**Partnership Agreement on establishing CELBET Centre of expertise for training purposes on:** **“Train search”**

**- National Commitment –**

**Parties of the agreement:**

* **European Commission - DG TAXUD,**
* **CELBET (**Customs Eastern and South-Eastern Land Border Expert Team under Customs Programme**)**

**and**

* **the National Customs Board of the State Revenue Service of the Latvia acting on behalf of the CELBET Country (Latvia)**

In accordance with objectives of the Customs Programme, set in the Regulation (EU) No. 2021/444 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2021 establishing the Customs programme for cooperation in the field of customs and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1294/2013;

In accordance with objectives of the Customs 2020 Programme, set in the Regulation (EU) No. 1294/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing an action programme for customs in the European Union for the period 2014-2020 (Customs 2020) and repealing Decision No 624/2007/EC;

In accordance with Customs & Fiscalis EU Common Learning Events Programme (CLEP) Project Fiche

Being aware of commitments resulting from the Grant Agreement For An Action With Multiple Beneficiaries, Agreement No. TAXUD/2018/DE/202;

hereby agree on the establishment of a Centre of Expertise (CoE) for training purposes on the topic of Train search at customs office in Daugavpils, Latvia (‘HOST country’) and the estimated number of training sessions to be organized with the support of the CoE is 1-2 training sessions based on training needs and HOST availability on annual basis.

Trainings on the topic could be organized not only in the HOST country but in other CELBET Member States (CELBET MS) as well.

The responsibilities will be shared between the European Commission (‘Commission‘), CELBET and the HOST country as follows:

1. **The Commission (DG TAXUD)**, with CELBET’s support and within the legal and financial scope of the Customs Programme, will provide resources for managing CoE through supporting regular events on the topic (minimum 1-2 training sessions annually based on training needs) under the CLEP initiative.

The CELBET CLEP events (interpreted in annual Customs CLEP proposals) can be open to all Member States participation or restricted to CELBET countries only.

(b) **The HOST country** will keep contact with the subject matter experts/trainers and the CELBET training team and will coordinate and support the following activities:

* updating the training program and the training materials according of the operation needs;
* hosting trainings/CLEP events based on the training needs;
* cooperating with other CELBET and EU Member States when organizing trainings on the topic;
* engaging trainers from the CELBET MS expert group according of their availability;
* organizing meetings (live or virtual) for experts,
* and, reporting back under CLEP procedure.

(c) **The CELBET training team** will keep in contact with the Centre of expertise, the CELBET training network and the Commission and will perform the following activities:

* providing guidelines on how to use the CoE.
* providing support for CoE (HR, technical, administrative);
* facilitating and supporting the national implementation of the trainings in the CELBET MS on the topic;
* analysing training needs in the CELBET MS on regular basis;
* promoting the CoE;
* monitoring and following up the progress;
* and, ensuring the publication and dissemination of the related training materials.

**Other conditions**

1. The training materials related to the topic will be published on the EU Learning Management System linked to the CELBET Training platform and/or through any other appropriate distribution channel.
2. For each training session provided on the topic by the CoE, certificates will be issued for the participants signed by a representative of the CoE and a member of the CELBET Training Team.

 (f) Contact persons for the CoE are:

* from the HOST country (name, tel., email and address of the contact person): Mr. Lauris Krivans. 00371 22024624, lauris.krivans@vid.gov.lv
* from the CELBET Training team (name, tel. and email of the contact person): Mr. Norbert Jakus, 00421 905 828 166, norbert.jakus@financnasprava.sk.
* from DG TAXUD (name, tel, email and address of the contact person) : Ms. Laura Gil Rodrigues, Laura.GIL-RODRIGUEZ@ec.europa.eu

Each party of the agreement could change its contact person if needed and must inform the contact points from the other 2 parties about new ones at least via e-mail and according to the national procedures.

**Amendments of the agreement**

(g) Each party of the agreement can request amendments which refer to their responsibilities according to the agreement.

(h) All amendments to the Partnership agreement that might be required in the future must be agreed by the partners. The amendments must be additionally signed by the HOST country, CELBET project leader and DG TAXUD as an Annex to this document.

(i) The agreement is valid until one the parties would request its termination but at least for 1 year after signing. To avoid possible inconveniences, a request for termination should be notified to all parties by 2 months before end of the year.

**SIGNATURES**

**For the CELBET project leader For the Commission**

**András Bartha**

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 **For the HOST country**

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