

DECLARATION OF HONOUR¹
LEAD APPLICANT

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**“Protecting democracy, human rights and the rule of law
through an open civic space” (PLATO) PROGRAMME**

To NGO SUPPORT CENTRE and BODOSSAKI FOUNDATION:

Name of the Declarant / Legal Representative	
ID No. (Legal Representative)	
Email & Phone Number	
Capacity	
Name of the Lead Applicant (hereinafter referred to as "the Organisation")	
Address of the Lead Applicant	
Registration No. of the Lead Applicant	
“PLATO” Programme (hereinafter referred to as "the Programme") Call	
Project Proposal Title	
Partner (if applicable)	
Place:	
Date:	

I, the undersigned, acting in the above capacity, hereby DECLARE THAT:

1. All information included in the grant project proposal submitted by the Organisation I represent within the framework of the Programme, is complete and true, without any exception. Furthermore, the project proposal does not in any way infringe upon the intellectual property rights (including copyright and industrial rights) of any involved party or third parties.
2. The Organisation I represent meets the eligibility criteria for submitting a grant project proposal, as specified in the Programme's Call and Application Guidelines.

¹ The current Declaration has been completed with full awareness of the consequences derived from the Cyprus Criminal Code CAP124 regarding false statements and is to be submitted electronically together with the application in order to apply for financial support under the “PLATO” Programme.

3. The Organisation I represent has fully and clearly understood the terms of the Call, the Application Guidelines, and all Programme Documents, and accepts, explicitly and without reservation, that if the proposed Project is selected for funding, it will implement it in full compliance with these terms, the terms of the grant agreement, applicable national and EU legislation, as well as the highest ethical standards of transparency and accountability.
4. The Organisation I represent has fully and clearly understood that the Programme is implemented within the framework of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) of the European Union, and it is co-funded by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), the Bodossaki Foundation (for third-party projects implemented in Greece), and the NGO Support Centre (for third-party projects implemented in Cyprus).
5. The Organisation I represent has fully and clearly understood that the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) of the European Union is governed by Regulation (EU) 2018/1046 (EU Financial Regulation) and Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28.04.2021 [establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)]. The Organisation commits that if the proposed Project is selected for funding, it will be implemented in compliance with this regulatory framework.
6. The Organisation I represent is a non-profit legal entity based in the Republic of Cyprus and does not have a commercial status, neither in formal nor in substantive terms.
7. The Organisation I represent is independent from local, regional, and national governments, other public authorities, and political parties.
8. The proposed Project does not have a religious, political, or trade union - professional nature.
9. The Organisation I represent fully complies with the applicable regulatory framework - national and EU - in the conduct of its activities.
10. **The purpose of the Organisation** I represent, as described in the Articles of Association, fully complies with the values of the European Union (EU VALUES), as outlined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Article 21). Additionally, the purpose respects the rights of children, as detailed in Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the European and international regulatory frameworks concerning children's rights.
11. **In the conduct of its activities**, the Organisation I represent fully adheres to the values of the European Union (EU VALUES), as outlined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Article 21). Additionally, it respects the rights of children, as detailed in Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the European and international regulatory frameworks concerning children's rights.
12. **The Project proposed** for funding by the Organisation I represent fully complies with the values of the European Union (EU VALUES), as outlined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Article 21). Additionally, it respects the rights of children, as detailed in Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and in general, the European and international regulatory frameworks concerning children's rights.
13. The Organisation I represent **does not** endorse, support, or promote in any way (including through communication strategies or public messaging) any form of physical and/or psychological violence against women, children, and other vulnerable groups.

14. The individuals involved in the management and governance of the Organisation I represent, as well as its partners, subcontractors, and, in general, associates of the Organisation do not endorse, support, or promote in any way (including through communication strategies or public messages) any form of physical and/or psychological violence against women, children, and other vulnerable groups. Furthermore, they have neither committed nor been accused of committing any form of physical and/or psychological violence against women, children, and other vulnerable groups.
15. The Organisation I represent is guided by the philosophy of promoting the best interests of children and adhering the principle of 'no harm', advocating for the rights of children as outlined in the European and international regulatory frameworks, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
16. **If the project proposal foresees activities involving direct work with children**, the Organisation I represent guarantees that it has a comprehensive and reliable Child Protection Policy in place. This policy should cover the four (4) areas described in the Keeping Children Safe Child Safeguarding Standards².
17. I acknowledge that the broader social behavior (beyond the strict framework of contract execution) of the individuals involved in the management and governance of the Organisation I represent, as well as its partners, subcontractors, and associates will fully adhere to the above principles. Moreover, their conduct shall always be such that it does not, in any way, even to the slightest extent, jeopardize the good reputation of the Programme, the Centre, or the Bodossaki Foundation.
18. The Organisation I represent ensures that there is no possibility or risk of double funding for the proposed Project, and guarantees that procurement (and/or subcontracting, if applicable) for project implementation will be completely free from conflicts of interest and unethical practices. Overall, the Organisation commits that relevant procurement awards (and/or subcontracting, if applicable), as well as their execution, will take place under fair, transparent, and effective procedures in compliance with applicable laws and Programme terms.
19. The Organisation I represent meets all the following conditions³:
 - i. It is not under bankruptcy, administration, compulsory liquidation, creditors arrangement process, any judicial restriction, or compliance obligation towards judicial decisions or orders, or any similar procedures (e.g., administration appointment).
 - ii. Neither its partners, legal representatives, administrators, members of the Board of Directors or Steering Committee, nor any of its governing bodies' members have not been convicted of any criminal offenses under the following:
 - a) participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA of 24 October 2008 on the fight against organized crime (EU L 300 of 11 November 2008, p. 42), and crimes under Articles 63, 63A, and 63B of the Criminal Code (unlawful association, criminal organisation),
 - b) active corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Convention on combating corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union (EU C 195 of 25 June 1997, p. 1) and in Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA of 22 July 2003 on combating corruption in the private sector (EU L 192 of 31 July 2003, p. 54), as well as defined in national law of the financial entity,

