution of the withdrawing project partner, either by assuming its tasks or by asking one or more new beneficiaries to join the partnership.

5.3 In case of any disputes among themselves, the project partners are obliged to work towards an amicable settlement. Disputes will be referred to the Project Management Team. If efforts to achieve an amicable settlement fail, the project partners are obliged to seek an out-of-court arbitration procedure *according to Bulgarian Legislation*.

5.4 Any legal dispute that may arise from or in connection with this present Partnership Agreement, including challenging the validity of the present Partnership Agreement and the above-mentioned arbitration clause, will be settled in the courts of the jurisdiction of the country where the Lead Partner is located.

ART. 6. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

6.1 For the successful management of the partnership and completion of the operation, a Management Team will be set up. The Management Team will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the project. The Management Team will be chaired by the Lead Beneficiary.



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Its members shall include the Lead Beneficiary and project beneficiaries. The Management Team shall meet in six months basis.

6.2 The Management Team will have the authority to delegate specific tasks or responsibilities to such sub-committees or working groups as it shall deem appropriate to establish.

The partnership of the project agrees to operate in the context of the following set of Rules of Procedures:

- Project team members of Partner 1 (project assistant and project coordinator), Partner 2 (project coordinator 1) and Partner 3 (project coordinator 2) are responsible for providing information to the Lead partner (project manager) within 5 days of request on behalf of LP or its team members.
- The main means of communication between project partners shall be the e-mail correspondence. However, any information related with change of contact details, change in the subsidy contract, request for payments and others responsible shall be submitted with an official cover letter, signed by the legal representative.
- Project team meetings will be organized in a six months bases.
- Decisions between partners shall be taken with consensus.

ART. 7. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, APPLICABLE LAW

1. The first and preferred method of dispute resolution is through friendly agreement;
2. In case of failure to reach an amicable settlement, the jurisdiction of the Member State and region of the leading partner shall apply.
3. The English version of the text of the Agreement and its Annexes may be applied in order to resolve the dispute in court.

ART. 8. AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT

1. An amendment to the agreement shall be admissible only by a written amendment agreed and signed by all partners in the cooperation project;
2. All amendments to the agreement shall be sent to the relevant authorities in due time.

This Agreement has been finalized in the city of Lom, the Republic of Bulgaria.

Date:



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Signed by:

1. Partner 1 (Lead Partner): Local Action Group Non-profit association "LAG –LOM"

2. LAG code in the list of LAGs : BG-041

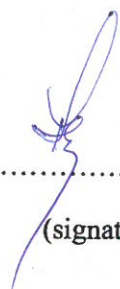
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Registration code: UIC 177147633

3. Name of the representative (project contact person): Rumiana Simeonova

4. Spoken/Intelligible language: Bulgarian/English

5. Name of the legal representative: Penka Penkova


(signature) 

6. Position: President/ Chairman of the board

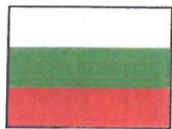
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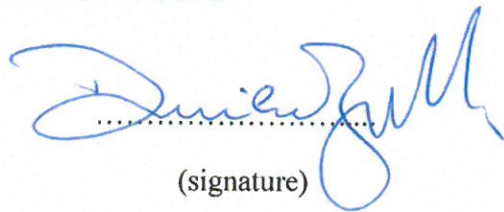


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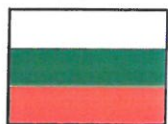
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Signed by:

1. **Partner 2: Local Action Group: GAL Meridaunia**
2. LAG code in the list of LAGs: IT-188
(<http://EC.europa.eu/SFC/EN/2014/support-MS/tnc>)
3. Name of the representative (project contact person): Angela Maria Loporchio
4. Spoken/Intelligible language: Italian/English
5. Name of the legal representative: **BORRELLI DANIELE**

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Signed by:

1. Partner 3: Local Action Group Association for Rural Development del Litoral de la Janda

2. LAG code in the list of LAGs: ES-163

(<http://EC.europa.eu/SFC/EN/2014/support-MS/tnc>)

3. Name of the representative (project contact person): Juana Maria Rodriguez Garcia

4. Spoken/intelligible language: Spanish/English

5. Name of the legal representative: Maria Dolores Valo Malia

6. Position: LAG Manager/President

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