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*To be sent via the electronic exchange system, see Article 52  
of the grant agreement*

**Subject: Horizon 2020 Framework Programme**  
**Grant Agreement: 700151 — Reaching out**  
**GA suspension (Article 49.2 GA)**  
**Confirmation letter**

Dear Sir,

Following my pre-information letter Ref. Ares(2017)1591672 - 24/03/2017, I regret to have to confirm the suspension of your above-mentioned grant agreement.

The consortium sent on 4 April 2017, within the 30-day deadline mentioned in the pre-information letter, two documents via formal notification, one document with observations from Airbus (our Ref. Ares(2017)1806175) and one with observations from partners (our Ref. Ares(2017)1806194).

The 30-day contradictory procedure is now closed and no further observations in relation to our pre-information letter will be taken into consideration by the REA.

After a detailed analysis of your observations, the REA concludes that you did not provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that this measure is not justified.

The REA considers that the implementation cannot continue and should be suspended on the following grounds:

- (a) Article 49.2.1(c) of the Grant Agreement: the action is suspected of having lost its scientific or technological relevance.

Concerning the termination of beneficiaries Beneficiary 1 AIRBUS DEFENCE AND SPACE SAS (AIRBUS) and Beneficiary 20 FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES SOCIETES DE LA CROIX ROUGE ET DU CROISSANT ROUGE - SHELTER RESEARCH UNIT ASBL (IFRC – SRU), the changes proposed by the consortium to mitigate their withdrawal are not satisfactory.

Concerning the termination of ARBEITER-SAMARITER-BUND DEUTSCHLAND EV (ASB), the envisaged replacement could be adequate but there is no sufficient information provided at this stage to fully substantiate this.

- (b) Article 49.2.1(a)(ii) of the Grant Agreement: your consortium is suspected to have committed serious breach of obligations under the Agreement

With respect to Article 7 (General obligation to properly implement the action) and Article 19 (Submission of deliverables), your observations actually confirm that the project is severely delayed and that the project is not properly implemented as per the Description of Action.

With respect to Article 35 (Conflict of interests), a declaration from AIRBUS is included on a claimed absence of conflict of interests, but your observations do not provide further clarification on the facts and events mentioned in our letter Ref. Ares(2017)1591672 - 24/03/2017. As a consequence, the REA considers that the matter requires an in-depth assessment to evaluate whether the beneficiaries have deliberately or through negligence breached their contractual obligations in relation to Article 35.

Please find more detailed answers to your observations in the enclosed list of arguments.

The suspension will take effect 5 days after you receive this letter. The suspension will provisionally last 8 months.

Please note that costs incurred during the suspension are not eligible.

It will be lifted if the following cumulative conditions for resuming implementation of the action are met:

- (1) The consortium submits an amendment request within 5 months after reception of this letter, where all necessary changes to the Description of Action are duly implemented and all the recommendations and comments mentioned in the enclosed list of arguments are fully taken into account, including an alternative solution for the project coordination and technical coordination;
- (2) A detailed action plan to fully demonstrate the capacity of the consortium to remedy the situation of poor implementation is provided within 5 months after reception of this letter;
- (3) Any additional information to fully demonstrate that the action has not lost its scientific and/or technological relevance, including detailed information on the tools to be considered in the proposed revised Description of Action, is provided 5 months after reception of this letter;
- (4) Following the outcome of an ad-hoc review to be organised by the REA (as per Article 22 of the Agreement, on the basis of the documents mentioned in the points (1), (2) and (3) above and any other relevant information available, in order to assess, with the support of external experts, the implementation of the action, compliance of the beneficiaries with the obligations under the Agreement

(including those related to Article 35) and the continued scientific and/or technological relevance of the action), the REA concludes that:

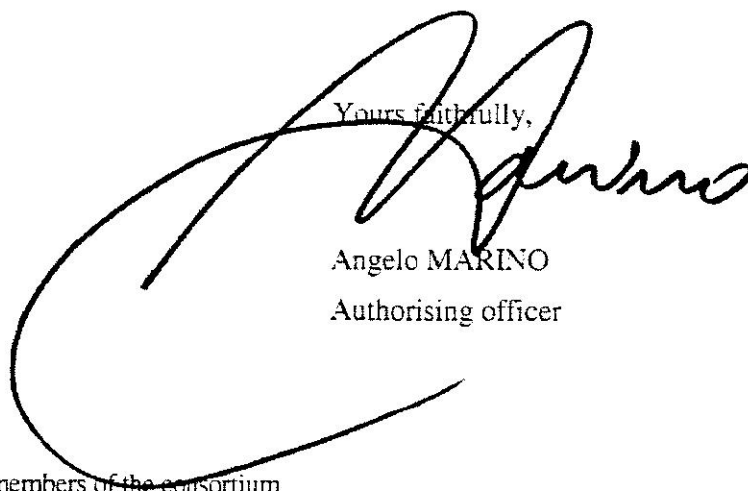
- i. The proposed changes do not call into question the decision taken to award the grant;
- ii. The action has not lost its scientific and/or technological relevance;
- iii. No serious breach of contractual obligations has been committed, deliberately or through negligence, by the beneficiaries;
- iv. Ethics issues are properly handled;
- v. The action implementation can be resumed.

Depending on the outcome of the ad-hoc review mentioned above, or if any of these conditions are not met, the REA will be entitled to terminate the Agreement under Article 50.3.1(c), Article 50.3.1(h), and/or under Article 50.3.1 (l)(ii).

Please ensure that the other members of your consortium are informed of this letter.

For any questions, please contact us via your Participant Portal account.

Yours faithfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angelo MARINO', is written over the 'Yours faithfully,' text and extends downwards into the name and title area.

Angelo MARINO  
Authorising officer

cc: Other members of the consortium