² <https://www.keepingchildrensafe.global/international-child-safeguarding-standards>

³ If a condition is not met, please provide more information.

- and offenses under Article 3 of the Prevention of Corruption Law Chapter 161 of the Criminal Code,
- c) fraud, against the financial interests of the Union, as defined in Articles 3 and 4 of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (L 198/28.07.2017), and offenses under Articles 331 (forgery), 297 (false representations), 259 (money taken on behalf of a third party), 300 (fraud) of the Criminal Code Chapter 124, offenses under Article 3 of the Prevention of Corruption Law (Chapter 161) and offenses under the Law on Combating Fraud against the Financial Interests of the European Union (Law No. 69(I)/2020), when directed against the financial interests of the European Union or related to the detriment of those interests,
 - d) terrorism-related crimes or crimes linked to terrorist activities, as defined respectively in Articles 3-4 and 5-12 of Directive (EU) 2017/541 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on combating terrorism and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA and amending Council Decision 2005/671/JHA (EU L 88/31.03.2017), or complicity or attempt to commit a crime as defined in Article 14, and offenses under Article 5 of the Law on Combating Terrorism (110(I)/2010),
 - e) money laundering or financing of terrorism, as defined in Article 1 of Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing, amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC (EU L 141/05.06.2015), and offenses under Article 4 of the Law on Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering (188(I)/2007),
 - f) Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings, as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA (EU L 101 of 15.4.2011, p. 1), and offenses under Articles 2 and 39 of the Law on Prevention and Combating Trafficking and Exploitation of Persons and Protection of Victims (60(I)/2014).
- iii. The Organisation I represent, its partners, legal representatives, administrators, members of the Board of Directors, and generally its governing bodies' members have not been found guilty of serious professional misconduct and/or violations of rules regarding public procurement of goods or services and/or violations of rules regarding national or EU grants, subsidies, etc., or for irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation 2988/1995 on the protection of the European Union's financial interests.
 - iv. It has not been established under a different jurisdiction for the purpose of circumventing fiscal, social, or other legal obligations as provided in the actual country of origin.
 - v. It has not established another legal entity under a different jurisdiction for the purpose of circumventing fiscal, social, or other legal obligations as provided in the actual country of origin.
 - vi. The organisation I represent complies with all its legal obligations under the Associations and Foundations and Other Related Matters Law of 2017 (Law No. 104(I)/2017) or the Companies Law and will continue to comply with its legal obligations throughout the duration of the Project implementation.

- 20.** The Organisation I represent has the organisational, financial, and operational capacity to implement and complete the Project if selected for funding.
- 21.** The Organisation I represent did not have any (direct or indirect) involvement in the preparation of the Open Call of the Programme. Furthermore, the Organisation has not and will not engage in any unfair, illegal, or abusive actions at any stage of the Programme. This includes, but is not limited to, the submission of the project proposal, the execution and completion of the grant agreement, and any actions taken after the completion of the grant agreement. Specifically, I declare that the Organisation I represent:
- did not have and does not have access to privileged information beyond what is available through the public documents of the Programme,
 - did not and will not make illegal payments for facilitations, services, or tasks related to the evaluation of the project proposal, the conclusion of the grant agreement, and/or the monitoring of the grant agreement execution,
 - did not offer and will not offer, directly or indirectly, any material gift or compensation to employees or members of the governing bodies of the Bodossaki Foundation and/or the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE (Cyprus), as well as to their spouses and relatives (up to fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity) or their collaborators. Furthermore, it did not and will not use third parties to channel amounts of money to the aforementioned persons.
 - did not and will not attempt to unduly influence the decision-making process of the Bodossaki Foundation and/or the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE (Cyprus), or provide misleading information that could significantly affect their decisions within the framework of the Programme,
 - did not engage and will not engage, directly or through third parties, in any act or omission aimed at: a. misleading any person or body of the Bodossaki Foundation and/or the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE (Cyprus) involved in any process related to the Programme, b. concealing information from the Bodossaki Foundation and/or the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE (Cyprus), and c. coercing or unduly inducing Bodossaki Foundation and/or the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE (Cyprus) to explicitly or tacitly consent to the violation or circumvention of legal or contractual obligations related to the Programme.
 - will refrain from any behaviour that constitutes a serious professional offense and could jeopardize the Organisation's integrity.
- 22.** Additionally, I declare under my own responsibility that:
- There is no situation (even potential) of conflict of interest between the Organisation I represent and its Partner (if any), arising from personal, familial, financial, political, professional, or other relationships between the organisations, their members, their partners, their governing bodies, their legal representatives, their employees, or any other collaborators.
 - There is no situation (even potential) of conflict of interest between the Organisation I represent and its Partner (if any) and the Bodossaki Foundation and/or the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE (Cyprus), arising from personal, familial, financial, political, professional, or other relationships between their members, partners, members of their governing bodies, legal representatives, employees, or any other collaborators involved in any way in the implementation of the Programme.
 - There is no situation (even potential) of conflict of interest between the Organisation I represent and its Partner (if any), and their suppliers and/or subcontractors, arising from personal, familial, financial, political, professional, or other relationships between their

