

# Declaration of fulfilment of the criteria of the Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisation

PROJECT: project title (to be filled in)

Grant Program: name program (to be filled in)

With regard to the fulfilment of the criteria of a research and knowledge dissemination organisation as set out in point 16(ff) of the Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation (R&D&I Framework (2022/C 414/01))[[1]](#footnote-1), I declare:

(For the sake of clarity: the organisation must unequivocally fulfil each of the criteria below, argue for compliance with it and substantiate it on the basis of formal organisation-specific documents.)

* that the organisation's primary goal is the independent (i.e. not directed, i.e. autonomous) conduct of basic research, industrial research or experimental development and/or the broad dissemination of the results of said independent research through teaching, publication or knowledge transfer.
* that if the organisation performs economic activities in addition to non-economic activities, it keeps separate accounts in terms of costs, financing and revenues linked to each type of activity. In each case, the organisation guarantees that public funding intended for the organisation's primary non-economic activities does not enter the funding stream of the organisation's economic activities. In addition, the organisation guarantees that revenues generated as a result of fulfilling the primary, non-economic activities are visible in the accounts and used in a retraceable manner for the fulfillment of new, primary non-economic activities of the organisation, namely new activities of independent research or dissemination activities of the organisation (reinvestment requirement).
* that the organisation offers the research results generated in independent research or related services on a non-discriminatory basis to any potentially interested company in the European Union and always at the same (market) conditions. A differentiation in price charged can only have to do with the deduction from the market price of the contribution already made by the client.

I also certify that the applicant organisation will at all times be able to justify and substantiate the fulfillment of these criteria by the organisation both at the time of submission of a project application and during the term of contractual obligations associated with participation in a program of support for research and knowledge dissemination organisations for the implementation of non-economic activities, as well as during post-project audits. I declare to inform the Agency Flanders Innovation and Entrepreneurship (VLAIO) without delay in case the strategy or functioning of its organisation does not allow it to comply with the above criteria, especially but not exclusively the requirement of no preferential access to the results of research performed by its entity acting as a research and knowledge dissemination organisation.

I acknowledge that non-compliance with the above-mentioned criteria of research and knowledge dissemination organisation as well as with the rules linked to this qualification of research and knowledge dissemination organisation amounts to an infringement of the European regulations on state aid R&D&I and is equivalent to unlawful aid with consequent recovery. Depending on the infringement, this recovery may be made from the beneficiary of the subsidy as well as from the (cooperating) companies/organisations.

Name of organisation:

Legal representative:

Date and signature:



1. Framework on State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation. Specifically, a research and knowledge dissemination organisation is defined in paragraph 16(ff) of the R&D&I Framework mentioned above as follows: ‘research and knowledge dissemination organisation’ or ‘research organisation’ means an entity (such as universities or research institutes, technology transfer agencies, innovation intermediaries, research-oriented physical or virtual collaborative entities), irrespective of its legal status (organised under public or

   private law) or way of financing, whose primary goal is to independently conduct fundamental research,

   industrial research or experimental development or to widely disseminate the results of such activities by

   way of teaching, publication or knowledge transfer. Where such entity also pursues economic activities,

   the financing, the costs and the revenues of those economic activities must be accounted for separately.

   Undertakings that can exert a decisive influence upon such an entity, for example in the quality of

   shareholders or members, may not enjoy a preferential access to the results generated by it; [↑](#footnote-ref-1)