



Open Call 1

Annex 6: Sub-Grantee Agreement

*This document serves as a reference. The Subgrantee Agreement that will be given to the winning applicants will be finalized and customized to each target applicant (single entity, consortium and natural person) during the contracting phase.



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Contracting parties

This **Agreement** ('the Agreement') is **between** the following parties:

On the one part,

_____ [Organisation name/ Individual name]
established in _____, [Official address], VAT number
_____, represented for the purposes of signing the Agreement by
_____ [Name of legal representative],
_____ [Position in the organisation], acting as Coordinator of the
AID4SME Project consortium.

Hereinafter referred to as the "Coordinator",

_____ [Organisation name/ Individual name]
established in _____, [Official address], VAT number
_____, represented for the purposes of signing the Agreement by
_____ [Name of legal representative],
_____ [Position in the organisation], acting as Treasurer of the FSTP
funds of the AID4SME Project consortium AID4SMEconsortium. [IF RELEVANT]

Hereinafter referred to as the "Treasurer",

And, on the other part,

_____ [Organisation name/ Individual name]
established in _____, [Official address], VAT number
_____, represented for the purposes of signing the Agreement by
_____ [Name of legal representative],

Hereinafter referred to as the "Sub-Grantee".

Hereinafter, all parties above are collectively referred to as the "Contracting Parties"

The Contracting Parties **HAVE AGREED** to the following terms and conditions including those in the following Annexes, which form an integral part of this Sub-Grant Agreement (hereinafter referred as the "Contract").

General Provisions

The European Commission (hereinafter referred as the “EC”) and the Coordinator, as partner and representative of the AID4SME consortium, have signed the Grant Agreement no. 101189562 for the implementation of the AID4SME project – enabling SMEs to develop AI and DATA solutions through support of a Community of Practice and low- TRL and high-TRL playgrounds – within the framework of the Horizon Europe research and innovation programme.

The AID4SME project is implemented by the Coordinator, as coordinator of the AID4SMEproject, in collaboration with the other AID4SMEpartners. The AID4SMEconsortium partners have among themselves entered into a written agreement detailing their respective rights and obligations towards each other for carrying out the AID4SMEproject and exploiting the results thereof (“the Consortium Agreement” or “CA”). The objective of AID4SMEis to provide the infrastructure and learning environment that enable the SMEs to solve the challenges, demonstrate solutions and grow into impactful enterprises. The technology blocks cover a wide area of AI & data technologies for the full cycle of data collection, creation of insights, decision support and automation.

The Sub-Grantee has been selected for funding under the Open Call 1 AID4SME Programme based on the positive evaluation of external evaluators.

This Contract aims at defining the framework of rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties with respect to the Sub-Grantee’s participation in the Open Call 1 AID4SME Programme.

The funding to be received by the Sub-Grantee is property of the EC. The Coordinator and Treasurer are mere holders and managers of the funds.

Article 1 - Entry into force and termination of the contract

1.1 Entry into force

This Contract will enter into force on the day of its signature by the last Contracting Party. The Coordinator and Treasurer will sign this contract only after all the following documents have been received from the Sub-Grantee:

- The original signed Declaration(s) of Honour
- SMEs Declaration form
- KYC (Know Your Customer) Form

Organisations:

- Copy of ID-card or Passport of legal representative(s) of the organization(s)
- Copy of the original Extract of organisation registration
- Proof of VAT registration
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Natural Persons:

- Copy of ID-card or Passport of legal representative(s) of the organisation
- Proof of Address

All documents, properly signed and stamped (if applicable), shall be sent to the Contractor to the following e-mail: [F6S will provide the email address]. The Sub-Grantee is requested to send all requested documents in a single e-mail and with adequate identification (e-mail subject): Open Call 1 AID4SME Programme–[Sub-project Acronym] documentation.

After receipt and validation of the documentation, the Sub-Grantee will receive a sub-grant agreement (contract) for signature. The sub-grantee agreement is non-negotiable.

The Sub-Grantee is solely responsible for the accuracy of all data provided.

The contact details of the Sub-Grantee for notices and communication under this contract are:

Name of contact person	
Address	
E-mail	
Telephone/ mobile phone	

1.2 Contract termination

This Contract will automatically terminate at the end of December 2026, which will happen when the Sub-Grantee has fulfilled all obligations in Article 2, except for those obligations that according to their content are intended to remain in effect, which keep their full force and effect (e.g., reporting on exploitation activities).

