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URBACT II - Letter of Commitment for Lead Partner

Dear Madam, Sir,

The public Authority City of Regensburg confirms its commitment to be the Lead Partner in the activities of the URBACT Thematic Network proposal entitled

“Heritage as Opportunity (HerO) - Sustainable Management Strategies for Vital Historic Urban Landscapes”.

Our project builds on a partnership of ten (10) partners in total that belong to ten (10) Member or Partner States.

The specific challenge we wish to address in this Thematic network as a Lead Partner is to manage and co-ordinate a European network aiming to develop integrated and innovative management strategies, urban development policies and local action plans to facilitate the right balance between the preservation of built cultural heritage and the sustainable, future-proof socio-economic development of historic urban landscapes. Thereby emphasis will be placed on managing conflicting usage interests and capitalising the potential of cultural heritage assets for economic, social and cultural activities ('Heritage as Opportunity').

The city of Regensburg aims specifically to support the development of an integrated and balanced management strategy to carefully adapt, renew and improve the physical shape and ecological performance of its own built heritage to the changing economic, social, ecological and demographic situations without harming the heritage character and the unique identity of the city.

We are convinced that by working through this URBACT project, we will be able to better address these challenges. In this context, if the proposal is approved within the framework of the URBACT II Programme, we will participate in the project, take on roles and implement activities as indicated in the Final Application work programme. More especially, we commit to ensure that all partners, including the Lead partner, put in place and run an URBACT Local Support Group made up of key local stakeholders relevant to the theme of our project. We also commit to ensure all partners, including the Lead Partner, produce as a result of the exchange and learning activities a Local Action Plan using the knowledge and expertise generated by our joint working.

To this end we also formally commit to engaging the funds needed to co finance ERDF. In the Implementation phase, this is estimated to amount to **88,350 €**¹. The details of this contribution are outlined within the Final Application and in the attached financial tables.

Yours sincerely²

Signature:



Name in capital letters: **Dieter Daminger**

Function:

Deputy Mayor, Councillor for Economic and Financial Affairs

Official stamp

Dieter Daminger
Wirtschafts- u. Finanzreferent
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¹ Please insert the amount of public contribution of the Lead Partner concerning only the implementation phase (phase II) and without ERDF. This amount must correspond to the one indicated in table 1.1 of the budget and in section 15 of the Final Application.

² The signing person has to be an elected representative with authority to sign for the Lead Partner. In case the Lead Partner institution has no elected representatives, the signing person must be in the position of committing the institution's resources to be engaged in the project (staff, budget, etc.).