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SUBJECT: SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION SERVICE

FORM D - APPLICATION AND STATEMENTS

APPLICATION SECTION

I, the undersigned Peter Philipp Werner Kaul born in Heidelberg, Germany on 2/16/1964 document No. N/A tax code 62 718 405 593 in my capacity as (*corporate office - if attorney in fact, attach a copy of the power of attorney and/or Chamber of Commerce certificate*) Legal Representative of the company (*specify name and legal form*) Springer Nature Customer Service Center GmbH with registered office in Germany province (Baden-Württemberg) postcode 69115 address Europaplatz 3, 69115 Heidelberg, Baden-Württemberg, Germany tax code N/A and/or VAT No. DE209719094 and registration in *Professional Registers/Registers of Legal Persons/Company Registers/other Registers of* Germany No. HRB 336546 AG MANNHEIM

AS A

- ☐ sole proprietor, including artisans (Article 65(2)(a) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023);
- ☐ company (indicate type: **Private Company Limited by Shares**)
- ☐ consortium of producer and worker cooperatives (Article 65(2)(b) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023);
- ☐ consortium of craft companies (Article 65(2)(c) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023);
- ☐ stable consortium (Article 65(2)(d) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023);
- ☐ Grouping of network enterprises (Article 65(2)(g) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023);
- ☐ EEIG (Article 65(2)(h) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023);
- ☐ Other _____;

And, possibly, as: (*fill in the relevant sections*)

☐ group leader - agent of a temporary grouping/ordinary consortium

(choose one)

☐ already established

☐ not yet established

with _____ the _____ following _____ principals/consortium _____ members:
_____ as represented below: (*repeat as many times as necessary*)

I, the undersigned _____ born in _____ on _____ document No. _____ tax code _____ in my capacity as (corporate office - if attorney in fact, attach a copy of the power of attorney and/or Chamber of Commerce certificate) _____ of the company (specify company name and form) _____ with registered office in _____ province (_____) postcode _____ address _____ tax code _____ and registration No. in the Register of Companies of _____ REA _____ VAT No. _____

as:

☐ principal of a Temporary grouping of companies

☐ executive consortium member

☐ Other _____

HEREBY DECLARE

pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, that the facts, status and qualities reported in the following paragraphs are true.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT

I hereby declare and attest, under my own responsibility, that:

- 1) I meet the participation and qualification requirements for this award;
- 2) I am not subject to any grounds for exclusion under Articles 94 and 95 of the Code;
- 3) The identification data of the persons referred to in Article 94(3)¹ of the Code are as follows:
(in the case of a Temporary grouping of companies/ordinary consortium established or yet to be established, provide tables and statements for each participating economic operator)

Name	Surname	Position	Date and place of birth	Tax code	Municipality of residence
Alexandra	Dambeck	Director	29/09/1970 Eltnville am Rhein	N/A	Germany
Harald	Wirsching	Director	10/04/1969 Heidelberg	N/A	Germany

☐ (option 1) that I am not subject to any grounds for exclusion under Articles 94 and 95 of Italian Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, as amended and supplemented and, to the best of my knowledge, that the persons

¹ the persons referred to in Article 94(3) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023 to be reported in the table are:

- economic operator, pursuant to and under the terms of Legislative Decree No. 231 of 8 June 2001;
- owner or technical manager, if it is a sole proprietorship;
- managing director or technical manager, if it is a partnership;
- managing partners or technical manager, if it is a limited partnership;
- members of the Board of Directors who have been granted powers of legal representation, including proxies and public prosecutors;
- members of bodies with management or supervisory powers or persons with powers of representation, management or control;
- technical manager or sole shareholder;
- de facto director in the cases referred to in the preceding paragraphs.

listed above are not subject to the grounds for exclusion under Article 94(1) and (2) of Italian Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, as amended and supplemented;

or

☐ (option 2) that I am subject to the following grounds for exclusion:

and that, to the best of my knowledge, the following grounds for exclusion exist with respect to the persons referred to in Article 94(3) of Italian Legislative Decree No. 36/2023 as amended and supplemented, (*specify name, office and conviction*):

