



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

on

the **NETWORK OF WOMEN FROM RURAL COMMUNITIES (NWRC)**

The partner _____ represented by _____, legal representative of the organization, as one of the founders and members of the “Network of Women from Rural Communities”, referred to as “NWRC”

and

the partner _____ represented by _____, legal representative of the organization, referred to as “The Partner”

GIVEN THAT

- _____, is engaged in the conception, implementation and participation in projects promoted by the Erasmus + Programme;
- _____, is engaged in the realization of the "Rural Women to Sustainable Food and Farming - Fresh Food from Farm to Table" (RWSFF) project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union (project code 2019-1-RS01-KA204-000854);
- _____, aims among its objectives the development of “Network of Women from Rural Communities” (NWRC) - with adult education providers (especially those working with women in rural areas), entities dealing with women's issues, gender equality, social inclusion or engaged in the field of agriculture - CSOs/NGOs, associations, cooperatives, organisations, groups, institutions, public-private partnerships, universities, public entities - public bodies and agencies, etc.;
- NWRC membership is open and based on free will;
- the purpose of the NWRC is to harness the capacities and capabilities of all members/partners to support empowering rural women involved in agriculture or the agriculture supply chain and to serve as a strategic forum for collegial collaboration, coordination, and integration;
- the NWRC is aimed at:

Implementing and supporting competency-based and work-based learning

- to launch an exchange of knowledge and initiatives for empowering rural women involved in agriculture or the agriculture supply chain

Enhancing the quality and effectiveness of learning mobility experiences (physical and virtual mobility)

- to support the process of networking and develop access to exchanges and mobility connecting women with women (women-to-women approach)

- to create conditions for exchanging lecturers and organizing interstate sessions of lectures for women in rural areas

- to develop models for international visits with the goal of learning and acquiring/improving skills and competencies for food production and agricultural entrepreneurship

- the partner is familiar with the NWRC's Strategic Plan and accepts it as well as the adopted vision, mission, values, principles and scope of work;

- shared intent of two parties is to work collaboratively as a Women from Rural Communities network, developing and expanding the network and aspiring to achieve the NWRC vision through collective impact, consistent with the Strategic Plan, vision, mission, values, principles and scope of work NWRC.

Given and specified the above, the partners establish the following agreement:

Art. 1 – General aspects

These assumptions are an integral part of this memorandum of understanding.

Furthermore, with this protocol, the intentions and relationships between the two parties are defined.

Art. 2 – Subject of the memorandum of understanding

By signing this MoU, the two parties intend to establish a collaborative relationship, thus that the partner as the legal entity accessing the NWRC with the status of a full member or partner.

In particular, with this MoU, _____ undertakes to actively participate in the work and achievement of NWRC objectives.

Art. 3 – Commitments of both parties

Both parties undertake, each according to its competences, to:

- ensure shared coordination for the implementation of the NWRC Action and Strategic Plan;

- support the joint work of women agro-producers from different areas to learn and help each other;

- provide connections and exchange ideas, initiatives, actions of regional or European agriculture, social innovations and cooperation under the aspect of agriculture and food system;

- provide cross-national know-how about farm-related development, production and commercialization in different areas;

- organize moments of training and discussion, as well as seminars and thematic conferences aimed at training, teaching, learning, informing and raising awareness;

- support and promote the mobility and learning of rural women, as well as adult educators who work in the education and empowerment of rural women;

- share information and practices among themselves and with public and private subjects who request it;

- use shared contents on the social media platform to spread the topic of NWRC;

- identify and adopt shared strategies to encourage the development of NWRC;
- take action to expand and strengthen the NWRC.

Art. 4 – Obligations for the contracting partners

The partners mutually acknowledge that with this Protocol they do not intend to establish any exclusive relationship, thus remaining free to enter into and sign similar agreements with third parties.

It is specified that this memorandum of understanding has no economic purpose.

Art. 5 – Shared programming activities

The signatories undertake, each within their own sphere of competence, to activate periodically shared paths on the issues of working with rural women and their connection, learning and mobility.

Art. 6 – Duration

This MoU is not limited in time from the day of subscription; signatory entities may withdraw by written communication signed by the legal representative and addressed to the other side.

This MoU guarantees compliance with the regulations relating to privacy - Code regarding the protection of personal data and is drawn up in 2 originals, one for each contracting party.

Read, confirmed and signed.

Date and place, _____

“ _____ (partner 1)”

Stamp and signature

“ _____ (partner 2)”

Stamp and signature