members, partners, members of their governing bodies, legal representatives, employees, or any other collaborators of the suppliers and subcontractors.

- There is no other type or cause of conflict of interest (even potential) between the Organisation I represent and its Partner (if any), and between the Organisation I represent and its Partner (if any) and the Bodossaki Foundation, the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE (Cyprus), the suppliers and/or subcontractors of the Organisation I represent and/or its Partner, or any other individual benefiting financially or otherwise from the implementation of the project.
 - The Organisation I represent will promptly declare to the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE any situation (even potential) of conflict of interest upon becoming aware of it.
- 23.** The Organisation I represent hereby grants permission to the Bodossaki Foundation, the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE (Cyprus), and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to publish its name, logo/trademark, the aim of the funded Project, the grant amount, and any other related information deemed necessary for the purposes of the Programme.
- 24.** The Organisation I represent has acquired a comprehensive and clear understanding of the Data Protection Information pertaining to the processing of personal data within the framework of the Programme by the co-responsible Data Controllers, the Bodossaki Foundation and the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE. This information is provided alongside the Programme announcement and is accessible on the Programme's website.
- 25.** The Organisation I represent will implement the Project, if selected for funding under the Programme, with utmost respect for the personal data of all individuals involved in its implementation, and in complete adherence to the relevant regulatory framework (GDPR, Law 125(I)/2018, ESF guidelines, Directive 2002/58/EC, Law 112(I)/2004, etc.).
- 26.** The Organisation I represent acknowledges its obligation to treat as confidential all data, documents, or any other materials (in any format) designated in writing as sensitive ("sensitive information") within the scope of the Programme.
- 27.** If the proposed Project is selected for funding, the Organisation I represent commits to providing any reasonably necessary documents requested by the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE before signing the relevant grant agreement, including but not limited to the following:
- I. Articles of Association/Constitution, legally published, as amended and currently in force.
 - II. Written Certificate of full compliance with obligations according to the Associations and Foundations and Other Related Matters Law of 2017 (Law No. 104(017 – basic and amendments) from the competent District Administration (where applicable).
 - III. Minutes of the election of the Board of Directors and legal representatives (General Assembly Minutes – where applicable – and minutes of the meeting during which the Board of Directors was constituted).
 - IV. Documents concerning the Organisation's tax and social security clearance.
 - V. Partnership Agreement between the Organisation and the Partner (where applicable).
- 28.** In this capacity, I have, without any restrictions, the authority to submit this Declaration and the project proposal, as well as to sign the relevant grant agreement on behalf of the Organisation I represent, should the application for the grant be approved.
- 29.** The Organisation I represent undertakes the obligation to promptly notify the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE in writing and with full justification if any changes occur at any time after the submission of this document and until the completion of the evaluation of the project proposal, regarding the statements, guarantees, and commitments provided herein.

- 30.** I acknowledge that if it is found by any appropriate means that any of the statements included herein are false or inaccurate, the project proposal of the Organisation I represent may be rejected, and the Organisation may be excluded from the relevant selection process. If the Organisation is selected, it may be removed from the Programme by terminating the relevant grant agreement, which could result in the obligation to return any funding received as unduly paid and/or be subject to other measures or penalties.
- 31.** Acting on behalf of the Organisation I represent, I acknowledge that this declaration, as well as the relevant grant agreement if the Project is selected for funding, are governed by Cypriot law. Any dispute regarding their validity, interpretation, and application shall be exclusively resolved by the competent courts of the Republic of Cyprus.
- 32.** Finally, I expressly and unreservedly declare and acknowledge that, if the proposed Project is selected for funding, the relevant grant agreement (including its Annexes) between the Organisation I represent and the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE will be signed legally, validly, and effectively by the duly authorized representatives of the parties, either in person or with an electronic signature using tools specified in the grant agreement.
- 33.** Finally, I declare that if the proposed Project is selected for funding, this declaration will form an integral part of the relevant grant agreement to be signed between the Organisation I represent and the NGO SUPPORT CENTRE.

Declarant's Signature