(the bidder is required to report all convictions, including those not mentioned in their criminal record. It should be noted that, pursuant to Article 94(7) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, exclusion shall not apply and award shall not be prohibited where the offence has been decriminalised or the offender has been rehabilitated, where a sentence to a perpetual ancillary penalty has been declared extinguished pursuant to Article 179(7) of the Criminal Code, or where the offence has been extinguished after sentencing or the sentence has been revoked)

The economic operator is in the condition provided for by the art. 53 paragraph 16-ter of Legislative Decree No. 165/2001 (pantouflage or revolving door) as it has signed subordinate or self-employed employment contracts and, in any case, has assigned tasks to former employees of the contracting authority who have ceased their employment relationship less than three years ago and who in the last three years of service have exercised authoritative or negotiating powers on behalf of the same contracting authority towards the same economic operator?

[] Yes ☒ No

1. The following certified e-mail address for communications relating to the procedure, including those pursuant to Article 90(1) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, as amended and supplemented. - Certified e-mail: N/A in the case of an RTI, all communications from the Entity will be made to the above-mentioned certified e-mail address, which will be valid as a notification for all members of the grouping;
2. I declare that the financial bid submitted is profitable, since it was obtained by considering and taking into account the following aspects:
 - a) the contractual terms and conditions and any charges including those relating to safety, insurance, working conditions and social security and assistance in force in the geographical area where the works and supplies/services are to be carried out;
 - b) all general, particular and local circumstances, without exception, which may have affected or may affect both the performance of the supply and the determination of the offer;
3. I accept, without any conditions or reservations, all the rules and provisions contained in the tender documentation, as well as any clarifications and/or corrections published on the website <https://apex.cca.unipd.it/pls/apex/f?p=394:10> before the deadline for submitting an offer;
4. I hereby declare:
 - that I have examined all the above tender documents and consider them to be appropriate and that I accept them all, i.e. that I accept their content in full, without any conditions or reservations whatsoever, and that I consider them to be more than adequate for preparing the offer;
 - that, pursuant to Article 1(17) of Law No. 190 of 2012, if awarded the contract, I undertake to sign the Legality Protocol between the Prefecture of Padua and the University of Padua for the purpose of preventing attempts of mafia infiltration and corruption in the contracts awarded by the University. The

protocol was signed on 13/03/2019 and can be downloaded from the following link:
<https://www.unipd.it/sites/unipd.it/files/Trasparenza/ProtLegRep.759.AARep761.pdf>;

- that I am aware of the obligations arising from the Code of Conduct adopted by the contracting authority by Decree Ref. No. 3269/2014, File No. 199824, available at <http://www.unipd.it/codici-condotta-disciplina>, and I undertake, if awarded the contract, to observe and have my employees and collaborators observe, insofar as applicable, the aforementioned Code, under penalty of termination of the contract;
- 5. If I am a non-resident economic operator and do not have a permanent establishment in Italy, if awarded the contract, I undertake to comply with Articles 17(2) and 53(3) of Presidential Decree No. 633/1972 and to inform the Contracting Authority of the appointment of my tax representative, in accordance with the law;
- 6. I hereby certify that I am informed, pursuant to and for the purposes of EC Regulation, European Parliament No. 679 of 27/04/2016, published in the O.G. on 04/05/2016, that the personal data collected will be processed, also by computer, exclusively within the scope of this tender;
- 7. *(For economic operators admitted to the arrangement with creditors as a going concern pursuant to Article 186 bis of Royal Decree No. 267 of 6 March 1942)*
 I hereby provide the following details of the measure of admission to the arrangement procedure and the measure authorising participation in tenders N/A issued by the Court of N/A and I declare that I am not participating in the tender as an agent of a temporary grouping of companies and that the other companies of the grouping are not subject to bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to Article 186 bis(6) of Royal Decree No. 267 of 16 March 1942;
- 8. I hereby declare that I am aware of the obligations provided for in the Notice of the President of ANAC of 21 December 2016, published in the O.G. No. 26 of 1 February 2017, concerning "Forms for reporting to the Authority for communications that may be useful for exercising the Authority's sanctioning power, in relation to Economic Operators with grounds for exclusion pursuant to Articles 94 and 95 of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, as well as for information due from contracting authorities for maintaining the electronic register".
- 9. With reference to the White List, the economic operator: N/A (name) declares that it is/is not (delete the alternative that does not apply) registered in the White List of the Prefecture of N/A (in the case of economic operators consisting of a grouping of several companies, repeat the statement as many times as necessary)

The following parts are to be completed only if the offer is submitted by the parties referred to in Article 65(2)(b) and (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023.

