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To: Ramiro Neves (iFADO Project Coordinator)
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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. Kongsberg is one of the world’s leading suppliers of maritime systems with decades of experience in remote monitoring and autonomous underwater vehicle technologies. These technologies are ideally suited for collecting data or performing activities related to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). We see this as a wholly beneficial project to link our interests in the development of additional capabilities in this area. 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 a commercial partner. Kongsberg welcomes the opportunity to participate in stakeholder meetings, or training activities, to gather input for the project and be able to evaluate some of the tools, guidelines and methodologies that will be needed to advance the goals of this community.

Yours sincerely,

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