**VOLUME 2**

**SECTION 3**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS** **FOR EUROPEAN UNION EXTERNAL ACTIONS**

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These conditions amplify and supplement the general conditions governing the contract. Unless the special conditions provide otherwise, the general conditions remain fully applicable. The numbering of the articles of the special conditions is not consecutive but follows the numbering of the general conditions. Exceptionally, and with the approval of the competent European Commission departments, other clauses can be indicated to cover particular situations.

**Contract value**

The contracting authority hereby agrees to pay to the contractor, in consideration of the execution and completion of the works and remedying of defects therein, the amount of the contract value mentioned in article 2 of the Main Conditions or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by the contract. VAT will be paid in compliance with the binding regulations, national law and international agreements concerning the execution of the project.

The amount of the contract value mentioned in article 2 of the Main Conditions shall be composed of:

* Contract price (excluding VAT/other taxes) EUR <amount>

**The EU component EUR[[1]](#footnote-1)<amount>**

**National component EUR <amount>**

- VAT and other taxes EUR <amount>

**Order of precedence of contract documents**

The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this contract, in the following order of precedence:

1. the contract,
2. the special conditions,
3. the general conditions,
4. the technical and/or performance specifications,
5. the design documentation (drawings),
6. the breakdown of lump-sum price,
7. the tender,
8. any other documents forming part of the contract.

The various documents making up the contract shall be deemed to be mutually explanatory; in cases of ambiguity or divergence, they shall prevail in the order in which they appear above. Addenda shall have the order of precedence of the document they are amending.

**Other conditions applying to the contract**

The parties agree to the set of rights and obligations described in the attached contractual documents, with the following main characteristics, further detailed in the attachments:

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|  |  | | Contract-article: |
| 1 | Price | Lump sum contract | 49 |
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|  |  | Provisional acceptance, after completion of works | 60 |
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| 6 | Insurances | For damage to 3rd parties, unlimited for bodily injury | 16 |
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|  |  | Interim payment for 60% of the contract price, after completion of 50 percentage of quantities, cf. 49 SC | 49, 50 |
|  |  | Interim payment for 75% of the contract price, after completion of 70 percentage of quantities, cf. 49 SC |  |
|  |  | Interim payment for 90% of the contract price, after completion of 90 percentage of quantities, cf. 49 SC |  |
|  |  | Retention money for 10% of the contract price, after signed final supervisor report | 47, 49 |

Article 2 Language of the contract

2.1 The language used shall be English.

**Article 4 Communication**

4.1 Communication details

4.4 Communication via electronic exchange system (EES)

An electronic system will be used by the contracting authority and the contractor for all stages of implementation including, inter alia, management of the contract (amendments and administrative orders), reporting (including reporting on results) and payments. The contractor will be required to register in and use the appropriate electronic exchange system to allow for the e-management of the contract.

After the entry into force of this contract, at any time during its course the contracting authority may formally notify in writing the contractor that certain communications will be made by electronic means through the EU Funding & Tenders Portal (the Portal), in accordance with the Portal Terms and Conditions and using the forms and templates provided there. The Portal can be accessed via the following URL: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/> The notification shall indicate whether all or only certain communications under the contract will take place through the Portal. The notification shall have full legal effect from the date specified therein, which shall allow a reasonable period of time for the contractor to complete all necessary steps to have access to the Portal. The activation of the use of the Portal shall be at no additional cost for the contracting authority.

If the use of the Portal is activated, any communication covered by the activation notification related to the implementation of this contract shall be made through the Portal (except if explicitly instructed otherwise by the contracting authority or if communication via the Portal is hindered by factors beyond the control of the parties).

Communications by contractors through the Portal must be made by persons authorised according to the Portal Terms and Conditions. For naming the authorised persons to use the Portal, each contractor must designate before the date of effect of the activation notification a ‘legal entity appointed representative (LEAR)’. The role and tasks of the LEAR are stipulated in their appointment letter (see Portal Terms and Conditions).

If the communication via the Portal is hindered, instructions will be provided by the contracting authority by email and may also be published on the Portal.

During the course of the contract, the contracting authority reserve(s) the right to further extend the coverage of the communications made through the Portal (if its use has been already activated) or to activate the use of other electronic exchange systems, at no additional cost for the contracting authority.