- 10. *(in the case of consortia referred to in Article 65(2)(b), (c) and (d) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023)*
 - encloses a certified copy of the memorandum and articles of association of the consortium, indicating the consortium members;
 - declares that the consortium member(s) for whom the consortium is competing in the tender is/are:

- 11. *(in the case of Temporary groupings of companies or Ordinary Consortia or EEIGs as referred to in Article 65(2)(e), (f) and (h) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023)*
 - If already established: attaches the irrevocable collective mandate with representation conferred on the agent of the RTI by public deed or certified private deed or a certified copy or a true copy of the deed of association and the by-laws of the Consortium/EEIG.
 - If not yet established:
 - declares that the companies participating in the tender in a temporary grouping of enterprises or ordinary consortium or EEIG to be established are the following:
 _____ and they undertake not to change the composition of the grouping or of the consortium to be established;

- if awarded the contract, it undertakes to grant a special collective mandate with representation to one of the economic operators participating in the temporary grouping of companies or ordinary consortium or EEIG, qualified as agent/group leader, which will enter into the contract in its own name and on behalf of itself and of its principals, namely _____, and to formally constitute the temporary grouping of companies or ordinary consortium or EEIG.
- In both cases:
 - its share in the Temporary grouping/Consortium/EEIG is: _____
 - the distribution of the contract shares for the activities to be performed by each member of the RTI/Consortium/EEIG, if awarded the contract, is as follows:

Company (specify role)	Type of work/service/supply	Share (%)

12. (in the case of grouping of network enterprises as referred to in Article 65(2)(g) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023):
- attaches a certified copy of the network contract;
 - (only if the network has legal personality) declares that the activities for which the network participates in the tender are: _____;
 - (only if the network does not have a common body with power of representation): encloses the irrevocable collective mandate with representation conferred on the agent or, if awarded the contract, undertakes to confer a special collective mandate with representation on one of the economic operators in the network, qualified as agent, which will enter into the contract in its own name and on behalf of the principals, namely _____;
 - its share in the network is: _____;
 - the contract shares for the activities to be carried out by each member of the network, if awarded the contract, are as follows:

Company (specify role)	Type of work/service/supply	Share (%)

13. With regard to subcontracting, pursuant to Article 119 of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, the economic operator declares that:
- ☐ it intends to subcontract part of the contract to a third party;
- or
- ☐ it does not intend to subcontract part of the contract to third parties.

14. Concerning the right of access to documents, the economic operator declares that:

- ☐ should a participant in the tender exercise the right of “access to documents”, it will authorise the contracting authority to release copies of all documents submitted for participation in the tender;
- or
- ☐ should a participant in the tender exercise the right of “access to documents”, it will not authorise the contracting authority to release a copy of the technical offer and of the explanations that may be requested during the verification of unusual offers, as they are covered by technical/commercial secrecy, as specified

below (this statement must be duly justified and substantiated pursuant to Article 35 of Legislative Decree 36/2023): _____

15. In the case of subcontracts, the economic operator declares that: *(for contracts that are not subcontracts as per the European Single Procurement Document)*:

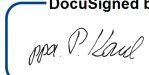
☐ it has recourse to the following subcontracts, which do not constitute subcontracts within the meaning of Article 119(3) of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, and undertakes, for the sole instance referred to in Article 119(3)(c-bis), of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, to file any relevant contracts before or at the same time as signing the contract with the Contracting Authority:

Subcontractor's name	Amount of subcontract	Type of subcontracted work/service/supply
N/A	N/A	N/A

16. *For the awarding of service contracts other than those of an intellectual nature, supply without installation and for concession contracts, the economic operator declares that:*

