**ANNEX V. DECLARATION OF IMPARTIALITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

**FOR THE EXTERNAL EXPERTS FOR ASSSESSMENT OF THE TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION/STATE AID ISSUES/FINANCIAL CAPACITY OF THE PROJECTS**

**WITHIN THE POLAND - RUSSIA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

**2014-2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**PUBLICATION REF:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I, the undersigned,

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(*name of the external expert)*

acting as external expert declare, that I am aware of the provisions stipulated in the Evaluation and Assessment Manual approved by the Joint Monitoring Committee, whereupon any assessment and/or decision concerning the assessment of projects’ technical documentation/state aid issues/financial capacities shall be free from bias and not be influenced by partial interest of any third parties.

I hereby declare that I agree to participate in the assessment of the above mentioned Call for proposals. By making this declaration, I confirm that I have familiarised myself with the information available to date concerning this Call for proposals including the provisions of the Joint Operational Programme, the *Programme Manual Part I – Applicant* published for this Call for proposals and other documents constituting the Programme legal basis of the assessment process.

I declare that I shall execute my responsibilities impartially and objectively.

Should one of the following circumstances appears during the procedure of project assessment, I will inform the Head of the Joint Technical Secretariat immediately and cease to participate in the assessment process:

* I am linked (e.g. as an employee, a member of the supervisory board, a founder) to a lead beneficiary/beneficiary who have submitted a proposal within abovementioned Call for proposals launched under the Programme;
* I have personal or professional or institutional involvement in one or more projects to be assessed;
* I am not independent of all parties which stand to gain from the outcome of the assessment process; to the best of my knowledge and belief, there are facts or circumstances, past or present, or that could arise in the foreseeable future, which might call into question my independence in the eyes of one or more parties;
* I have been employed by an a lead beneficiary/beneficiary, within the previous 3 years.

I accept furthermore that, if I have neglected to give the necessary statement as mentioned above, the Joint Technical Secretariat has the right to demand my resignation from the assessment immediately.

I declare not to offer my services to successful project applicants that I have assessed.

Finally, I agree to hold in trust and confidence any information or documents ("confidential information") disclosed to me or discovered by me or prepared by me in the course of or as a result of the assessment and agree that it shall be used only for the purposes of this assessment and shall not be disclosed to any third party.

I also declare that I will not make any copies of any information obtained from the JTS during assessment process.

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_