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Subject: **Endorsement of the CEED-ECR Project Initiative**

Dear Esteemed Partners and Stakeholders,

I am reaching out on behalf of **Lemken**, a leading international manufacturer of machinery for professional arable farming. We develop *innovative solutions for productive and efficient agriculture* and sustainable action in all areas is the basis of our healthy corporate development. We are guided by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, which we implement through responsible action in economic, ecological and social terms. In this way, we achieve long-term corporate growth, for the people of today and for the world of tomorrow. With the constant expansion of renewable energies in our company, we actively contribute to climate protection. However, *we also invest in research and development* on arable farming methods that bind CO<sub>2</sub> in the soil. In addition, we support various climate protection projects with our partners in development aid projects.

Our commitment towards climate-friendly forms of energy brings us to wholeheartedly endorse the **Centre of Excellence and Education for the Development of Energy Communities in Romania** (CEED-ECR). LEMKEN attaches great importance to this project and we are convinced that it is a *great initiative towards the idea of energy community*, through comprehensive education and development programs. We appreciate this initiative as being *very important for all industrial companies*, like us, which faces the daily challenge of producing cost-effectively without overburdening the environment.

Political, social and economic developments demand a move towards climate-friendly forms of energy on the one hand and a high degree of self-sufficiency on the other, in order to create energy security for companies and safeguard the jobs of the employees. Recognizing the critical importance of sustainability in today's world, the CEED-ECR project presents an exemplary model of how education and community engagement can drive the transition to renewable energy sources. We appreciate that knowledge, skill development and research are pivotal towards sustainable development. By combining *scientific knowledge and practical expertise*, the project's potential to catalyze economic growth and social cohesion within Romanian communities is of particular significance.

Thank you for considering our endorsement of the CEED-ECR initiative!

Best regards,

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