

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**on Cooperation between**

**the Environmental Protection Fund**

**of the Federation of BiH**

**and**

**the Czech Development Agency**

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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed between:

**The Environmental Protection Fund of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina** (hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”), represented by the Director, Dr.sci.oec Fuad Čibukčić

and

**Czech Development Agency** (hereinafter referred to as “CzDA”), represented by the Director, Ing. Pavel Frelich

defines a framework for development cooperation between the Fund and the CzDA, and conditions for joint actions regarding environmental problems, as well as co-financing of projects in the territory of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter referred to as “FBiH”).

#### Article 1

In accordance with the guidelines of the “Stabilization and Association Agreement of the European Union with Bosnia and Herzegovina”, **the tasks of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the process of implementation of the *Acquis Communautaire* on Environment, include development cooperation in the field of environmental protection** and strengthening of the administrative capacities and procedures, with the aim of ensuring strategic planning of environmental issues, coordination between the relevant actors of all governmental levels and the harmonization of the laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the EU *acquis*.

Based on the above mentioned, **the Fund's commitment is to cooperate with international partners and to act together in the fields of conservation, sustainable usage, protection and improvement of the environmental conditions and usage of renewable energy sources**, as well as financing /co-financing of projects related to facilities and natural resources of mutual interest, that have direct or indirect impact on the environment.

The Official Development Cooperation between the Czech Republic and Bosnia and Herzegovina, which CzDA is a part of, is based on the principals of partnership, efficiency, transparency and it contributes to the promotion of mutual political and economic relations between the two countries.

#### Article 2

The CzDA provides the implementation of the Official Development Cooperation of the Czech Republic in accordance with the Plan of the Official Development Cooperation of the Czech Republic and the Development Cooperation Programme with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The provision of CzDA support is carried out by implementing of development programmes, mainly through preparation of public tenders.

#### Article 3

**The Fund and the CzDA express their commitment to work closely to develop and strengthen cooperation in the fields of conservation, sustainable use, protection and improvement of the environmental conditions and usage of renewable energy sources.** In

this context, both parties are willing to exchange information and to harmonize their plans related to the implementation of priority programs and projects on environmental protection in the FBiH. The programmes and projects of joint interest will be identified in accordance with the priorities of the Fund and the CzDA and they will be related to the various environmental sectors such as:

- water protection (especially waste water treatment and ensuring the potable water),
- energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

#### Article 4

The Fund and the CzDA will jointly collaborate on activities in the areas of planning and co-financing of the preparation, implementation and development of priority environmental protection projects/programs in the territory of FBiH, that are related to facilities and natural resources of mutual interest, which have direct or indirect impact on the environment.

#### Article 5

Identification of projects of mutual interest shall be carried out in accordance with the CzDA Methodology of the Official Development Cooperation of the Czech Republic and subsequent methodologies of the Fund. In case that the project ideas/programs of environmental protection are positively evaluated by both parties, the method of cooperation between the Fund and the CzDA will be subsequently defined by a specific Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of the relevant development project.

#### Article 6

The present Memorandum of Understanding has been signed in four (4) original copies, out of which each Party receives two (2) originals.

For and on behalf of the  
Environmental Protection Fund of  
the Federation of BiH

  
Dr. sci. oec. Fuad Čibukčić  
Director

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