The Coordinator shall be entitled to terminate this Contract by written notice with immediate effect if the Sub-Grantee does not fulfil its obligations (see Article 3 - Breach of Contractual obligations).

Irrespective of the automatic termination of this Contract under present Article 1.2 or any early termination under Article 4, all obligations that according to their content are intended to be in effect for longer shall remain in effect.

Article 2 - Obligations and responsibilities of the Sub-Grantee

The obligations and responsibilities are defined in detail in Annex 1 - Guidelines for Applicants.

Additionally, the Sub-Grantee shall take every necessary precaution to avoid any risk of conflict of interest relating to economic interests, political or national affinities, personal or any other interests liable to influence the impartial and objective performance of the sub-project. In case the Sub-Grantee is involved in a conflict of interest or in a risk of a conflict of interest, the Sub-Grantee must formally notify this situation to the Coordinator without delay and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

Furthermore, the Sub-Grantee shall provide true and accurate documentation and declarations as defined in Article 1.1.

Article 3 - Breach of contractual obligations

In the event of a breach of the contractual obligation's representations or warranties by the Sub-Grantee under this Contract, the Coordinator, in coordination with the AID4SME Consortium, reserves the right to terminate the Contract by written notice with immediate effect, even if such non-fulfilment is due to Force Majeure.

In the event of the breach of the contractual obligations by the Sub-Grantee, the Treasurer with the agreement of the Coordinator reserves the right of not fulfilling the respective payment to the Sub-Grantee. The Coordinator also reserves the right to claim a refund of any already paid funds, both in case of breach of contract and/or in case the work/costs are not approved by the EC.

The Coordinator will give written notice requiring that such breach to be remedied within 30 days.

In case the Sub-Grantee has not brought remedies from the notice, the Coordinator may decide to terminate the contract unilaterally.

Article 4 – Financial contribution and financial provisions

4.1 Maximum financial contribution

The maximum financial contribution to be granted to the Sub-Grantee shall not exceed the amount of up to **150,000 Euros**.

4.2 Distribution of the financial contribution

The financial contribution to be granted to the Sub-Grantee will be calculated and distributed in accordance with the provisions set in **Annex 1 - Guidelines for Applicants**.

The financial grant to be paid will always be subject to:

- Provision of a report and a favourable review by the AID4SME internal evaluation team responsible for assessing the sub-project in each of the stages.
- The payment will be made in 6 installments.

Stage	Amount
Plan	30%
Development	40%
Testing & Validation	10%
Solution Assessment & Business Plan	20%

TABLE 1: PAYMENT SCHEMA

Note: A non-favourable review of the work carried out at the end of any stage may lead to the early termination of the contract and suspension of payments.

- The prior notice to the Sub-Grantee of the date and amount to be transferred to its bank account providing the relevant references.
- Payments to the Sub-Grantee will be made by the Treasurer. In particular:
 - The Treasurer, with the agreement of the Coordinator, reserves the right to withhold the payments in case the Sub-Grantee does not fulfil its obligations and tasks as per Annex 1 - Guidelines for Applicants.
 - Banking and transaction costs related to the handling of any financial resources made available to the Sub-Grantee will be covered by the Sub-Grantee.
 - Payments will be released no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the notification by the Coordinator to the Sub-Grantee that the work and deliverable associated to a particular stage has been approved.

The Sub-Grantee is responsible for complying with any tax and legal obligations that might be attached to this Contract.

4.3 Payments schedule

The payment schedule is directly linked to the relevant stages of the sub-project according to Annex 1 - Guidelines for Applicants. The payment in each stage will be disbursed once all work related to a specific stage has received positive assessment, supported on the report submitted to the AID4SME team.

The financial contribution will be made to the Sub-Grantee by the Treasurer. During the contractual procedure, the Sub-Grantee will be asked to provide the respective bank account information to which the payments will be made.

The payment schedule (Table 2) is linked to the successful completion of specified milestones and KPIs established by the Sub-Grantee in its project proposal, which will be evaluated through a report (deliverable) submitted to AID4SME at the end of each stage as identified in Annex 1 – Guidelines for Applicants.

Checking the consistency between the estimated costs and resources and the expected work of the project will also be included in the evaluation process. If requested, the Sub-Grantee will have to present any documentation (financial and non-financial) for the costs claimed.