In case of discrepancy between the clauses of the Portal Terms and Conditions or Terms and Conditions of other electronic exchange system and the clauses of this contract, the clauses of this contract (including its annexes) shall prevail.

4.5 & 4.6 Mail or email communication

If communications through the Portal have not been activated or a certain type of communication is not yet supported by the Portal, communications will be sent via email, or, exceptionally, on paper, via mail services, to the following addresses, until communications via the Portal are activated.

For the purpose of this contract, mail or email communications must be sent to the following addresses:

Contracting authority:

Center for Development of East Planning Region

[Full name]

[Full official address]

[E-mail: [complete]]

Contractor (or leader in the case of a joint tender):

[*Full name*]

[*Function*]

[*Company name*]

[*Full official address*]

Email: [*complete*]

**Article 5 Supervisor and supervisor’s representative**

5.2 Under this contract, the supervisor does not delegate his duties and authority to a supervisor's representative.

5.4 <Specify the practical arrangements for administrative orders.>

**Article 9 Access to the site**

9.1 The contractor is reminded that there is a head of delegation of the European Union in the state of the contracting authority. The contractor is obliged to give the head of delegation free access to its sites, factories, workshops, etc., and generally assist the head of delegation, like the project supervisor, in the performance of his duties. The same provisions also apply to the appointed representatives of the head of delegation.

**Article 12 General obligations**

12.9 During the execution of works, the contractor is obliged to label the object by setting the board. The board should comply with the relevant rules lay down in the Communication and Visibility Manual for EU External Actions published by the European Commission.

After completing the work, the Contractor shall set Commemorative plaque at a location that will be determined by the Contracting Authority. The Commemorative plaque should comply with the relevant rules lay down in the Communication and Visibility Manual for EU External Actions published by the European Commission.

**Article 15 Performance guarantee**

15.1 By derogation to Article 15 of the general conditions, no performance guarantee is required under this contract.

**Article 16 Liabilities and insurance**

16.1 a) By way of derogation from Article 16.1, a) paragraph 2, of the general conditions, compensation for damage to the works resulting from the contractor's liability in respect of the contracting authority is capped at an amount equal to the contract value.

16.1 b) By way of derogation from Article 16.1, b), paragraph 2, of the general conditions, compensation for damage resulting from the contractor's liability in respect of the contracting authority is capped at an amount equal to the contract value.

**Article 17 Programme of implementation of tasks**

17.1 The contractor shall provide the supervisor with a simplified programme of implementation of the tasks. This programme shall include at least the order and time limits in which the contractor proposes to carry out the works, and shall be based on the tranches foreseen in Article 49.1 of the special conditions.

17.2. The supervisor shall return this document to the contractor with any relevant remarks within 10 days of receipt, save where the supervisor, within those 10 days, notifies the contractor of its wish for a meeting in order to discuss the documents submitted.

**Article 21 Exceptional risks**

21.4 N.A.

**Article 34 Period of implementation of tasks**

34.1 The period of implementation of tasks is 15 months.

**Article 36 Delays in the implementation of tasks**

36.1 The rate of liquidated damages for delays in the completion of works shall be 0.1% of the contract price for every day or part thereof which elapses between the end of the period of implementation of tasks and the actual date of completion, up to a maximum amount of 10 % of the contract price or, if the contract is subdivided into phases, 10 % of the price of the phase concerned.

**Article 39 Work register**

39.1 Work register is required and should be in accordance with legislation of North Macedonia.

39.2 Technical rules for drawing up statements are defined in the relevant Macedonian legislation and standards of North Macedonia.

**Article 40 Origin and quality of works and materials**

40.1 All goods purchased and materials under the contract may originate in any country.

## For these purposes, ‘origin’ means the place where the goods are mined, grown, produced or manufactured and/or from which services are provided. The origin of the goods must be determined according to the EU Customs Code or the applicable international agreement.

When importing goods, any change in the specified origin must be pointed out to the project supervisor and approved by him.

40.2 The works and the objects, appliances, equipment or materials used in their construction must comply with:

(\*) the following specifications Technical Specification Volume 3 of TD

(\*) the requirements of detailed design (Volume 5)

40.3 The preliminary technical acceptance is not necessary.

**Article 43 Ownership of plant and materials**

43.2 The equipment, temporary structures, plant and materials on the site shall for the duration of the execution of the works, be vested in the contracting authority.

