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Letter of Support for the UNITED-NetZero project

Dear Ms Kordas,

This letter is intended to serve as a recommendation for the UNITED-NetZero proposal that will be submitted under the 2023 HORIZON-MISS-2023-CIT-02 call.

I understand that your project aims, as a first step, to identify a core group of Ukrainian cities that are equipped and willing to commit to the EU Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission and to create the necessary enabling conditions to deliver upon this commitment – in terms of capacity building in Ukrainian cities, twinning with like-minded partner cities and adapting the NetZeroCities platform to account for the specificities of the Ukrainian context. As a second step, I understand your project aims to prepare Climate City Contracts and Climate Investment Plans in pilot Ukrainian cities to work towards the co-creation and implementation of transformative portfolios. To us this represents a very interesting opportunity.

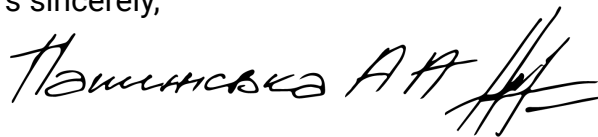
NGO "METALAB" is particularly interested in the UNITED-NetZero project and would like to be kept informed about the outcome of the project, preliminary results and any instruments or models developed. I also express the interest to attend project dissemination meetings or events when possible, or to at least receive the relevant documentation.

The Metalab team has a theoretical and practical basis and expertise in sustainable materials, ways and possibilities of their application. For the UNITED-NetZero project we can provide the Materials Labs and Incubators for sustainable design if such demand occurs. Promoting the use of recycled or biomaterials is consistent with the principles of a circular economy, where resources are reused and waste is minimised. Research and testing of these materials in the laboratory can contribute to sustainable waste management.

Additionally, given METALAB's role in supporting many cities involved in the EU Mission for 100 Climate Neutral Cities by 2030, such as [city names], we believe our organisation could be of interest to your project. As such, we are willing to work with project partners to assess if and how our experience could be leveraged to contribute to the activities undertaken as part of the proposed project, in particular potential participation in the work you propose on transformative portfolios and action planning in one or multiple cities. We are a core funded organisation and therefore would not need to be a full partner with budget in this proposal in order to work with you if selected or with the Ukrainian cities participating in this important initiative

We believe that, if granted, the UNITED-NetZero project will accelerate the association of Ukrainian cities to the EU Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission. Furthermore, we believe that associating Ukrainian cities to the mission through this project will deliver important benefits not only to the Ukrainian cities in question but equally to the existing EU-members of the mission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Пашинська АА' followed by a stylized flourish.

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