Stage	Amount	When ?
Plan	30%	M2
Development	40%	20% mid-stage; 20% end-stage
Testing & Validation	10%	10% end-stage
Solution Assessment & Business Plan	20%	20% end-stage

TABLE 2: PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The Sub-Grantee should submit to AID4SME the deliverable corresponding to each stage no later than ten (10) calendar days after the end of the respective stage, providing sufficient time for the AID4SME consortium to review it. A review will be held between fifteen (15) to thirty (30) calendar days after the end

of the stage so that the Contracting Parties can present their work and provide answers to questions from the AID4SME consortium partners.

The payments will be made to the Sub-Grantee subject to the receipt of an invoice or a filled out Financial Identification Form (FIF).¹ If the Sub-Grantee chooses to send an invoice, the invoice must include the following information:

Project xxx – Grant no. xxx

%PROGRAMME_NAME_NUMBER%

The Stage to which the payment is associated

Sub-Grantee information (e.g. sub-project acronym and Sub-Grantee name)

The invoice or the FIF is to be sent to the e-mail address informed by the treasurer in the early stages of the programme. Payments will only be initiated once the work has been approved. Payments will be made no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the invoice or FIF to the bank account of the Sub-Grantee. All payments will be made in Euros.

NOTE: If at any of the payment stages the AID4SME team considers that the quality of work demonstrated and/or reported does not correspond to what has been agreed, the two parties may agree to a resubmission of a deliverable and respective reassessment. If significant improvements are not delivered after the reassessment and the sub-project is therefore considered to be in breach of their contractual obligations, AID4SME reserves the right to terminate the contract as outlined in *Article 3 – Breach of contractual obligations*.

Article 5 – Liability

5.1 Liability of the Sub-Grantee

The Sub-Grantee shall fully and exclusively bear the risks in connection with the fulfilment of its tasks and obligations under this Contract. Except in case of force majeure (Article 8), the Sub-Grantee must compensate the Coordinator, the Treasurer and the EC for any damage they sustain because of the implementation of the obligations of the Sub-Grantee under this Contract or because the tasks and obligations of the Sub-Grantee were not implemented in full compliance with this Contract.

Accordingly, neither AID4SME consortium nor the EC can be held liable for any damage caused to the Sub-Grantee or to third parties because of implementing this Contract, including for gross negligence. At the same time, neither AID4SME consortium nor the EC can be held liable for any damage caused by the Sub-Grantee or third parties, because of implementing this Contract.

The Sub-Grantee shall bear sole responsibility for ensuring that its acts within the framework of this Contract do not infringe third parties' rights. There is no joint liability between the Contracting Parties. For this purpose, the Sub-Grantee shall indemnify and hold the Coordinator, the Treasurer and the EC harmless from and against all repayments, loss, liability, costs, charges, claims or damages which the Coordinator, the Treasurer or the EC as a result thereof would incur or suffer or must pay to the EC or any third parties.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/about_the_european_commission/eu_budget/fich_sign_ba_gb_en_0.pdf

In addition, should the EC have a right of recovery against AID4SMEconsortium regarding any or all the financial support granted under this Contract, the Sub-Grantee shall repay the sums in question in the terms and on the date specified by the Coordinator.

5.2 Exclusions of liability

To the extent acceptable under applicable law, in no event shall the Coordinator or other AID4SMEconsortium partners be liable to the Sub-Grantee for loss or damage caused by the Coordinator or the AID4SMEconsortium partners, their employees, agents and subcontractors in connection with this Contract for any of the following, however caused or arising, on any theory of liability, and even if the Coordinator and/or any other AID4SMEconsortium partner were informed or aware of the possibility thereof:

- Loss of profits, revenue, income, interest, savings, shelf-space, production, and business.
- Opportunities; lost contracts, goodwill, and anticipated savings.
- Loss of or damage to reputation or to data.
- Costs of recall of products.
- Any type of indirect, incidental, punitive, special, or consequential loss or damage.

