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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The undersigned, [Name of Organisation], [Address, City, Country] represented by [Name] expresses its interest to join the Smart City Tech partnership and acknowledges that:

1. The Smart City Tech Partnership is a voluntary, open partnership of complementary clusters and supporting organizations (meta cluster) interested for inter- cluster, cross border and cross sectoral collaboration.
2. The Smart City Tech partners are committed to work on a joint cooperation agenda with the aim to support the development of smart systems enabled solutions for urban areas. The joint cooperation agenda will include actions related to:

* Developing a joint vision on smart systems for urban areas which will lead to concentrating available resources on those activities which can create the most impact for urban areas.
* Building a vibrant and global ecosystem of companies, policy makers, academia, investors and citizens ready to engage for joint projects.
* Developing global innovation capacities which allows for efficient development of new smart systems solutions for urban areas.
* Stimulating active collaboration between stakeholders on concrete projects leading to added value for all ecosystem stakeholders involved.
* Mobilizing funding, either public or private money, as key resource to drive SmartCityTech projects forward.
* Going beyond Europe and collaborate on opportunities on other continents.

1. The Smart City Tech Partnership has been invited by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROWTH) to establish a European Strategic Cluster Partnership – Going International (ESCP-4i). This partnership is subject to a number of principles which are laid down in a charter which is included in annex. The Smart City Tech partners are supposed to subscribe to this charter.
2. Members interested to join the Smart City Tech consortium will have to go through an approval procedure before they formally can become Smart City Tech partner. This approval proces consist out of:
   * Signing the expression of interest.
   * Registering and filling out a profile on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform ([www.clustercollaboration.eu](http://www.clustercollaboration.eu))
   * Submitting a motivation letter and member profile to the Smart City Tech management board.
   * Passing the internal evaluation by the Smart City Tech management board. Approval by the management board gives the candidate already the rights to participate in the Smart City Tech activities.
   * Formal confirmation by the Smart City Tech general assembly by which the candidate becomes full partner of the Smart City Tech partnership.
   * Signing the Smart City Tech statutes and addenda.

Signature

Name:

Date: