

## Request for Proposal (RfP)

Girls Go Circular advanced Module for Fashion shared with EIT Culture & Creativity

February 2025

**Deadline for offer submission: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

### 1. Context

EIT Manufacturing is one of the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KIC) focused on promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, and education in the domain of manufacturing. EIT Manufacturing brings together leading organisations along the entire value chain from smaller companies to larger industry, excellent academic and research institutions, as well as public sector organisations, to promote the transformation of manufacturing towards a sustainable, people-centric, resilient European industry, by removing barriers to innovation, promoting talent and education, leveraging enabling technologies and exploiting big data.

EIT Manufacturing is an association under the law 1901 created in 2019. Along with the EIT Manufacturing there are 8 (eight) other Knowledge Innovation Communities (“KICs”) with the aim to lead the action and create services across Europe, improving the competitiveness of European companies.

With this **Request for Proposal (RfP)**, **EIT Manufacturing (EITM)** and **EIT Culture & Creativity (EITC&C)** are seeking proposals from **educational consultants** to support the development of a new **online learning module** on **circularity in Manufacturing and Culture & Creativity** as part of the **EIT Youth project, Girls Go Circular (GGC)**.



## 2. Work Scope & Deliverables

EIT Manufacturing requests support from an educational consultant to develop a new module related to circularity in Manufacturing and Culture and Creativity of the EIT Youth online learning project Girls Go Circular (GGC). In line with the Digital Education Action Plan 2021-2027, more specifically Action 13: Women's participation in STEM, the project aims to empower schoolgirls aged 14-to 19- years olds to become future leaders and entrepreneurs in STEM fields.

The programme's objectives are to achieve systemic impact in terms of:

1. Attracting more women to STEAM and ICT. By increasing interest and knowledge in these fields at the secondary school level, the project contributes to closing the existing gender gap.
2. Introducing youth to the circular economy and emerging societal challenges.
3. Introducing youth to deep tech and its necessity for a more globally competitive Europe.
4. Driving thematic content important to EIT and the KICs into the curriculum.
5. Providing teachers with resources and training to incorporate challenge-based learning and innovative thinking into their classrooms.

At the core of the project, there is a Moodle-based learning platform called Circular Learning Space. The platform can be accessed by creating a free account on the GGC platform here: <https://circularlearningspace.eu/login/index.php>. Through this platform, students work individually and in groups during online and in-person sessions. The platform includes several modules of different lengths and difficulty levels, exploring the circular economy and deep tech from different angles. As part of our improvement initiatives, a learning design framework for the programme was established in 2024 to ensure consistency across all modules. Under this framework, courses are categorized as either foundation or advanced level. Foundation modules have a duration of 3 hours, while advanced modules extend to 5 hours. The key principles of the Girls Go Circular learning design framework are the following: 1. Level - Courses will be at one of three levels: Introductory (baseline learning for all students), Foundation (for new learners - explorers) or Advanced (for learners who wish to extend their knowledge and practical skills – innovators) 2. Length - Courses will normally be of consistent study length. Foundation courses will normally include c. 1 hour of content learning time + c. 2 hours of 'explorer' challenge learning. Advanced courses will normally include c. 2 hours of content learning + 3 hours of challenge-based learning. This should be broken down into 30-minute segments to align to the time constraints of the classroom. 3. Target Audience - All courses will use age, learning stage and gender appropriate language. 4. Aims & Learning Outcomes - All courses will normally have one overarching aim and four overarching intended learning outcomes (ILOs): 1 Circular Economy knowledge-based 5 outcome aligned to the course's topic and supporting the acquisition of



knowledge from the GreenComp framework; 1 Deep Tech knowledge-based outcome, 1 DigComp skills based outcome, 1 EntreComp skills-based outcome. 5. Circular CV Statements - All courses will translate their learning outcomes into CV/university-application-ready skills statements: Circular CV Statements. 6. Assessment - All courses will normally have one summative skills challenge and one summative knowledge test. 7. Course content - All courses will integrate core GGC content themes and skills activities and will actively promote gender equality. 8. Active & collaborative learning - All courses will promote active and collaborative learning enhanced, where appropriate, by the use of technology.

The methodology of Girls Go Circular is based on a learning-by-doing approach that engages students in activities such as online research, entrepreneurial role-plays, or challenge-based exercises. The skills developed align with the EU Digital Competences Framework 2.2 (DigComp), the European Entrepreneurship Competence Framework (EntreComp), and the European Sustainability Competence Framework (GreenComp). The following skills are developed:

1. Evaluating and managing data, information, and digital content
2. Interacting, sharing, and collaborating through digital technologies
3. Managing digital identities
4. Developing digital content
5. Entrepreneurial and leading skills
6. Green skills and sustainability-driven mindset
7. Familiarising with deep-tech topics
8. Societal problem solving
9. Critical thinking

Additionally, each module is accompanied by a teacher guidebook which can be accessed here <https://eit-girlsgocircular.eu/teachers-schools/>, <https://eit-girlsgocircular.eu/teachers-schools/> a vital resource designed to support educators in navigating the platform effectively. This guidebook serves as a comprehensive tool, providing insights into each module, topic, and digital exercise and offering guidance to teachers in their preparation for facilitating classroom sessions.

Specifically, this Request for Proposals (RfP) focuses on the following service:

**Develop a new online learning module** about Fashion as part of the Girls Go Circular programme



The positions for the two services have defined scopes, structured selections processes, clear time commitments as well as structured work agreements (Contracts). Applicants must be available for the expected time commitment and deliverables.

*Service 1: Develop a new online learning module about Fashion as part of the Girls Go Circular programme*

### **Objectives:**

Service 1 involves the development of a new Advanced (5 hours length) about Circularity in Fashion, which will be integrated in Moodle-based learning platform. This module must align with EIT Manufacturing and EIT Culture & Creativity missions, integrate Deep Tech elements and align with the learning design framework established in 2024.

### **Key responsibilities:**

- Analyse EIT Manufacturing's and EIT Culture & Creativity's missions and identify a suitable topic for the learning module. The selected topic should focus on Fashion, ensuring alignment with the EIT Manufacturing and EIT Culture & Creativity's missions and the Girls Go Circular project.
- Develop a new Advanced module (5-hours length).
- Analyse, introduce and recommend content in line with the *Girls Go Circular* Learning Design framework, introduced in 2024.
- Analyse, identify, recommend and introduce deep tech solutions relevant to the field in the learning module, aligning with the overarching objectives of the Deep Tech Talent Initiative.
- Develop the teacher guidebook for the new module following the templates.
- Submit a filled-in 'Module Descriptor' Excel template (provided by Girls Go Circular) including the course summary and aim, Intended Learning Outcomes, and skills related to DigComp, EntreComp and GreenComp.
- Prepare the necessary materials for the translation of the modules once they are finalised. This includes generating the video subtitles as VTT files, transferring content into Excel spreadsheets, and creating any additional supporting materials. Submit a filled-in 'Module Descriptor' Excel template (provided by Girls Go Circular) including the course summary



and aim, Intended Learning Outcomes, and skills related to DigComp, EntreComp and GreenComp.

### Requirements and capabilities:

The team or individual/s delivering the services should be able to demonstrate the following experience and capabilities:

- Proficient in the English language (at least C1)
- 5+ years of experience working with public sector, multi-lateral, philanthropic, and private sector organisations to develop practical, relevant, and effective measurement and learning systems in international contexts.
- Demonstrated and tested advanced presentation skills
- Computer literacy combined with strong communication skills to convey the results in plain language to non-experts.
- Experience in working with deep tech-focused projects
- Experience in working with the the EU Digital Competences Framework 2.2 (DigComp), the European Entrepreneurship Competence Framework (EntreComp), and the European Sustainability Competence Framework (GreenComp).
- Experience in working on (gender) inclusion-focused projects
- Experience on developing asynchronous courses and use of applicable interactive methods and technical skills.
- Experience in working on circular economy/Fashion focused projects

### Key dates and deliverables:

11 April	Proposed contract start date
1 May	1st Draft of the Advanced course: including text, visuals (images and
1-10 May	Progress meeting on the new module
15 June	New Advanced module is finalised (Including text, visuals (images and
30 June	Teacher notes are finalised (Text in Word using the provided

### 3. Budget



- The budget for the Fashion project is **7,200€ from EIT Manufacturing (excluding VAT) and 4,100 from EIT Culture & Creativity (excluding VAT)**.

**Please note:**

- As this project is a **joint collaboration** between **EIT Manufacturing (EITM) and EIT Culture & Creativity (EITC&C)**, the selected consultant(s) will enter into **two separate contracts**— one with each KIC. Each contract will reflect the respective financial contributions committed by the KICs: **€7,200 from EITM and €4,000 from EITC&C**.
- EIT Manufacturing is not obligated to procure services up to the maximum specified amount.

