

Bucharest, 03.04.2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Support for the Centre of Excellence and Education for the Development of Energy Communities in Romania (CEED-ECR)

On behalf of Ivan Patzaichin – Mila 23 Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting local development in the Danube Delta and other natural regions in Romania, sustainable development and renewable energy initiatives, I am writing to express our unequivocal support for the Centre of Excellence and Education for the Development of Energy Communities in Romania (CEED-ECR) project. Our organization has long been committed to fostering sustainable energy solutions and community empowerment, and we believe the CEED-ECR project is a significant step toward realizing these goals in Romania.

The CEED-ECR project's vision to support energy communities is not only innovative but also crucial for Romania's transition towards a more sustainable and resilient energy system. By focusing on education and the development of local energy communities, the project directly aligns with our mission to support initiatives that empower communities, promote energy independence, and contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions. Through our work, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of community-based energy projects. These initiatives not only provide a sustainable source of energy but also foster a sense of ownership, involvement and responsibility among community members, leading to stronger, more cohesive societies. The CEED-ECR project's emphasis on education and capacity-building is particularly commendable, as it ensures the long-term sustainability and scalability of these initiatives.

Moreover, the CEED-ECR project's potential to stimulate local economies cannot be overstated. By supporting energy communities and local investment in renewable energy, the project will contribute to economic development, while also addressing the urgent need for climate action.

As such, Ivan Patzaichin – Mila 23 Association is proud to support the CEED-ECR project. We are committed to providing any assistance necessary to ensure the project's success, from sharing our expertise in renewable energy and community development to facilitating connections with other stakeholders in the field. We strongly believe that the CEED-ECR project represents a critical opportunity for Romania to lead by example in the transition to a more sustainable and equitable energy future. We urge all relevant stakeholders, including government entities, private sector partners, and the international community, to support this initiative.

Thank you for considering our support of the CEED-ECR project. We look forward to the opportunity to contribute to this groundbreaking initiative and to witness the positive impact it will have on communities across Romania.

Sincerely,

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