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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE Thrive4GrIn PROJECT

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On behalf of the Silesian Voivodeship, I express support for the objectives of the Thrive4GrIn project, being prepared for submission to the POLNORIS call, which focuses on the durability of green roofs and walls, efficient water management and monitoring of plant condition, including opportunities to integrate greenery with photovoltaic installations.

We consider it important to conduct research that will improve understanding of the conditions affecting plant establishment, growth and survival on buildings and translate this knowledge into practical guidance on plant selection and maintenance. Of particular value is linking observations of vegetation with assessments of its water and maintenance requirements, as well as developing methods for detecting deterioration in plant condition.

We also value the inclusion of workshops for the public in the project and the development of architectural concepts for integrating the solutions under investigation into the urban landscape.

From the perspective of the Silesian Voivodeship, the project is relevant to activities supporting climate change adaptation, sustainable urban development and the implementation of nature-based solutions. The planned research outcomes may provide a valuable source of knowledge for local and regional authorities responsible for planning and managing urban green infrastructure, improving stormwater management and increasing the resilience of urban areas to climate-related risks.

The project is consistent with the objectives of the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Silesian Voivodeship, particularly in the areas of strengthening blue-green infrastructure, improving rainwater retention, reducing urban heat island effects and promoting climate adaptation measures in urban areas.

The Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas (IETU), the project coordinator, is also a partner in the Silesian Climate Centre project implemented by the Silesian Voivodeship. The cooperation undertaken within this initiative has been conducted effectively and contributes to building knowledge and capacities related to climate change adaptation. We believe that the results of Thrive4GrIn may complement and further strengthen the knowledge base and practical solutions developed within the Silesian Climate Centre project.

We are interested in the planned project outcomes, in particular recommendations on the selection of plants and technologies, maintenance and monitoring of green roofs and walls, as well as their integration into the urban landscape. We recognise their potential usefulness for public authorities

and other entities involved in the planning, maintenance and development of urban greenery.

This letter expresses support for the direction of the proposed research and interest in its findings. It does not constitute a declaration of participation in the consortium or a commitment to finance the project, make an in-kind contribution, provide access to land or infrastructure, participate in project activities or implement the results. Any future cooperation would require separate arrangements.

We consent to this letter being included in the Thrive4GrIn project application documentation and to the Silesian Voivodeship being identified as an entity supporting the project objectives and interested in its outcomes.