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LETTER OF SUPPORT

In reference to your proposed project titled *Innovation in the Framework of the Atlantic Deep Ocean (iFADO)* for the call in the Specific Objective 1.2 “*Strengthening the transfer of innovation results to facilitate the emergence of new products, services and processes*” from Priority Axis 1 “*Stimulating innovation and competitiveness and the specific objective*”.

Herewith I would like to confirm that we are willing to support your application for the iFADO proposal. As the sole European glider manufacturer, with competence and experience in collecting marine data and performing activities related to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), we see this as a wholly beneficial project to link to our interests in the development of the SeaExplorer capacities such as new sensors’ integration or the development of customized innovative features. The proposed approach with cooperation and sharing of knowledge and technologies with other Atlantic Area countries and coastal managers is a relevant strategy to enhance the development of innovative products in the implementation of the MSFD.

Therefore, we confirm our involvement as both a final beneficiary and an active stakeholder, but also a potential end-user of project results.

ALSEAMAR welcomes the opportunity to participate in stakeholder meetings, or training activities, to gather inputs for the project and community benefit be able and to evaluate some of the final project tools, guidelines and methodologies.

Yours sincerely,

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