**Article 44: General principles for payments**

44.1 Payments shall be made in mkd.

44.3 By derogation, pre-financing payment to the contractor for the lump-sum advance shall be made within 30 days. Other pre-financing payments to the contractor shall be made within 90 days. Interim payments to the contractor of the amounts due under each of the interim payment certificates approved by the supervisor shall be made within 90 days, and the final payment to the contractor of the amounts due after the final statement of account issued by the supervisor shall be made within 90 days.

**Article 46 Pre-financing**

46.1 The only pre-financing granted to the contractor, is the lump sum advance referred to in Article 46.1(a).

46.2 By derogation to Article 46.2 of the general conditions, the lump sum advance referred to in Article 46.1(a) shall be 20% of the original contract price.

**Article 47 Retention monies**

47.1 The sum retained to guarantee implementation of the contractor’s obligations during the defects liability period is 10 % of the contract price. By derogation to Article 47.1 of the general conditions, that money is not retained from interim payments. The tranches laid down in Article 49.1 of these special conditions are determined so that the retention sum amounts to 10% of the contract price at the moment of the certificate of provisional acceptance.

47.2 By derogation to Article 47.2 of the general conditions, the retention sums cannot be substituted by a retention guarantee.

**Article 48 Price revision**

48.1 Prices are fixed and shall not be revised.

**Article 49 Measurement**

49.1 This is a lump‑sum contract.

Under the conditions imposed by the special conditions and general conditions, the amounts due shall be calculated through the following tranches, expressed as percentage of the contract price:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Percentage** | **Nature** | **Timing** |
| 1. | 20% | Lump-sum advance of Article 46.1(a) | After conclusion of the contract |
| 2. | 20% | Interim payment of Article 50 | After completion of 30% of the firm quantities for which the Contractor submitted its all-in price. |
| 3. | 20% | Interim payment of Article 50 | After completion of 50% of the firm quantities for which the Contractor submitted its all-in price. |
| 4. | 15% | Interim payment of Article 50 | After completion of 75% of the firm quantities for which the Contractor submitted its all-in price. |
| 5. | 15% | Interim payment of Article 50 | After issuing of the Certificate of provisional acceptance |

**Article 50 Interim payments**

50.7 The interim payments will be paid as determined in Article 49.1 of these special conditions.

**Article 61 Defects liability**

61.1 The defects liability period is defined as the period commencing on the date of provisional acceptance, during which the contractor is required to make good any effect in, or damage to, any part of the work which may appear or occur during this period as notify by the supervisor or the contracting authority. The rights and obligations of the parties with regard to this defects liability period are laid down in Article 61 of the general conditions.

**Article 68 Dispute settlement**

68.4 Any dispute arising out of or relating to this contract which cannot be settled otherwise shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of North Macedonia in accordance with its national legislation.

**Article 72 Data protection**

For the purpose of Article 72 of the general conditions, for the part of the data transferred by the contracting authority to the European Commission:

(a) the controller for the processing of personal data carried out within the Commission is the head of contracts and finance unit R4 of DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

1. the privacy statement is available at <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=A>.

1. Processing of personal data related to the implementation of the contract by the contracting authority takes place in accordance with the national legislation of the state of the contracting authority and with the provisions of the respective financing agreement.

2. To the extent that the contract covers an action financed by the European Union, the Contracting Authority may share communications related to the implementation of the contract, with the European Commission. These exchanges shall be made to the Commission, solely for the purpose of allowing the latter to exercise its rights and obligations under the applicable legislative framework and under the financing agreement with the Partner country – contracting authority. The exchanges may involve transfers of personal data (such as names, contact details, signatures and CVs) of natural persons involved in the implementation of the contract (such as contractors, staff, experts, trainees, subcontractors, insurers, guarantors, auditors and legal counsel). In cases where the contractor is processing personal data in the context of the implementation of the contract, he/she shall accordingly inform the data subjects of the possible transmission of their data to the Commission. When personal data is transmitted to the Commission, the latter processes them in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC[[2]](#footnote-2) and as detailed in the specific privacy statement published at ePRAG.

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1. In the event of cofinancing, the EU-contribution must normally be entered as a lump sum in euro. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. OJ L 205 of 21.11.2018, p. 39 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)