#### 4. Timeline

The deadline to submit the offer is **[2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2025]**. The indicative timeline for the Request for Proposals is as follows:

Activity	Responsible	Date
RFP Opening	EIT Manufacturing	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
<b>Submission of Proposals</b>	<b>Suppliers</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2025</b>
Evaluation and notification of award	EIT Manufacturing	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
End of the Standstill	EIT Manufacturing	7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Contract Signature	EIT Manufacturing/Suppliers	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### 5. Proposal Requirements

Interested organizations are invited to submit a detailed proposal addressing the following key areas:

- A brief description of your **relevant experience**
- Proposed steps for a timely submission, ideally including some milestones
- Detailed overview of the **services offered** (administrative, financial and technical)



- **Financial offer.** The Financial offer shall be expressed in Euros, VAT shall be indicated separately. The financial offer must be presented as a **fixed total price for the complete service**. The price must cover all costs related to the execution of the contract. No additional costs or price adjustments will be accepted after the contract award.
- **Declaration of Honour** (see annex II)

Responses should be concise and clear. The tenderer's proposal will be incorporated into any contract that results from this procedure. Tenderers are, therefore, cautioned not to make claims or statements that they are not prepared to commit to contractually. Subsequent modifications and counter-proposals, if applicable, shall also become an integral part of any resulting contract.

The tenderer confirms that the individual submitting the natural or legal entity's proposal is duly authorized to bind its entity to the proposal as submitted. The tenderer also confirms that it has read the instructions to tenderers and has the experience, skills and resources to perform, according to conditions set forth in this proposal and the tenderers' proposal.

## 6. Proposal Submission Procedure

All offers shall be submitted within the above-mentioned deadline to the following link:  
<https://eit-manufacturing.prioritize.linksquares.com/new-task?token=eqfghK7TdycO3ZdVaPfVqgS5gx2LiEf2lmaueYxnGfUzCJhpKHMNjUwW1oN-KF7i>

To start your application, please follow the outlined "step-by-step":

1. Click on the link above and then click on "Procurement - Make a request for the Legal Team related to Procurement Procedures".
2. Fill out the Task Name with this description: "RfP – **Girls Go Circular Advanced Module for Fashion shared with EIT Culture & Creativity**".
3. Fill out the Requestor Name with your name.
4. Fill out the Requestor E-mail with your e-mail address.
5. Leave the following fields blank since they are not mandatory: Task type, Deadline and Priority.
6. Fill in the field "Describe Task" with the message you wish to convey to our team and/or any details and comments you have regarding your proposal. If you have none, simply write the name of the RfP: "RfP – **Girls Go Circular advanced Module for Fashion shared with EIT Culture & Creativity**".
7. Click on attachments and upload your Commercial Proposal as an attachment.
8. After completing the above-mentioned information, click on "Submit Task" to finalise



your application. Please note that you will not receive any confirmation in your e-mail. However, you should ensure that this message appears to you on the screen after submitting your proposal: “Task created successfully”.

9. If you have any questions, please contact us at the following email address:  
[procurement@eitmanufacturing.eu](mailto:procurement@eitmanufacturing.eu)

**Please note:** All tenderers are requested to include the following with their submission - a detailed price list for individual tasks, an estimate of the typical working time required for each task, and references from previous engagements in similar projects.

Disclaimer of Liability for Technical Failures:

EIT Manufacturing shall not be held liable for any technical failures, interruptions, or glitches occurring in its digital tool designated for receiving proposals in the Request for Proposals (RfP) as mentioned in the link above, irrespective of the underlying reasons. EIT Manufacturing assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage resulting from such technical issues.

Verification of Proposal Receipt:

In case of any doubt or uncertainty regarding the submission status, the supplier is obligated to take appropriate measures to confirm the receipt of their proposal, utilizing the communication channels and tools made available by EIT Manufacturing for such verification. It is the sole responsibility of the supplier to verify the successful submission and receipt of their proposal through the available means provided by EIT Manufacturing. By participating in the proposal submission process, the supplier acknowledges and accepts that EIT Manufacturing disclaims any liability related to technical failures affecting the digital tool and that the supplier is accountable for ensuring the successful transmission and receipt of their proposal.