- ☐ it ensures the employment stability of the personnel employed (see Article XX of the Special Conditions of Contract);
- ☐ it ensures the application of the national and territorial collective agreement for the sector indicated in Article XX of the Tender Specifications and Article XX of the Special Conditions of Contract;
- ☐ it ensures the application of the following national and territorial collective agreement for the sector other than _____ the _____ one _____ indicated _____ by _____ the _____ Entity: _____ and it ensures the same economic and regulatory protections for subcontracted workers as for the contractor's employees; with regard to illegal employment, the economic operator undertakes to ensure safeguards equivalent to those provided by the indicated collective agreement, pursuant to Article 11 of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023;
- ☒ it ensures equal generational, gender and labour inclusion opportunities for people with disabilities or disadvantages.

Padua, *date of signing* 15. August 2025

DocuSigned by:

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Digital signature
of owner/legal representative/attorney in fact ⁽¹⁾

The application is signed digitally:

- in the case of an established temporary grouping or ordinary consortium, by the principal/lead company.
- in the case of a temporary grouping or ordinary consortium not yet established, by all the entities that will form the grouping or consortium;
- in the case of groupings of enterprises adhering to the network contract, the rules laid down for temporary groupings of companies apply, insofar as they are compatible. In particular:
 - a. **if the network has a common body with power of representation and legal personality**, pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 4-quater of Italian Decree-Law No. 5 of 10 February 2009, the application to participate must be signed digitally only by the economic operator acting as common body;
 - b. **if the network has a common body with power of representation but does not have legal personality**, pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 4-quater, of Italian Decree-Law No. 5 of 10 February 2009, the application to participate must be signed digitally by the economic operator acting as common body, as well as by each member of the network contract participating in the tender;

- c. **if the network has a common body without power of representation, or if the network does not have a common body, or if the common body does not meet the qualification requirements to act as agent**, the application to participate must be signed digitally by the network member company acting as agent or, in the case of participation in the form of a grouping to be established, by each member of the network contract participating in the tender.
- in the case of a consortium of cooperatives and craft companies or a stable consortium as referred to in Article 45(2)(b) and (c) of the Code, the application must be signed digitally by the consortium itself.
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(1) If the documentation is signed by the company's attorney, a copy of the relevant power of attorney or other document evidencing powers of representation must be attached.

European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)

Part I: Information concerning the procurement procedure and the contracting authority or contracting entity

Information about publication

For procurement procedures in which a call for competition has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union, the information required under Part I will be automatically retrieved, provided that the electronic ESPD-service is used to generate and fill in the ESPD. Reference of the relevant notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union:

Notice number in the OJS:

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OJS URL

National Official Journal

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In case publication of a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is not required, please give other information allowing the procurement procedure to be unequivocally identified (e. g. reference of a publication at national level)

Identity of the procurer

Official name:

Springer Nature Customer Service Center GmbH **Country:**

Germany

Information about the procurement procedure

Type of procedure

Not specified **Title:**

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Short description:

-

File reference number attributed by the contracting authority or contracting entity (if applicable):

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Part II: Information concerning the economic operator

A: Information about the economic operator

Name:

Springer Nature Customer Service Center GmbH **Street and**

number:

Europaplatz 3 **Postcode:**

69115 **City:**

Heidelberg

Country:

Germany

Internet address (web address) (if applicable):

<http://www.springernature.com/> **E-mail:**

ORSupport@springernature.com **Telephone:**

44(0) 293 192 2009

Contact person or persons:

OR Support

VAT number, if applicable:

DE209719094

If no VAT number is applicable, please indicate another national identification number, if required and applicable

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Is the economic operator a Micro, a Small or a Medium-Sized Enterprise?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Only in case the procurement is reserved: is the economic operator a sheltered workshop, a 'social business' or will it provide for the performance of the contract in the context of sheltered employment programmes?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If applicable, is the economic operator registered on an official list of approved economic operators or does it have an equivalent certificate (e.g. under a national (pre)qualification system)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

- In addition, please complete the missing information in Part IV, Sections A, B, C or D as the case may be ONLY if this is required in the relevant notice or procurement documents

e) Will the economic operator be able to provide a certificate with regard to the payment of social security contributions and taxes or provide information enabling the contracting authority or contracting entity to obtaining it directly by accessing a national database in any Member State that is available free of charge?