In respect of any information or materials from the AID4SME consortium made available to the Sub-Grantee under this Contract, no warranty or representation of any kind is made, given, or implied as to the sufficiency, error-free performance, or fitness for purpose, nor as to the absence of any infringement of any proprietary rights of third parties. Therefore, in particular, but without limiting the foregoing:

- The Sub-Grantee shall in all cases be entirely and solely liable for the use to which it puts such information and materials, and the consequences of such use, and
- Neither the Coordinator, the EC nor the other AID4SMEconsortium partners shall be liable vis-à-vis the Sub-Grantee in case of infringement of proprietary rights of a third party resulting from the Sub-Grantee's use of the information and material.

The exclusions and limitations stated in this Article and any other clause of this Contract that has as its object or effect the exclusion or limitation of liability, shall not apply in respect of any: fraud; death, injury to natural persons or damage to real or immovable property caused by the negligence or wilful act, wilful misconduct, wilful breach; or otherwise in so far as mandatory applicable law overrides such exclusions and limitations.

Article 6 - Confidentiality

6.1 Principles

Regarding all information of whatever nature or form as is disclosed between the Contracting Parties in connection with the Sub-project and identified in writing as confidential, the terms of this Article shall apply.

6.2 Obligations

All information, in whatever form or mode of communication, which is disclosed by a Contracting Party (the “Disclosing Party”) to the other Contracting Party (the “Recipient”) in connection with the implementation of the Open Call 1 AID4SME Programme and which has been explicitly marked as “confidential” at the time of disclosure, or, when disclosed orally, has been identified as confidential at the time of disclosure and has been confirmed and designated in writing within 15 calendar days from oral disclosure (at the latest) as confidential information by the Disclosing Party, is “Confidential Information”.

The Recipient hereby accepts, in addition and without prejudice to any commitment on nondisclosure towards the EC, for a period of 5 (five) years after the end of the Sub-Grantee Agreement:

- Not to use Confidential Information other than for the purpose for which it was disclosed.
- Not to disclose Confidential Information without the prior written consent by the Disclosing Party.
- To ensure that internal distribution of Confidential Information by a Recipient shall take place on a strict need-to-know basis.
- To return to the Disclosing Party, or destroy, on demand, all Confidential Information that has been disclosed to the Recipient, including all copies and to delete all information stored in a machine-readable form to the extent practically possible. The Recipient may keep a copy to the extent it is required to keep, archive, or store such Confidential Information because of compliance with applicable laws and regulations or for the proof of on-going obligations provided that the Recipient complies with the confidentiality obligations herein contained with respect to such copy for as long as the copy is retained.

The Recipient shall be responsible for the fulfilment of the above obligations on the part of their employees, or third parties involved in the implementation of Open Call 1 AID4SME Programme and shall ensure that they remain so obliged, as far as legally possible, during and after the end hereof and/or after the termination of the contractual relationship with the employee or third party. The Recipient shall apply the same degree of care regarding the Confidential Information disclosed within the scope of the project as with its own confidential and/or proprietary information, but in no case less than reasonable care. Each Contracting Party shall promptly advise the other Contracting Party in writing of any unauthorised disclosure, misappropriation, or misuse of Confidential Information after it becomes aware of such unauthorised disclosure, misappropriation, or misuse.

6.3 Exceptions to the obligation of confidentiality

The information above (Article 6.2) shall not apply for disclosure or use of Confidential Information, if and in so far as the Recipient can show that:

- The Confidential Information has become or becomes publicly available by means other than a breach of the Recipient's confidentiality obligations.
- The Disclosing Party subsequently informs the Recipient that the Confidential Information is no longer confidential.
- The Confidential Information is communicated to the Recipient without any obligation of confidentiality by a third party who is to the best knowledge of the Recipient in lawful possession thereof and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Disclosing Party.
- The disclosure or communication of the Confidential Information is foreseen by provisions of the Grant Agreement.
- The Confidential Information, at any time, was developed by the Recipient completely independently of any such disclosure by the Disclosing Party.
- The Confidential Information was already known to the Recipient prior to disclosure.
- Disclosure of the Confidential Information follows mandatory applicable laws or regulations or with a court or administrative order.

6.4 Authorised disclosure(s)

If any Party becomes aware that it will be required, or is likely to be required, to disclose Confidential Information to comply with applicable laws or regulations or with a court or administrative order, it will, to the extent it is lawfully able to do so under the laws and legislation applicable to said Party, prior to any such disclosure:

- Notify the Disclosing Party, and
- Comply with the Disclosing Party's reasonable instructions to protect the confidentiality of the information.