## 7. Evaluation of Proposals

Timely received proposals submitted by the tenderers will be examined, evaluated, and compared in accordance with the following criteria and the contract shall be awarded to the highest ranked tenderer. The decision will be made according to the “Best Value for Money” principle. The award criteria will be the following:

- Project experience and competences of the members of the proposed project teams (maximum: 25 points)





- Methodology approach of project and proposed project implementation (maximum: 25 points)
- Availability and timeline in the critical period; Availability will be assessed based on the ability to meet expected deadlines, responsiveness to ad-hoc requests, and flexibility within project timelines (maximum: 10 points)
- Price or total cost: lowest offered expert unit price shall receive the highest score; the score for other offers shall be calculated in relation to that in linear equation (maximum: 40 points).

An Evaluation Committee of at least 3 (three) people will be established and supervised by EIT Manufacturing and EIT Culture & Creativity. Each bid will be evaluated and ranked according to the criteria above.

The compliance with the principles of transparency, non-discrimination, equal treatment, and absence of conflict of interest will be ensured.

The successful and unsuccessful tenderers will be informed in writing (via email) about the result of the award procedure. In case the winning tenderer is unable to enter into the contract, EIT Manufacturing may decide to contract the supplier receiving the second highest ranking.

Upon request from the tenderer concerned, EIT Manufacturing will as quickly as possible, and in any event within 15 calendar days from receipt of a written request, inform:

- any unsuccessful candidate of the reasons for the rejection of its request to participate,
- any unsuccessful tenderer of the reasons for the rejection of its tender, including, if this is the case, its decision that the works, supplies or services do not meet the performance or functional requirements,
- any tenderer that has made an admissible tender of the characteristics and relative advantages of the tender selected as well as the name of the successful tenderer or the parties to the awarded contract,
- any tenderer that has made an admissible tender of the conduct and progress of negotiations and dialogue with tenderers.

The information referred to above may be withheld where the release of such information would be contrary to the public interest, would prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of an economic operator, or might prejudice fair competition between economic operators.

Should there be a suspicion that the provider will not be able to perform according to the price offered, EIT Manufacturing has the right to ask for explanations and may reject the tender where the evidence supplied does not satisfactorily account for the low level of price or cost proposed.



### Complementary Note on the Evaluation Process:

After the initial evaluation of submitted proposals, it is possible that the potential top-ranked suppliers may be shortlisted for participation in a Pitch Session or in a set of interviews. It is important to emphasise that the evaluation will be conducted in strict accordance with the criteria outlined in the published Request for Proposal (RfP).

The primary objective of the Pitch Session or Interviews is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the received proposals, provide an opportunity to elaborate on specific details, and allow the EIT Manufacturing to get to know the team of professionals better. During this session, the shortlisted suppliers will have the chance to present their proposals, clarify any questions, and discuss how your firm can best meet the needs of EIT Manufacturing.

Further details regarding the Pitch Session or Interviews, including dates and logistics, will be communicated to the shortlisted suppliers following the initial evaluation of proposals.

## **8. Complaint Procedure**

Tenderers believing that they have been harmed by an error or irregularity during the award process may file a complaint respecting the deadline mentioned. Appeals shall be addressed to EIT Manufacturing only via the following email address [procurement@eitmanufacturing.eu](mailto:procurement@eitmanufacturing.eu). The tenderers have **10 (ten) days** to file their complaints from the date of receipt of notification of the results.

In their application to EIT Manufacturing, the complainant shall explain what procedural aspects they consider having been violated along with any recommendations or remarks. Such charges need to be supported with data and facts and, if possible, – documentation. An appeal whose sole purpose is to obtain a second evaluation for no reason other than that the complainant disagrees with the final award decision is to be rejected.

## **9. Negotiations & Clarifications**

Negotiations can be held in the following cases:

- if it is identified that the scope of services issued by EIT Manufacturing is not detailed enough, incomplete or some areas are lacking crucial information to complete the



procedure for direct awards;

- if EIT Manufacturing has the intention to reduce the offered prices to find the best value for money;
- if all submitted prices are above the planned budget and it is everyone's interest to finish the procedure with success – in that case, price negotiation can take place. During a price negotiation, all tenderers are called to lower their prices by the same deadline in a written form;

EIT Manufacturing can organise as many rounds of negotiation as it is needed during the procedure to reach the highest quality of proposals and the best price.

Whenever possible, the negotiations should be carried out in writing, however, in special cases, video conferences or even live negotiations can be organised. EIT Manufacturing also reserves the right to invite the tenderers to an individual meeting before the final award of the contract to clarify details and ambiguities.

