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# **Memorandum of Understanding**

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|  |  | <Insert logo of project/ initiative> |

**The following Parties are signing the Memorandum of Understanding:**

**INTERSTORES project “International Innovation Network for the Development of Cost- and Environmentally Efficient Seasonal Thermal Energy Storages”** fundedunder grant agreement 101136100 through HORIZON Europe, represented by **Prof. Peter Bayer, INTERSTORES Coordinator**, for the purpose of signing this Memorandum of Understanding.

**<Insert name of project/initiative>**, represented by <Insert name of the person who will sign this agreement on behalf of the project/initiative> for the purpose of signing this Memorandum of Understanding.

### Purpose

The signing Parties aim to foster a connection, enhance coordination, and identify mutual interests through bilateral actions such as:

* Share invitations to representatives of <Insert project/initiative> to participate in events organized by **INTERSTORES**. Should the representatives choose to participate, they will do so at their discretion and will be responsible for their arrangements and expenses.
* Collaborate on the preparation of policy briefs/white papers, with joint efforts from both **INTERSTORES** and <Insert project/initiative>.

The collaboration is to improve promotion, cooperation, knowledge exchange, and sharing of best practices while avoiding duplication or inconsistencies.

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to serve as a guideline for both Parties to enhance their relationship for mutual benefit, establishing the mutual and individual scope of interest and developing closer coordination between the Parties.

This document is to enable both Parties to pursue their respective goals and to help avoid any unnecessary duplication or inconsistency of work and publications.

Prior to engaging in a collaborative activity, the Parties shall stipulate the terms and conditions for the work to be performed, as well as the financial arrangements of any such collaborative work through a separate written agreement. This document may be annexed to detail ownership of intellectual property rights and the aforementioned annexes shall be signed by authorized representatives of each Party.

### Pursuit of shared objectives

**Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, acting on behalf of INTERSTORES, agrees to the following terms:**

* Display the link and logo of <Insert project/initiative> on the **INTERSTORES W**ebsite, specifically in a designated sub-category within the menu, such as "similar projects" or "collaboration with other projects."
* Distribute announcements regarding <Insert project/initiative> on **INTERSTORES**'s social media platforms, including important events related to <Insert project/initiative>.
* Publish <Insert project/initiative> guest blog posts on the **INTERSTORES**'s Website.
* Collaborate with <Insert project/initiative> to jointly create events, such as workshops or roundtable discussions involving relevant stakeholders. Ensure that any collaborative activities comply with the confidentiality and intellectual property provisions outlined in the Consortium Agreement of both Parties. All shared information or results during these events must respect the ownership rights and avoid any unintended obligations.
* Engage with <Insert project/initiative> on **INTERSTORES**'s social media by liking, sharing (reposting, retweeting, etc.), and commenting on their posts.
* Organize joint sessions at conferences, with careful coordination to ensure that any dissemination of results is in full compliance with the confidentiality obligations and intellectual property rights as stipulated in the Consortium Agreement of both Parties, ensuring no performance obligations or liabilities are unintentionally created.
* Enable online and on-site meetings to expand cooperation.

### Funding

### The Parties may jointly or independently mobilize resources for any activity, project, or program under this agreement.

### The Parties especially acknowledge that this agreement does not entail any funding obligation.

### Monitoring and evaluation

The Parties will schedule consultations to collaborate, coordinate strategically, and achieve the objectives outlined in this document. These meetings will focus on reaching agreements and formulating an action plan for effective implementation.

### Intellectual property rights and publications

Both Parties are responsible for providing their technical elements and image rights. They can include each other's logos in their networks. Any publications from this collaboration must acknowledge the joint efforts of both Parties. Any employees or volunteers of <Insert project/initiative> and INTERSTORES shall not be entitled to any remuneration or other benefits respectively from INTERSTORES and from <Insert project/initiative>.

### ****Relationship****

The Parties will maintain separate identities and can collaborate freely with others. They won't act as each other's agents or make commitments on behalf of the other Party. This non-binding and non-exclusive agreement will in no way hinder the ability of either Party to work with any other person, or organization, in whatever scope.

Given the separate relationship, neither Party shall hold itself as a representative of the other Party, enter any arrangement or transaction with third Parties on behalf of the other nor in any way pledge or bind the credit of the other Party.

If new cooperations or associations arise as a result of this document, the activities must be established in the form of a (separate) joint (association) agreement. This must be approved (i.e., signed) by the Chancellor of MLU, to follow the formal process and requirements to be effective.

### ****Termination****

Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon signature by the authorised officials from both Parties and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by mutual consent.

In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorised officials from both Parties to extend the terms of this document, the agreement shall end on December 31st, 2027.

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| **On behalf of MLU for the INTERSTORES Consortium** | | **On behalf of <Insert project/initiative>** | |
| Von-Seckendorff-Platz 3,  06120 Halle (Saale),  Germany | | Address,  Town,  Country | |
| Name: **Peter Bayer**  Title: Project Coordinator | | Name: Name Surname  Title: Title | |
| **Halle (Saale), Date: dd/mm/yyyy** | | **Place, Date: dd/mm/yyyy** | |
| Signature: | | Signature: | |
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