The AID4SMECoordinator's disclosure of Confidential Information to the EC and/or the other AID4SMEconsortium partners shall be governed exclusively by the terms of the Grant Agreement and/or the Consortium Agreement.

Accordingly, nothing in this Contract shall prevent the AID4SMECoordinator from complying with its obligations, including its reporting obligations, towards the EC and the other AID4SMEconsortium partners, and any such disclosures shall be subject to the terms of the Grant Agreement or Consortium Agreement.

Likewise, the Sub-Grantee agrees and acknowledges that the EC shall be entitled to disclose Confidential Information to its staff, other EU institutions and bodies or third parties, if:

- This is necessary to implement the Grant Agreement or safeguard the EU's financial interests.
- The recipients of the information are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

Article 7 – Intellectual property rights

The Sub-Grantee acknowledges that all tools, modules and similar of the AID4SME partners are proprietary and owned by the respective AID4SME partner or applicable third party.

Nothing in this Contract shall transfer to the Sub-Grantee or other partners it represents any license or other rights for the use of the tools, modules and similar that are property of an AID4SME partner, unless a specific agreement is established.

The results developed during the sub-project shall be exclusively the property of the Sub-Grantee and/or Partner. This does not exclude the possibility for specific agreements to be made between the Sub-Grantee and one or more of the partners of AID4SME Project

Article 8 – Force Majeure

“Force Majeure” means any unforeseeable exceptional situation or event beyond the Contracting Parties control, which prevents either of them from fulfilling any of their obligations under the Agreement, which was not attributable to error or negligence on their part, and which proves to be inevitable despite the exercising of all due diligence.

Any default of a service, defect in equipment or material or delays in making them available, unless they stem directly from a relevant case of Force Majeure, as well as labour disputes, strikes or financial difficulties cannot be invoked as Force Majeure.

The Contracting Parties shall take the necessary measures to limit any damage due to Force Majeure. They shall do their best to resume the implementation of the action as soon as possible.

No Contracting Party shall be in breach of its obligations and tasks if such a breach is caused by Force Majeure. A Contracting Party will notify the other Contracting Party of any Force Majeure as soon as possible. In case the Sub-Grantee is not able to overcome the consequences of Force Majeure within thirty calendar (30) days after such notification, the AID4SME Coordinator will decide accordingly, including the termination of the Contract.

Article 9 - Information and communication

9.1 Information and communication towards the EC

The Sub-Grantee shall, throughout the duration of the sub-project, take appropriate measures to engage with the public and the media about the sub-project and **to highlight the financial support of the EC and the AID4SME project.**

Unless the EC requests otherwise, any publicity, including at a conference or seminar or any type of information or promotional material (brochure, leaflet, poster, presentation etc.), and any infrastructure, equipment, and major results must:

- Specify that the sub-project has received funding from the EC through the AID4SME project.
- Display the European emblem along with the AID4SME logo. When displayed in association with a logo, the European emblem should be given appropriate prominence. This obligation to use the European emblem in respect of projects to which the EC contributes implies no right of exclusive use. It is subject to general third-party use restrictions which do not permit the appropriation of the emblem, or of any similar trademark or logo, whether by registration or by any other means. Under these conditions, the Sub-Grantee is exempt from the obligation to obtain prior permission from the EC to use the emblem.

- Specify that it reflects only the author's views and that the EC and the AID4SME Consortium is not liable for any use that may be made of the information contained therein. The following text should be used:

"The [sub-project acronym] has indirectly received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe programme, via the Open Call 1 AID4SME Programme issued and executed under the AID4SME project (Grant Agreement no. 101189562)."

The Coordinator, the AID4SME consortium, and/or the EC shall be authorised to publish, in whatever form and on or by whatever medium, the following information:

- The name of the Sub-Grantee.
- Contact address of the Sub-Grantee.
- The general purpose of the sub-project (publishable summary, etc.)
- The amount of the financial contribution of the EC foreseen for the sub-project. after the final payment, the amount and rate of the financial contribution of the EC accepted by the EC.
- The estimated amount and rate of the financial contribution of the EC foreseen for the Sub-Grantee in the table of the estimated breakdown of budget.
- The geographic location of the activities carried out.
- The list of dissemination activities and/or of patent (applications) relating to foreground.
- The publishable reports submitted (technical reports are excluded, since they are confidential).
- Any picture or any audio-visual or web material provided to the EC in the framework of the Sub-project.