In case of obvious or perceived errors or omissions in the request for proposals, Tenderers can request additional information or clarifications by the deadline provided in the above time frame through email at [procurement@eitmanufacturing.eu](mailto:procurement@eitmanufacturing.eu)

Upon receipt of the bids, they will be reviewed, and additional details will be requested from the tenderers as needed. The requests and answers are to be submitted written by e-mail. Where information or documentation to be submitted by tenderers is incomplete or erroneous or where specific documents are missing, EIT Manufacturing staff may request the party concerned to submit, supplement, clarify or complete the relevant information or documentation within three (3) days.

Bid preparation costs are not reimbursable and must be borne by the tenderers.

EIT Manufacturing owns all bids received in this request for proposals. Proprietary information of vendors in the bids will be kept strictly confidential outside of EIT Culture & Creativity for the selection committee. The offers and the contract may be submitted for audits.



## 10. Contract

The final award does not yet constitute the Contract. The Contract will be concluded at the time of signature by the Supplier and EIT Manufacturing. The winning supplier will be sent the contract to be signed (indicating the deadline by which the signed contract should be returned to EIT Manufacturing).

The invoicing will be based on a mutually agreed schedule; it will be detailed in the contract. The contract is estimated to be signed by **mid-April** and will have a maximum duration of **[6 Months]**.

The tenderer agrees that the total value of the contract to be signed with EIT Manufacturing for the mentioned period will in no way exceed the bid (the amount contained in the offer) of the tenderer.

The awarded supplier will be asked to sign Standard Contractual Clauses (SCC) if no other GDPR compliant safeguards exist, and the supplier is in a country for which the EU Commission has not issued an adequacy decision.

## 11. Confidentiality Obligations

All information, whether written or oral, exchanged between the parties involved in this Request for Proposals (RfP) process, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" shall be considered confidential and proprietary.

The Parties agree not to disclose, provide access to, or otherwise make available any confidential information to any third parties, including but not limited to individuals, companies, or organisations, who are not directly involved in the RfP process, without the express written consent of the disclosing Party.

“Confidential Information” shall encompass, without limitation, all data, documents, proposals, discussions, designs, specifications, financial information, technical data, trade secrets, and any other information disclosed by one Party to the other during the RfP process.

The obligations of confidentiality shall not apply to information that is:



- a) Publicly available at the time of disclosure or subsequently becomes publicly available through no fault of the receiving Party.
- b) Already in the possession of the receiving Party prior to disclosure and not subject to an existing confidentiality obligation.
- c) Disclosed to the receiving Party by a third party with the legal right to do so without breaching any confidentiality obligations.
- d) Required to be disclosed by law, court order, or governmental regulation, provided that the disclosing Party is promptly notified and given the opportunity to seek a protective order.

Any Party found in breach of this confidentiality clause shall be subject to legal measures, including litigation, injunctive relief, and monetary damages, as deemed appropriate by the disclosing Party.

The obligations of confidentiality as set forth in this clause shall survive the termination or completion of the RfP process and shall remain in effect for a period of 5 (five) years, unless both Parties mutually agree in writing to terminate this confidentiality agreement.

This confidentiality clause shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of France. Any legal action arising out of or in connection with this clause shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Paris, France.

## **12. Cancellation of the Proposal Procedure**

In the event of cancellation of the proposal procedure, EIT Manufacturing will notify tenderers of the cancellation. In no event shall EIT Manufacturing be liable for any damages whatsoever including, without limitation, damages for loss of profits, in any way connected with the cancellation of a proposal procedure, even if EIT Manufacturing has been advised of the possibility of damages.

The tenderer shall take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the contract is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests'). S/he should inform the EIT Manufacturing team immediately if there is any change in the above circumstances at any stage during the implementation of the tasks.



To ensure transparency, prevent conflicts of interest, and protect the integrity of HE funds, economic operators that are currently designated as EIT Manufacturing/ EIT Culture & Creativity Partners or EIT Manufacturing/ EIT Culture & Creativity Activity Partners are ineligible to submit bids in response to this RFP. This restriction is essential for the following reasons:

EIT Manufacturing/EIT Culture & Creativity partners and activity partners are expected to contribute their own resources and expertise to collaborative projects within the EIT community. The participation of these entities as external service providers through this procurement procedure would create a potential for double funding, where HE funds could indirectly subsidize activities already supported by EIT funds.

The participation of EIT Manufacturing/ EIT Culture & Creativity partners or activity partners as external providers could lead to situations of conflict of interest since these entities may have privileged access to information or influence over project decisions due to their existing partnership status.

