

SUPPLEMENT N°1 TO EC2U CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT: CREATION OF THE EC2U VIRTUAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

between

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and

the Universities involved in the *European Campus of City-Universities (EC2U) Alliance,*
hereinafter referred to as **Partners** (in alphabetical order of the cities)

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In addition to the sections described in the main part of the EC2U Consortium Agreement, entered into force on 01/11/2020, the Contractor and the Partners agree on the following:

Section 1: Scope

The Supplement N°1 to the EC2U Consortium Agreement is related to the creation of the EC2U Virtual Institute (VI) for Sustainable Cities and Communities (SCC), VI-SCC, as defined in the EC2U project proposal and foreseen in Section 3 (Responsibilities of the Parties) of the Consortium Agreement. It defines the objectives, governance, tasks and operational conditions of the VI-SCC.

Section 2: Entry into force, duration and termination

The present Supplement N°1 to the EC2U Consortium Agreement shall have effect from the Month 3 of the EC2U project, 1st of January 2021, even if signed by all Parties after this date, and it will be in force until complete fulfilment of all

obligations undertaken by the Parties under the Grant Agreement and under the Consortium Agreement and its Supplement N°1. This Supplement N°1 or the participation of one or more Partner may be terminated under the same conditions as described in the Consortium Agreement.

Section 3: Responsibilities of the Parties

General principles

Each Party undertakes to take part in the efficient implementation of the VI-SCC, and to cooperate, perform and fulfil, promptly and on time, all of its obligations under the project proposal, the Grant Agreement and this Supplement N°1 to the Consortium Agreement in a manner of good faith.

As stipulated in the project proposal, the EC2U coordinator and partners are committed to create the VI-SCC that will foster a new interdisciplinary approach to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) by embedding education, research and innovation, and focusing on the following UNSDG: Sustainable cities and communities.

Each Party undertakes to notify promptly, in accordance with the governance structure of the EC2U Project (as described in the Consortium Agreement), any significant information, fact, problem or delay likely to affect the VI-SCC.

Section 4: Liability towards each other

Conditions related to limitations of contractual liability and *force majeure* are described in the Consortium Agreement.

Section 5: Generalities associated to the creation of the VIs

5.1 General concept and objectives

The VIs are joint Institutes “without physical walls” hosting international inter-disciplinary teams of students, teachers, researchers and innovators from the seven universities composing the EC2U Alliance. This concept aims at fostering the rapid integration of research results and/or innovation into education via the new challenge-based curricula and a diversity of short-term trainings, such as internships, summer/winter schools, etc. These knowledge-creating teams will deliver innovative solutions to local, national, European and global challenges. In the first phase of the EC2U project, the “good health and well-being”, “quality education” and “sustainable cities and communities” UNSDGs have been selected in view of their particular relevance with respect to the EC2U Alliance Mission Statement. These VIs are prototypes of a “mission-oriented approach”, which will be soon promoted by the Horizon Europe ninth Framework Programme: pillar 2 “global challenges” (e.g. clusters on “health”, “inclusive and secure society”, etc.). This way, the EC2U project will prepare its teams to respond to this new way of performing research, linking it to education and innovation.

VIs will also foster a completely new way of approaching and solving a given challenge, in a community that is still dominated by disciplinary habits and where education, research and innovation too often appear as isolated silos. Building upon, but extending the concept of “Living Labs”, the VIs will significantly modify the landscape of the seven universities. They will guide the creation of teams involving students, teachers, researchers and innovators from all partner universities and will foster the inter-disciplinary profile of these teams, mixing actors from Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), Natural Sciences (NS), Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH).

5.2 Governance

The following governance modalities are defined for the first three years of existence of the VIs, in relation with the duration of the Grant Agreement and Consortium Agreement.

Each VI will be managed by a team composed of a Policy Coordinator (e.g. a Vice-Rector), a Scientific Coordinator (the related WP Leader during the first three years) and an Administrative Coordinator. These teams will be appointed for the first three years by the Executive Committee (ExeCo) after consultation with the EC2U Closed Council.

For the daily management and realisation of activities defined in the EC2U proposal (incl. deliverables), the VI management team will regularly consult and report to the relevant EC2U WP Board (composed of representatives from all the partner universities) that will also act as a Scientific Council to the related VI.

For activities and decisions having a potential impact on the EC2U project and/or on the partners' strategies/policies, the VI management team and VI Scientific Council will consult the Executive Committee: the ExeCo will take final decisions, after consultation with the EC2U Closed Council.

5.3 Communication policy

All communication activities of the VIs will be incorporated in the global Communication Plan of the EC2U Alliance and will comply with obligations undertaken by the Parties under the Grant Agreement and under section 7 “Visibility and Promotion” of the Consortium Agreement.

