**Letter of Support / Commitment**

This letter is to confirm that……………………………………., represented by ……………………….., as ……………………………………., is committed to participate in the Partnership on Sustainable Buildings, led by the Andalusian Energy Agency (Spain) and co-led by LENERG (Hungary), under the Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy[[1]](#footnote-1), a platform launched by the European Commission to offer hands-on support to regions to foster interregional cooperation based on matching smart specialisation priorities.

As a participating organisation in the Partnership on Sustainable Buildings, we will be committed to lead the Partnership at regional level allowing the channeling of this initiative among the most relevant actors at regional level, and promoting interregional collaborations aimed at mobilising the capacities of the different regional actors participating in innovative initiatives related to sustainable buildings around Europe.

We are committed to contribute to the successful implementation of the Partnership as stated in the Concept note elaborated by the Andalusian Energy Agency (http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/sustainable-buildings).

The building sector is the largest energy consumer in Europe, representing 40% of the total EU consumption (in terms of final energy) and 36% of CO2 emissions, according to statistical information from the European Commission. Also, many of these houses belong to low-income citizens, who have great difficulties to energetically improve their homes. In accordance to the European Union Package: “actions, particularly at the local and regional levels, are needed to exploit the energy efficiency potential of buildings”.

The Partnership will have many impacts on regional economies by improving the energy efficiency of buildings, and by promoting the development of innovative solutions throughout the value chain associated to energy saving and the use of renewable energy in buildings. The Partnership will also entail a valuable way of developing skills and enhancing employability, as it has been conceived as a strategic alliance between European regions to boost new markets and take advantage of regional opportunities for smart specialisation in sustainable buildings.

We look forward to this cooperation and jointly working on the development and implementation of the Partnership on Sustainable Buildings, strengthening the crucial role of regions in this respect.

Date:

Organisation:

Position and signature of the legal representative:

1. <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3p-energy> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)