HE funding is intended to support public value activities and avoid generating undue profits for individual entities. The participation of EIT Manufacturing/ EIT Culture & Creativity partners or activity partners as external providers could potentially result in profit-making scenarios that are incompatible with the non-profit rules of HE.

Tenderers will be excluded if:

- a) they are being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations; they have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;
- b) they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the EIT Manufacturing can justify;
- c) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or any other country of the EU;
- d) they have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the EU' financial interests;



- e) following a procurement procedure or grant award procedure financed by the EU budget, they have been declared in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations.

The tenderers must not be in a situation of a conflict of interest, and they have sufficient economic and financial capacity, technical and professional capacity, and legal and regulatory capacity to perform the requested services. Additional evidence or declarations might be requested by the contracting authority.

EIT Manufacturing reserves the right to suspend or cancel the procedure, where the award procedure proves to have been subject to substantial errors, irregularities, conflict of interest or fraud. If substantial errors, irregularities, conflict of interest or fraud are discovered after the award of the tender, EIT Manufacturing may refrain from concluding the Contract.

This RfP confers no entitlement or expectation for tenderers to enter into a contract with EIT Manufacturing. Consequently, EIT Manufacturing is not obliged to sign a contract with the chosen supplier, whether at present or in the future.

### **ANNEX I - Tenders Declaration of Honor**

[Place and Date]

[Name of the Legal Entity and/or Signatory]

**I, [Full name of the supplier's representative], hereby declare the following in connection with my application for the Request for Proposal (RfP) [title of the RfP]:**

- a) I will commit to take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the contract is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests'). I



will inform the EIT Manufacturing immediately if there is any change in the above circumstances at any stage during the implementation of the tasks.

- b) I accept that during the implementation of the contract and for five years after the completion of the contract, the supplier must keep confidential any data, documents or other material that is identified as confidential at the time it is disclosed ('confidential Information').
- c) I accept that during the implementation of the contract and for five years after the completion of the contract, the EIT Manufacturing has the right for the purposes of safeguarding its financial interests, the offer and the contract of the supplier may be transferred to internal as well as external audit services.
- d) I confirm that I or the entity represented by me is not currently experiencing any of the following situations. If any situation applies, details are provided in an annex to this declaration along with a brief explanation.
- The entity is not bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding up procedures, and its assets are not being administered by a liquidator or by a court. It is not in an arrangement with creditors, and its business activities are not suspended, nor is it in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national legislation or regulations.
  - There is no final judgement or final administrative decision establishing a breach of obligations related to the payment of taxes or social security contributions.
  - There is no final judgement or final administrative decision establishing guilt of grave professional misconduct, including but not limited to fraud, violation of applicable laws or regulations, ethical standards, distorting competition, violating intellectual property rights, attempting to influence EU Bodies' decision-making processes, attempting to obtain confidential information, or any other wrongful conduct impacting professional credibility.
  - There is no final judgement establishing guilt of fraud, corruption, participation in a criminal organisation, money laundering or terrorist financing, terrorist-related offences, child labor, or other forms of trafficking in human beings.
  - The entity has not shown significant deficiencies in complying with the main obligations in the performance of a contract, a grant agreement, or a grant decision financed by the European Union's budget, leading to early termination, application of liquidated damages, or other contractual penalties, discovered through checks, audits, or investigations.
  - There is no final judgement or final administrative decision establishing that the entity has committed an irregularity within the meaning of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95.





- There is no final judgement or final administrative decision establishing that the entity has created an entity in a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social, or any other legal obligations.
- In the absence of a final judgement or final administrative decision in the cases mentioned above, or in the case of point (d), I acknowledge that the Applicant may be subject to:
  - i. Facts established in the context of audits or investigations by EPPO, the Court of Auditors, OLAF, or the internal auditor, or any other check, audit, or control performed under the responsibility of the authorizing officer.
  - ii. Non-final administrative decisions, including disciplinary measures taken by the competent supervisory body responsible for the verification of the application of standards of professional ethics.
  - iii. Facts referred to in decisions of persons and entities implementing Union funds.
  - iv. Information transmitted in accordance with the Financial Regulation.
  - v. Decisions of the Commission or national competent authority relating to the infringement of Union or national competition law.

*I hereby declare the accuracy and truthfulness of the above statements.*

*Yours faithfully,*

[Signature of the Supplier's representative]

