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COMPOSE PLUS Memorandum of Understanding

Enhancing the role of local communities in the Fit for 55 initiative.

Making the green transition a reality.

"We are at a pivotal moment in the world's response to the climate and biodiversity emergencies and we are the last generation that can still act in time. This decade is a make-or-break moment for delivering on our commitments under the Paris Agreement, in the interest of the health, wellbeing and prosperity of all. The EU has led by example in setting ambitious targets for reducing net emissions by at least 55% by 2030 compared to 1990 and for being the first climate neutral continent by 2050. These goals are no longer aspirations or ambitions but obligations laid down in the first European Climate Law that create new opportunities for innovation, investment and jobs".[1]

By signing the *COMPOSE PLUS Memorandum of Understanding*, we engage to:

A) **Recognise**, that EU flagship vision of just and green transition based on the principles of a *no one left behind society,* can only be implemented by rethinking the whole development paradigm,

B) **Support and champion** technical and socio-economic advancements, that will mainstream sustainable business, production and behaviour practices, enabling green and sustainable principles to become the new *business-as-usual*,

C) **Foster** further use of the COMPOSE toolbox, and mainstreaming the COMPOSE model approach to achieve higher shares of renewable energy and greater energy efficiency,

D) **Promote** good practices for climate change mitigation and adaptation in our territories – also considering joining the *Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy - Europe* initiative and / or taking advantage of the *European Climate Adaptation Platform Climate-ADAPT* partnership - on **one or more** of the following policy priority areas:

[1] European Commission, "'Fit for 55': delivering the EU's 2030 Climate Target on the way to climate neutrality", 14/7/2021, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0550&from=EN

- **Climate change adaptation and the ambitious implementation of the *Glasgow Climate Pact;***
- **Decarbonising our energy systems;**
- **Stimulation of citizen participation and awareness-raising;**
- **Local action against energy poverty;**
- **Plan how to use social climate funds on the local level;**
- **Climate neutral food and biomass production;**
- **Carbon farming / soil restoration;**
- **Resilience of local forests;**
- **Practices of the circular economy.**

Signed by: **Position:**

Name of entity:

City/Region/Country:

Date: **Signature:**

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The *Memorandum* is open for signatures until 30 June 2022,

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