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## Associated Partner - Letter of Commitment

IFAAR (Institute for Applied Argumentation Research) is committed to participate in the proposed Horizon Europe project “RENOVATION CIRCUS” - “Facilitating the renovation and decarbonisation of old European buildings using a movable and fully clean-energy operational structure” as an Associated Partner. Due to the current status of Switzerland as a non-associated Third Country, we cannot participate as a Beneficiary. We are aware that as an Associated Partner we will not receive any direct EU financial contribution.

However, the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation [communicated on 12 November 2021](#) that they guarantee funding for Swiss institutions participating in collaborative projects in Horizon Europe.

IFAAR agrees and assures that:

- IFAAR (PIC 895704306) wants to participate in the project under the responsibility of the scientist in charge (Dr. Christoph Glauser);
- we are fully eligible to participate as Third Country “Associated Partner” in accordance with the criteria set out in the specific call for proposals;
- we will budget our costs as “financial contributions” but do not request EC contribution. Our costs will be funded by the Swiss Government (up to max. the budgeted amounts);
- we have the financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed tasks;
- should the proposed project be selected for funding, we are ready to conclude a written agreement covering the contractual obligations listed in Article 9.1. of the grant agreement that apply to the Associated Partners.

The scientist in charge, Dr. Christoph Glauser is committed to participate in the general assembly of the project.

This letter is based on the information available on (18.01.2023) as regards the status of Switzerland in Horizon Europe.

IFAAR is looking forward to participating in the “RENOVATION CIRCUS” project and is keen to contribute to a successful collaboration.

Dr. Christoph Glauser