☐Yes

☒No

If the relevant documentation is available electronically, please indicate:

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Is the economic operator participating in the procurement procedure together with others?

☐Yes ☒No

Where applicable, indication of the lot(s) for which the economic operator wishes to tender:

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B: Information about representatives of the economic operator #1

- Where applicable, please indicate the name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) empowered to represent the economic operator for the purposes of this procurement procedure:

First name

Peter Philipp Werner

Last name

Kaul

Date of birth

16-02-1964

Place of birth

Heidelberg, Germany

Street and number: Maria-

Montessori-Straße 1

Postcode:

69221 **City:**

Dossenheim

Country:

Germany **E-mail:**

ORSupport@springernature.com **Telephone:**

44(0) 293 192 2009

Position/Acting in the capacity of:

Legal Representative

If needed, please provide detailed information on the representation (its forms, extent, purpose ...):

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C: Information about reliance on the capacities of other entities

Does the economic operator rely on the capacities of other entities in order to meet the selection criteria set out under Part IV and the criteria and rules (if any) set out under Part V below?

☐Yes ☒No

D: Information concerning subcontractors on whose capacity the economic operator does not rely

- (Section to be filled-in only if this information is explicitly required by the contracting authority or contracting entity.)

Does the economic operator intend to subcontract any share of the contract to third parties?

☐Yes

☒No

- If the contracting authority or contracting entity explicitly requests this information in addition to the information under Part I, please provide the information required under Sections A and B of this Part and Part III for each of the (categories of) subcontractors concerned.

Part III: Exclusion grounds

A: Grounds relating to criminal convictions

Article 57(1) of Directive 2014/24/EU sets out the following reasons for exclusion

Participation in a criminal organisation

Has the economic operator itself or any person who is a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body or has powers of representation, decision or control therein been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for participation in a criminal organisation, by a conviction rendered at the most five years ago or in which an exclusion period set out directly in the conviction continues to be applicable? As defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision

2008/841/JHA of 24 October 2008 on the fight against organised crime (OJ L 300, 11.11.2008, p. 42).

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Corruption

Has the economic operator itself or any person who is a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body or has powers of representation, decision or control therein been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for corruption, by a conviction rendered at the most five years ago or in which an exclusion period set out directly in the conviction continues to be applicable? As defined in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union, OJ C 195, 25.6.1997, 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 (OJ L 192, 31.7.2003, p. 54). This exclusion ground also includes corruption as defined in the national law of the contracting authority (contracting entity) or the economic operator. "

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Fraud

Has the economic operator itself or any person who is a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body or has powers of representation, decision or control therein been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for fraud, by a conviction rendered at the most five years ago or in which an exclusion period set out directly in the conviction continues to be applicable? Within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests (OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 48).

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities Has the economic operator itself or any person who is a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body or has powers of representation, decision or control therein been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, by a conviction rendered at the most five years ago or in which an exclusion period set out directly in the conviction continues to be applicable? As defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision of 13 June 2002 on combating terrorism (OJ L 164, 22.6.2002, p. 3). This exclusion ground also includes inciting or aiding or abetting or attempting to commit an offence, as referred to in Article 4 of that Framework Decision.

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Money laundering or terrorist financing

Has the economic operator itself or any person who is a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body or has powers of representation, decision or control therein been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for money laundering or terrorist financing, by a conviction rendered at the most five years ago or in which an exclusion period set out directly in the conviction continues to be applicable? As defined in Article 1 of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing (OJ L 309, 25.11.2005, p. 15).

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings Has the economic operator itself or any person who is a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body or has powers of representation, decision or control therein been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings, by a conviction rendered at the most five years ago or in which an exclusion period set out directly in the conviction continues to be applicable? 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 (OJ L 101, 15.4.2011, p. 1).

