AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

Between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, on the amendment of Annex II to the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Moldova in the Union programme Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation,

A. Letter from the European Union

'Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to Article 9(8) of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Moldova in the Union programme Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation ('the Agreement'), I have the honour to propose an amendment to Annex II of the Agreement in accordance with the agreement between the Parties reached at the occasion of the 2nd Joint Research and Innovation Committee meeting established under Article 8(1) of the Agreement, to read as follows:

'List of the equivalent programmes and projects of the Republic of Moldova

The following non-exhaustive list shall be regarded as programmes and projects equivalent to the Horizon Europe Programme in the Republic of Moldova:

- Young researchers projects;
- Smart Specialization projects;
- Innovation projects;
- Technology transfer projects;
- Bilateral and multilateral programmes;
- Innovation vouchers projects;
- Post-Doctoral programmes.'.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the agreement of your Government to the above. If you do agree, this Letter together with your reply shall together constitute an agreement to amend the Agreement. As the Union has completed its internal approval procedure, this agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, shall enter into force when the Republic of Moldova has notified the Union of the completion of its respective internal approval procedures necessary for that purpose.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the European Union

B. Letter from the Republic of Moldova

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of [date] which reads as follows:

> ‘Dear Sir/Madam,
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> With reference to Article 9(8) of the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Moldova in the Union programme Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (‘the Agreement’), I have the honour to propose an amendment to Annex II of the Agreement in accordance with the agreement between the Parties reached at the occasion of the 2nd Joint Research and Innovation Committee established under Article 8(1) of the Agreement, as follows:
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> **‘List of the equivalent programmes and projects of the Republic of Moldova**
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> The following non-exhaustive list shall be regarded as programmes and projects equivalent to the Horizon Europe Programme in the Republic of Moldova:
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> – Young researchers projects;
> – Smart Specialization projects;
> – Innovation projects;
> – Technology transfer projects;
> – Bilateral and multilateral programmes;
> – Innovation vouchers projects;
> – Post-Doctoral programmes.’.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the agreement of your Government to the above. If you do agree, this Letter together with your reply shall together constitute an agreement to amend the Agreement. As the Union has completed its internal approval procedure, this agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, shall enter into force when the Republic of Moldova has notified the Union of the completion of its respective internal approval procedures necessary for that purpose.’

I have the honour to confirm that the above is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Moldova and that your Letter, and this reply together shall constitute an agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters to amend Annex II to the Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Moldova in the Union programme Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, in accordance with your proposal, and that this agreement in the form an Exchange of Letters shall enter into force upon the receipt of this letter by the Union, which shall constitute the notification of the completion of the internal approval procedures of the Republic of Moldova necessary for that purpose.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Republic of Moldova

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