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Re. : LETTER OF SUPPORT

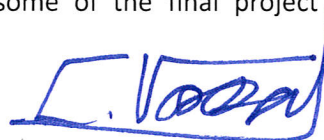
To whom it may concern,

This letter is in reference to your proposed project *"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"* within Priority Axis 1 *"Stimulating innovation and competitiveness and the specific objective"* of the Interreg Atlantic 2016 European funding programme.

Herewith I would like to confirm that we are willing to support your application for the iFADO proposal. CLS, expert in collecting data and performing activities related to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), sees this as a wholly beneficial project, especially concerning our satellite telemetry and related services for autonomous ocean-observing platforms that will be used within the iFADO project framework.

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



Yours sincerely,

Christophe Vassal, CEO