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes ☒No

B: Grounds relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions

Article 57(2) of Directive 2014/24/EU sets out the following reasons for exclusion

Payment of taxes

Has the economic operator breached its obligations relating to the payment of taxes, both in the country in which it is established and in Member State of the contracting authority or contracting entity if other than the country of establishment?

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Payment of social security

Has the economic operator breached its obligations relating to the payment social security contributions, both in the country in which it is established and in Member State of the contracting authority or contracting entity if other than the country of establishment?

Your answer?

☐Yes

☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes ☒No

C: Grounds relating to insolvency, conflicts of interests or professional misconduct

Article 57(4) of Directive 2014/24/EU sets out the following reasons for exclusion

Breaching of obligations in the field of environmental law

Has the economic operator, to its knowledge, breached its obligations in the field of environmental law? As referred to for the purposes of this procurement in national law, in the relevant notice or the procurement documents or in Article 18(2) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

Your answer?

☐Yes

☒No

Breaching of obligations in the field of social law

Has the economic operator, to its knowledge, breached its obligations in the field of social law? As referred to for the purposes of this procurement in national law, in the relevant notice or the procurement documents or in Article 18(2) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

Your answer?

☐Yes

☒No

Breaching of obligations in the fields of labour law

Has the economic operator, to its knowledge, breached its obligations in the field of labour law? As referred to for the purposes of this procurement in national law, in the relevant notice or the procurement documents or in Article 18(2) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

Your answer?

☐Yes

☒No

Bankruptcy

Is the economic operator bankrupt? This information needs not be given if exclusion of economic operators in this case has been made mandatory under the applicable national law without any possibility of derogation where the economic operator is nevertheless able to perform the contract.

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Insolvency

Is the economic operator the subject of insolvency or winding-up? This information needs not be given if exclusion of economic operators in this case has been made mandatory under the applicable national law without any possibility of derogation where the economic operator is nevertheless able to perform the contract.

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Arrangement with creditors

Is the economic operator in arrangement with creditors? This information needs not be given if exclusion of economic operators in this case has been made mandatory under the applicable national law without any possibility of derogation where the economic operator is nevertheless able to perform the contract.

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Analogous situation like bankruptcy under national law

Is the economic operator in in any analogous situation like bankruptcy arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations? This information needs not be given if exclusion of economic operators in this case has been made mandatory under the applicable national law without any possibility of derogation where the economic operator is nevertheless able to perform the contract.

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

☒No

Assets being administered by liquidator

Are the assets of the economic operator being administered by a liquidator or by the court? This information needs not be given if exclusion of economic operators in this case has been made mandatory under the applicable national law without any possibility of derogation where the economic operator is nevertheless able to perform the contract.

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes

●No

Business activities are suspended

Are the business activities of the economic operator suspended? This information needs not be given if exclusion of economic operators in this case has been made mandatory under the applicable national law without any possibility of derogation where the economic operator is nevertheless able to perform the contract.

Your answer?

○Yes

●No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

○Yes

●No

Agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition

Has the economic operator entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition?

Your answer?

○Yes

●No

Guilty of grave professional misconduct

Is the economic operator guilty of grave professional misconduct? Where applicable, see definitions in national law, the relevant notice or the procurement documents.

Your answer?

○Yes

●No

Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure Is the economic operator aware of any conflict of interest, as indicated in national law, the relevant notice or the procurement documents due to its participation in the procurement procedure?

Your answer?

○Yes

●No

Direct or indirect involvement in the preparation of this procurement procedure

Has the economic operator or an undertaking related to it advised the contracting authority or contracting entity or otherwise been involved in the preparation of the procurement procedure?

Your answer?

☐Yes

☒No

Early termination, damages or other comparable sanctions

Has the economic operator experienced that a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity or a prior concession contract was terminated early, or that damages or other comparable sanctions were imposed in connection with that prior contract?

Your answer?

☐Yes

☒No

Guilty of misinterpretation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents and obtained confidential information of this procedure

Can the economic operator confirm that:

- a) It has been guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the selection criteria,
- b) It has withheld such information,
- c) It has not been able, without delay, to submit the supporting documents required by a contracting authority or contracting entity, and
- d) It has undertaken to unduly influence the decision making process of the contracting authority or contracting entity, to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the procurement procedure or to negligently provide misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award?

