



MINISTERO DELL'AMBIENTE  
E DELLA TUTELA DEL TERRITORIO E DEL MARE



## FINANCIAL DOCUMENT

between

**THE MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, LAND AND SEA OF THE  
ITALIAN REPUBLIC**

and

**THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND  
AGRICULTURE OF GEORGIA**

## WHEREAS

- mindful that on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Bonn, Germany, the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of the Italian Republic (IMELS) and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia (MENRP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Climate Change Vulnerability, Risk Assessment, Adaptation and Mitigation (MoU);
- acknowledging the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Committee (JC) established under the abovementioned MoU, approved on 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2019, in Tbilisi, Georgia;
- further acknowledging the Guiding Principles for the Bilateral Cooperation Mechanism approved on 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2019, in Tbilisi, Georgia.

## IT IS AGREED THAT

### Article 1

To implement the bilateral cooperation and co-financing of the related projects:

IMELS will allocate a contribution of TWO MILLION EUROS to LEPL National Environmental Agency (NEA), by the authorization of MEPA, through the Fund for Environmental Cooperation established within *Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A.* (CDP).

Wherever there is a need to increase the global amount set above, IMELS may decide to grant additional financing. Should it take such a decision, IMELS will inform MEPA about the additional amount provided, in the occasion of the Joint Committee.

The contribution from MEPA will be in-kind in the form of national expertise and logistics for the national coordination of the MoU.

### Article 2

For the implementation of the projects and activities approved by the JC, MEPA will identify and communicate to IMELS a dedicated treasury account of LEPL National Environmental Agency (NEA), which will receive the amounts for the implementation of the projects.

The person(s) authorized to act as an administrator of the account in order to use and dispose the contributions within the scope and provisions of the MoU will be formally communicated to the JC.

### **Article 3**

Under the approval by the JC of the Work Plan (WP), the projects and the activities with the related budget the LEPL National Environmental Agency (NEA), by the authorization of MEPA, will provide IMELS with detailed requests of financial resources.

Following the financial request of the LEPL National Environmental Agency (NEA) by the authorization of MEPA, IMELS will authorize CDP to transfer the resources to the treasury dedicated account.

Payments will be issued according to the timing schedule and the tranches approved by the JC. The first tranche of each project will be provided, upon request, as advance payment.

### **Article 4**

In a view of adequately monitoring the implementation of activities and the financial expenditures, MEPA will provide IMELS with:

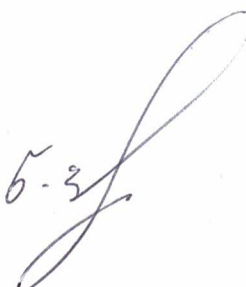
- A final financial report of each project, to be approved by JC;
- An annual financial report (1<sup>st</sup> of January – 31<sup>st</sup> of December) showing expenditures for the year, assets and liabilities with respect to the funds provided by IMELS through CDP. This annual financial report will be delivered not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of March of the following year;
- A final financial report within six months of termination or expiration of the MoU.

### **Article 5**

This Financial Document will enter into force on the day of its signature by both Parties and, unless terminated by mutual agreement of MEPA and IMELS in writing at least not less than 6 (six) months before the date of expiry, will remain in force until operational completion of the projects.

### **Article 6**

Any amendment(s) to this Financial Document will be adopted by the JC.

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## Article 7

Upon completion of each project and/or after termination or expiration of the MoU and without prejudice to article 9.4 of the MoU, any balance from the Italian contribution in the dedicated treasury account of LEPL National Environmental Agency of the Ministry will be returned to CDP or disposed of as requested by the Parties on a case-by-case basis. The hereunder functions of this agreement will be considered terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Financial Document in 2 (two) copies in English, in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 10 January 2019.

**For the Ministry for the Environment,  
Land and Sea of the Italian Republic**

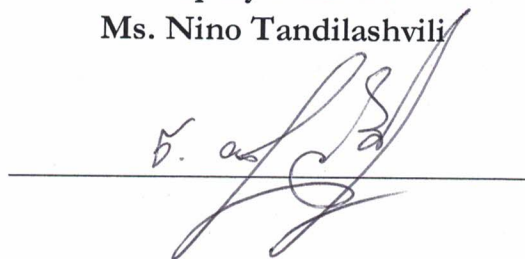
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**For the Ministry of Environmental  
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