The Sub-Grantee shall ensure that all necessary authorisations for such publication have been obtained and that the publication of the information by the AID4SME Coordinator, the AID4SME consortium partners, or EC does not infringe any rights of third parties.

Upon a duly supported request by the Coordinator on behalf of the Sub-Grantee, the EC may agree to forego such publicity if disclosure of the information indicated above would risk compromising the Sub-Grantee's security, academic or commercial interests.

9.2 Information and communication among the Contracting Parties

Any notice to be given under this Contract shall be in writing to the addresses and recipients listed above. Any change of persons or contact details shall be notified immediately to the AID4SME Coordinator. The address list shall be made accessible to all parties concerned.

Article 10 - Checks and reviews

The EC may, at any time during the implementation of the sub-project and up to five years after the end of the sub-project, arrange for a check and review to be carried out, by external auditors, or by the EC services themselves, including the European Anti-Fraud office (OLAF). The procedure shall be deemed to be initiated on the date of receipt of the relevant letter sent by the EC.

There will be no financial checks, reviews, or audits to check costs, since beneficiaries have no obligation to document the costs incurred for the action. Checks, reviews, and audits will focus on the technical implementation of the action.

The Sub-Grantee shall make available directly to the EC (through the coordinator) all information and data that may be requested by the EC or any representative authorised by it, in view of verifying that the Grant Agreement is properly managed and performed in accordance with its provisions.

The Sub-Grantee shall keep the originals or, in exceptional cases, duly authenticated copies (including electronic copies) of all documents related to the Grant Agreement for up to five years from the end of the sub-project. These shall be made available to the EC when requested during any check under the Grant Agreement.

To carry out these checks, the Sub-Grantee shall ensure that the EC's services and any external body(ies) authorised by it have on-the-spot access at all reasonable times, notably to the Sub-Grantee's offices, to its computer data, and to all the information needed to carry out those checks. They shall ensure that the information is readily available on the spot during an audit and, if so requested, that data be handed over in an appropriate form.

Based on the findings made during the check, a provisional report shall be drawn up. It shall be sent by the EC or its authorised representative to the Sub-Grantee concerned, which may make observations thereon within one month of receiving it. The EC may decide not to take into account observations conveyed or documents sent after that deadline. The final report shall be sent to the Sub-Grantee concerned within two months of expiry of the aforesaid deadline.

Based on the conclusions of the check, the EC shall take all appropriate measures which it considers necessary, including the issuing of recovery orders regarding all or part of the payments made by it and the application of any applicable sanction.

The European Court of Auditors shall have the same rights as the EC, notably right of access, for the purpose of checks and audits, without prejudice to its own rules.

In addition, the EC may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the EC to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities.

Article 11 – Data protection

The Contracting Parties have the obligation to abide by the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons regarding the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

Each Contracting Party shall each be considered a separate and independent data controller, as defined in the GDPR, to every other Contracting Party. The processing of personal data shall be carried out lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner, collected for specific purposes and adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which it is processed. Where it might be designated by a relevant Supervisory Authority or through agreement between Contracting Parties that the AID4SMECoordinator and any other AID4SMEconsortium partners are appointed as data processors, parties shall enter into appropriate data processing agreements as required by the GDPR.

The Sub-Grantee acknowledges that the AID4SMECoordinator and any other AID4SMEconsortium partners, if appointed as data processors, are not responsible for the Sub-Grantee's compliance with any data protection or privacy law applicable to the Sub-Grantee. Each of the Contracting Parties, in their respective roles as data controllers, will be responsible for their own compliance with any data protection or privacy law applicable to them as data controller.

Article 12 - Obligations imposed by the Grant Agreement to the Sub-Grantee

The Sub-Grantee receives funding from the European Commission for carrying out the sub-project [redacted] [sub-project acronym]. Under the Grant Agreement or the Consortium Agreement, some of the obligations must be imposed on the Sub-Grantee. Those obligations are reflected in this Agreement. The specific obligations that the Sub-Grantee must ensure are described in the Multi-Sub-Grantee General Model Grant Agreement²³ in articles 12, 13, 17, 25 and 33. These articles are included in this Contract and are fully applicable to the Sub-Grantee.

The Sub-Grantee acknowledges and agrees that these obligations comprised in this Agreement and the above-mentioned obligations of the Multi-Sub-Grantee General Model are fully applicable to it.