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

D: Purely national exclusion grounds

Do the purely national grounds of exclusion, which are specified in the relevant notice or in the procurement documents, apply?

Purely national exclusion grounds

Other exclusion grounds that may be foreseen in the national legislation of the contracting authority's or contracting entity's Member State. Has the economic operator breached its obligations relating to the purely national grounds of exclusion, which are specified in the relevant notice or in the procurement documents?

Your answer?

☐Yes

☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes ☒No

Part IV: Selection criteria

α: Global indication for all selection criteria

Concerning the selection criteria the economic operator declares that It satisfies all the required selection criteria Your answer?

☐Yes ☐No

Finish

Part V: Reduction of the number of qualified candidates

The economic operator declares that:

It meets the objective and non discriminatory criteria or rules to be applied in order to limit the number of candidates in the following way: In case certain certificates or other forms of documentary evidence are required, please indicate for each whether the economic operator has the required documents:

If some of these certificates or forms of documentary evidence are available electronically, please indicate for each:

Your answer?

☐Yes ☒No

Is this information available at no cost to the authorities from an EU Member State database?

☐Yes ☒No

Part VI: Concluding statements

The economic operator formally declares that the information stated under Parts II - V above is accurate and correct and that it has been set out in full awareness of the consequences of serious misrepresentation.

The economic operator formally declares to be able, upon request and without delay, to provide the certificates and other forms of documentary evidence referred to, except where:

a) The contracting authority or contracting entity has the possibility of obtaining the supporting documentation concerned directly by accessing a national database in any Member State that is available free of charge (on condition that the economic operator has provided the necessary information (web address, issuing authority or body, precise reference of the documentation) allowing the contracting authority or contracting entity to do so. Where required, this must be accompanied by the relevant consent to such access), or

b) As of 18 October 2018 at the latest (depending on the national implementation of the second subparagraph of Article 59(5) of Directive 2014/24/EU), the contracting authority or contracting entity already possesses the documentation concerned.

The economic operator formally consents to the contracting authority or contracting entity as set out in Part I, gaining access to documents supporting the information, which has been provided in Part III and Part IV of this European Single Procurement Document for the purposes of the procurement procedure as set out in Part I.

Date, place and, where required or necessary, signature(s):

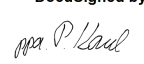
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LAW 136 OF 13 AUGUST 2010 ON THE "TRACEABILITY OF FINANCIAL FLOWS" AS AMENDED AND
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HEREBY DECLARE

- that the details of the dedicated current accounts for present and future payments under contractual relationships established with the University of Padua are as follows:

(Please note that if more than one dedicated current account is indicated, the University will use for payments the first one indicated. If the economic operator wishes that one of the other current accounts to be used, he must explicitly notify this at the time of contract conclusion. It should also be noted that the declarant should also be listed among the persons authorised to operate the account if the declarant is the account holder)

BANK Hypovereinsbank München

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the persons delegated to operate the account are:

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PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH Lich & 3/12/1979
TAX CODE FLKBJM79C12Z112Y
- **LAST AND FIRST NAME** Müller, Caroline
PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH Berlin & 3/6/1966
TAX CODE MLLCLN66C46Z112Y
- **LAST AND FIRST NAME** Wittusch, Manuela
PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH Berlin & 6/16/1978
TAX CODE WTTMNL78H56Z112J

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ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

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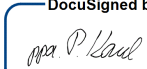
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(please note that if the economic operator uses additional current accounts and other persons are delegated to operate on these current accounts, all such accounts and persons must be reported)

- that the economic operator will use the dedicated current account(s) indicated above for all its transactions related to the contractual relationships, including transactions with its subcontractors;
- that under its sole responsibility, it will promptly make known to the University of Padua any changes in the bank details of the dedicated bank or postal accounts. In the absence of such notification, even if the changes are published in the manner prescribed by law, the University of Padua is released from all liability for the payment ordered.

Done in Germany 15. August 2025

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