5.4 Data protection, Ownership and property rights

Data protection, Ownership and property rights are defined by sections 8 and 9 of the Consortium Agreement.

Section 6: Specificities associated to the creation of the VI-SCC

6.1 Rationale

In January 2019, the European Commission published a reflection paper on a more sustainable Europe by 2030 [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-19-701_en.htm]: it shows that Europe has a strong position in sustainable development and presents how Europe can follow up on the UNSDGs by 2030. This commitment has been further strengthened with the “Green Deal” proposed by the new European Commission President, Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen, with an ambitious target of climate neutral European economy by 2050.

With the creation of the VI on Sustainable cities and communities, the EC2U Alliance is responding to the European political agenda.

6.2 Governance

General rules for governance are defined in section 5.2. In the specific case of the VI-SCC, the management team is composed of a Policy Coordinator, a Scientific Coordinator (the WP6 Leader during the first three years) and an Administrative Coordinator that are personnel from the University of Coimbra, as leading Partner for WP6, during the first three years. This team will be appointed for the first three years by the Executive Committee (ExeCo) after consultation with the EC2U Closed Council. For the daily management and realisation of activities defined in the EC2U proposal (incl. deliverables listed in section 6.3), the VI-SCC management team will regularly consult and report to the EC2U WP6 Board that will also act as a Scientific Council to the VI-SCC during the first three years.

6.3 Activities

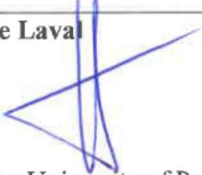
The activities of VI-SCC will include (but not be limited to) the participation and/or realisation of the following deliverables, defined in the EC2U proposal and recalled in the Grant Agreement:

- D1.17: guidelines for governance and policy of EC2U VIs
- D6.2 and D6.6: research seed projects
- D6.3: pre-project research grants
- D6.4 and D6.5: e-learning courses packages
- D6.7: final curriculum design for the Master Degree in SCC
- D6.8 and D6.9: accreditation processes for the Master Degree in SCC
- D6.10: promotion of the Master Degree in SCC
- D6.11: Dissertation Projects and Dissertations
- D6.12: Implementation of the Master Degree in SCC and provisional assessment
- D6.13: EC2U cities “Covenant of Mayors”
- D8.1: Map of internal and external funding instruments
- D8.5 to D8.11: EC2U Fora
- D8.12: Sustainable Campus Initiatives to foster UNSDGs
- D8.13 to D8.15: Internal campaign for Open Education, Open Science
- D8.20: EC2U Internationalisation Plan
- D8.21 and D8.22: EC2U international projects

Section 7: Signatures

As proof of conformity with the above, the seven parties sign the present Consortium Agreement at the time and place figuring below (electronic signature is allowed):

For the Contractor:

<p>Prof. Virginie Laval</p>  <p>President of the University of Poitiers</p> <p>Done at Poitiers, Date: 04/02/2021</p>	<p>Stamp of the University</p> <p>La présidente de l'université de Poitiers</p> <p>Virginie LAVAL</p> <p>Université de Poitiers Secrétariat de la présidence Bat E5&E7 15 rue de l'Hôtel Dieu TSA 71117 86073 POITIERS CEDEX 9</p>
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For the Partners:

<p>Prof. Amílcar Falcão</p> <p>Rector of the University of Coimbra</p> <p>Done at Coimbra, Date:</p>	<p>Stamp of the University</p> <p>AMÍLCAR CELTA FALCÃO RAMOS FERREIRA</p> <p><small>Digitally signed by AMÍLCAR CELTA FALCÃO RAMOS FERREIRA DN: c=PT, o=Cartão de Cidadão, ou=Cidadão Português, ou=Autenticação do Cidadão, sn=FALCÃO RAMOS FERREIRA, givenName=AMÍLCAR CELTA, serialNumber=B065591828, cn=AMÍLCAR CELTA FALCÃO RAMOS FERREIRA Date: 2021.02.04 23:55:47 Z</small></p>
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Prof. Tudorel Toader

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Rector of *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University of Iasi

Done at Iasi, Date: *4 February 2021*

Prof. Walter Rosenthal

Stamp of the University

President of the University of Jena

Done at Jena, Date: *25.01.2021*



Prof. Francesco Svelto

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Rector of the University of Pavia

Done at Pavia, Date: *04 FEB, 2021*



Prof. Ricardo Rivero Ortega

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Rector of the University of Salamanca

Done at Salamanca, Date: *01/02/2021*



Prof. Jukka Kola

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Rector of the University of Turku

Done at Turku, Date: *1 February 2021*

