

PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION (PoC)

Whereas the The University of Mostar organizes and conducts undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate and lifelong education based on research and contributes to social and economic development through the development of scientific research, artistic and professional work. The University ensures and implements the mobility of students and teachers, the rational use of human and material resources while constantly monitoring the quality, competitiveness and international competitiveness of scientific research, teaching, artistic and professional work

Considering that the footprinting and the mitigation of the environmental impacts along the agrifood supply chains are nowadays two topics of huge debate amongst the relevant stakeholders at national level

Considering that the proliferation of “environmental labels” at market level could generate confusion amongst consumers, when buying food products and also amongst the agri-food producers since they need harmonized environmental information “on pack” when selling their products



Considering that EU Commission elaborated and approved a methodology to calculate the global environmental impacts for a certain range of products, including agri-food items, called Product Environmental Footprint which applies the Life Cycle Analysis approach

Considering that University of Mostar is involved in the Interreg MED project “PEFMED PLUS” titled “*Sharing and transferring Product Environmental Footprint experiences and methods to neighbouring countries of the Adriatic agrifood sector*” where a number of horizontal actions such as capacity building, training and capitalisation will be matched with a series of vertical actions focused on some selected food supply chains

Considering that University of Mostar promote the SDGs, the 2030 Agenda and in general sustainable food systems;

NOW THEREFORE is proposing the following Protocol of Cooperation (PoC) along with the possible trajectories of collaboration described below:

TRAJECTORY N. 1

Type of stakeholders

1. In order to fulfil with the above listed objectives University of Mostar retains that a fruitful collaboration should be implemented with and towards the following national stakeholders:
 - a. Public Ministries
 - b. National Agencies
 - c. Chamber of Commerce
 - d. Higher Education and Universities
 - e. Research and Training centres
 - f. Regional bodies, municipalities and other local offices

TRAJECTORY n. 2

Areas of collaboration

2. In order to interact with the above listed stakeholders University of Mostar has identified the following **areas of collaboration** that include but are not necessarily limited to:
 - a. Awareness raising of public stakeholders about the environmental impact mitigation of traditional agri-food productions
 - b. Transferring/Sharing of any outputs and tools achieved by PEFMED PLUS such as “Training materials”, “Self evaluations tools” and “online platforms exploration”
 - c. Establishing working group(s) to share mutual views and perspectives how to introduce possible improvements of the national/regional/local strategies by including the topic on environmental footprinting in the agri-food supply chain with particular regard to the definition of their funding strategies and next Programming implementation phase (i.e. ERDF, Smart Specialisation Strategy etc)
 - d. Recommendation of any possible ad hoc incentives, co-funding measure to support agrifood supply chain stakeholder to introduce interventions, measure, innovation, tools, technology etc. about environmental footprinting topic which could be activated by the public stakeholders concerned

TRAJECTORY n. 3

Modalities of collaboration and activities

3. In order to promote any possible endorsement with the stakeholders concerned University of Mostar will collaborate through the following modalities:
 - a) **Advocacy and communication:**
A joint advocacy onSDGs implementation and support to the practical application of the environmental footprinting analysis will be scouted
 - b) **Bi-directional knowledge sharing:**

Expertise and knowledge on the local agri-food production and mutual cooperation on the development of policies for responsible/sustainable practices and investments in agri-food supply chains will be mutually shared

c) Capacity building:

Common training activities also via e-learning courses on the understanding of the practical application and implication of PEF methodology on SDGs indicators will be taken into consideration

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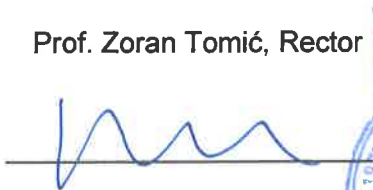
1. The present PoC in any case implies no financial commitment by either entity.
2. Any joint collaboration arising from the endorsement of this PoC will be on a non-exclusive basis. Either entity may freely engage in similar arrangements and activities with other partners, including in the same field.
3. This PoC shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years following the date of publication/announcement did by University of Mostar. During that time any interested stakeholder could officially adopt it by choosing the most favorite way of endorsement

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned University of Mostar has written this Protocol of Cooperation as of the day, month and year written below and available at the weblink: https://aptf.sum.ba/images/PROJEKTI/Pefmed/PROTOCOL_PEFMED_PLUS.pdf

On behalf of the

University of Mostar

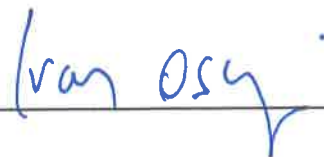
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On behalf of the

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Prof. Ivan Ostojić, Dean



Date: 17th of June 2022



SPACE FOR FUTURE ENDORSEMENT

On behalf of the

Name of organisation: Federal Agromediterranean Institute Mostar

Date of adoption: 17th of June 2022

Marko Ivanković, Director

Signature: 