² https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/amga/h2020-amga_en.pdf

³ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf

Article 13 - Miscellaneous

Should any provision of this Contract be or become invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Contract. In such a case, the Contracting Parties shall be entitled to request that a valid, legal, enforceable, and practicable replacement provision be negotiated which fulfils the purpose of the original provision.

The Sub-Grantee shall not be entitled to act or to make legally binding declarations on behalf of the Coordinator or any other AID4SME consortium partner, and nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to constitute a joint venture, agency, partnership, interest grouping or any other kind of formal business grouping or entity between the Contracting Parties or between the Sub-Grantee and any AID4SME consortium partner.

No rights or obligations of the Sub-Grantee arising from this Contract may be assigned or transferred, in whole or in part, and no obligations of the Sub-Grantee may be sub-contracted, without the Coordinator's prior formal written approval; and such approval shall not exempt the Sub-Grantee from any of its obligations hereunder.

Although (with exception to the Coordinator and the Treasurer) the AID4SME consortium partners and their affiliated entities are not Contracting Parties to this Contract, they are intended by the Contracting Parties to be third party beneficiaries under this Contract and accordingly shall be entitled to enforce the terms of this Contract against the Sub-Grantee and (without limitation) shall be entitled to the benefit of, and to enforce any exclusion or limitation of liability of the AID4SME consortium partners contained in this Contract and any indemnity in favour of the AID4SME consortium partners contained in this Contract.

Amendments and modifications to the text of this Agreement require a separate written agreement to be signed between all Parties. Although this Contract refers to the provisions of the CA and GA, the Sub-Grantee is not a party to the CA or GA but only bound towards the Coordinator by the CA and GA provisions as referred or reproduced in this Contract.

This Contract is drawn up in English language which shall govern all documents, notices, meetings, and processes relative thereto.

Article 14 - Applicable Law

This Contract shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of Ireland

Article 15 - Settlement of disputes

If the Contracting Parties are unable to resolve a dispute amicably, such dispute will be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by three (3) arbitrators in Dublin. Each of the Contracting Parties to the dispute shall appoint one (1) arbitrator and the two (2) arbitrators so appointed shall elect the presiding arbitrator. Should a Party to the dispute which should appoint an arbitrator fails to do so within fourteen (14) days of the delivery of the written notice to do so from the other Party to the dispute or should the appointed arbitrators fail to reach agreement on the presiding arbitrator within fourteen (14) days after their appointment, such arbitrator shall be appointed in accordance with the Rules upon request of any of the Parties to the dispute.

The seat of arbitration shall be Dublin.

The Contracting Parties agree that the language of the arbitration, including oral hearings, written evidence, and correspondence shall be English.

A duly rendered arbitration award shall be final and binding on the Contracting Parties to the dispute. Each Contracting Party to the arbitration conducted in accordance with this section hereof shall bear its own expenses incurred in connection with such arbitration, including fees of its legal counsels. All other costs and expenses shall be apportioned between the Contracting Parties to the arbitration in accordance with the decision of the arbitrators.

Nothing in this Contract shall limit the Contracting Parties right to seek injunctive relief or to enforce an arbitration award in any applicable competent court of law.

Article 16 – No double funding

By signing this Agreement, the Sub-Grantee declares to be aware of the fundamental principle underpinning the rules for public expenditure in the EU that no costs for the same activity be funded twice from the EU budget, as defined in the Article 111 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No. 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation, and confirms that all the work performed under AID4SME (Grant Agreement no. 101189562) will be done exclusively in the scope of this programme, not being supported or funded by any other European Commission programme.

AS WITNESS:

The Contracting Parties have caused this Contract to be duly signed by the undersigned authorised representatives in three copies the day and year first above written:

For XXX (AID4SME Coordinator) Mr/Ms [NAME SURNAME] [POSITION IN ORGANISATION] Signature Done at [] on DD/MM/202Y	For XXXX (Treasurer) Mr/Ms [] [NAME SURNAME] [] [POSITION IN COMPANY] Signature Done at [] on DD/MM/202Y
For [] [organisation/ individual name] (the Sub-Grantee) Mr/Ms [] [NAME SURNAME] [] [POSITION IN ORGANISATION] Signature Done at [] on DD/MM/202Y	

ANNEXES

Annex 1 - Guidelines for Applicants