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## Memorandum of Understanding

This template refers to step 4: Preparing the ground for visits: Organisational issues and Partnership Agreement. Part of step 4 is signing a Partnership Agreement. The Agreement should in the starting phase show willingness to work on MLG in sustainable energy; later, the Agreement will be revised according to the results of the twinning and signed again to show engagement to implement a MLG model. This draft MoU below should be adapted to the learning pair needs in the beginning of the bi-lateral transfer process. After completion of the transfer, it will be revised to give a political validation by the learning region with respect to the decisions to import and implement a MLG model.

### **Memorandum of understanding to cooperate on Multi-Level-Governance in energy planning between RhôneAlpénergie-Environnement and Grand Genève**

Considering that the policy of the European Union sets for 2020 a target for renewable energy sources (20% of total energy production), energy efficiency (20% increase), CO2 emissions (20% reduction compared to 1990 levels) and biofuels (10% of total fuel consumed);

Considering that energy strategies have a relevant impact on social welfare and the environment, and need to be considered to build a society which is sustainable;

Considering the technological, social, economic and regulatory evolutions which have taken place since the approval of the [regional SEAP];

Considering the actions in the field of sustainable energy that have already been carried out in the region;

Considering that cooperation between regional and local authorities and other stakeholders is essential to improve the local and regional action on sustainable energy;

Rhônealénergie-Environnement and Grand Genève agree as follows:

### **Agreement**

The collaboration between Rhônealénergie-Environnement and Grand Genève in collaboration in adapting spatial planning procedures, is positive for the development of sustainable energy in the region.

The Grand Genève, which is the organization responsible for collaboration in adapting spatial planning procedures in Grand Genève, will exchange experience with Rhônealénergie-Environnement on collaboration in adapting spatial planning procedures with a focus on Multi-Level-Governance models in energy planning and will

- Implement one study visit (up to 3 person, up to 3 days) to Lyon or Rovaltain to learn more about best practices in place and to exchange experience;
- Host one visit of COOPENERG experts (2 persons, up to 3 days) to receive technical support on-site for the implementation of MLG-models and to facilitate experience exchange;
- Participate in evaluation of the process, giving feedback and information;
- participate in the final COOPENERGY conference;
- Join the online collaboration platform (free of charge) for further technical exchange.

The Grand Genève will allocate the following resources for the twinning

- Travel costs for own staff when visiting the Rhônealénergie-Environnement;
- Local transport, meeting venues, meals/coffee break etc. when expert staff is visiting the importing region;
- Travel costs for participating in COOPENERGY final conference (to be discussed with the twinning expert organization).

Rhônealénergie-Environnement will allocate and provide the following resources for the twinning:

- Staff costs for consultancy during visits and for remote support;
- Local accommodation expenses (hotel, meals, local transport, catering) when the Grand Genève is visiting the Rhônealénergie-Environnement;
- Travel costs to visit Grand Genève;
- Travel costs for participating in COOPENERGY final conference (to be discussed with the twinning expert organization).

The Grand Genève will consider ideas or proposal received from the Rhônealénergie-Environnement and will consider their inclusion in [theme of collaboration; regional SEAP].

The Participants agree to allow the Rhônalpénergie-Environnement to document the activities carried out under this agreement as part of the activities of the Coopenergy Project of the Intelligent Energy - Europe (IEE) programme which has the objective of improving cooperation between regional and local authorities in sustainable energy planning through multi-level governance models.

Nothing in this agreement is of a legally enforceable nature and consequently no liability shall be attached to either party in the event of its failure to carry out any of the terms of the MoC. Each party is responsible for the way in which it carries out its undertakings under this agreement, and no liability shall be attached to the other party as a result.

Nothing in this MoC shall be construed as giving the right to any party to represent the other towards third parties including the press and media and no right of agency shall therefore be construed. The parties are therefore free to terminate the MoC at any time.

This MoC shall be effective upon its signature by the Participants

**Pour le Grand Genève**

Luc BARTHASSAT,  
Conseiller d'Etat du Canton de Genève  
Le 27 avril 2015



**Pour Rhônalpénergie-Environnement**

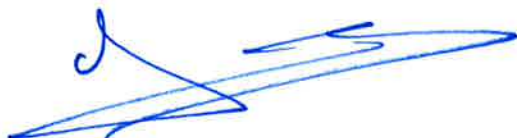
Serge NOCODIE,  
Président  
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Jean SOMMER,  
Délégué à l'environnement de Région Nyon  
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Pierre-Jean CRASTES,  
Vice-Président de l'ARC SYndicat Mixte  
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## APPENDIX

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Environnement and Grand Genève

#### COOPENERGY - Cooperating in sustainable energy planning!

Thank you for your interest in participating in a bi-lateral exchange on sustainable energy planning  
within the COOPENERGY project!

COOPENERGY's mission is to share knowledge and practice including transfer of best practice to further European regions. We do this among others by matching regions interested in Multi-Level Governance (MLG) in sustainable energy planning (*importing region*) with a COOPENERGY expert organization (*exporting region*) to offer tailor-made coaching to the specific challenges of the region.

The COOPENERGY project can offer vacancies for 12 regions. To make sure that the COOPENERGY approach fits your needs and to find the best match for your region, we ask you to answer the questionnaire below. At the end of the document, you will find more information how the exchange between regions happens within this projects, and what the exchange partners have to commit to.

#### Expectations and needs of your region

##### Contact:

Country: Suisse

Region: Grand Genève

Name of organisation/regional authority: Grand Genève

Contact person:

- Hervé Villard – Team Grand Genève (CD01/ARC Syndicat mixte -representing an association of french local authorities located on the Swiss border involved in a cross border initiative)
- Hervé Fauvain – Team Grand Genève (Etat de Genève)

##### Administrative framework

Mark the the main responsibilities the regional government has in relation with energy

Developing regional strategies

Public buildings

Public transport

Energy network infrastructures or local energy production (planning, authorisation, operation,..)

Energy and GHG monitoring

Land use and spatial planning

Others: .....

**Is there any concrete targets that are linked to the problem and that should be reached? Any deadline to be kept? Any other initiatives linked to and to be recognised? (max 500 signs)**

Concrete target: Evaluating the stakeholders' involvement, potentially in a participative manner and finding ways to share experience with other regions about this topic.

**In which concrete field of work do you want to exchange experience with another region?**

financial instruments;

Modelling, planning and monitoring tools for decision making;

Awareness raising and stakeholder involvement instruments;

others, pls specify:

**Are there specific characteristics you expect from the exporting region you exchange with?**

Develop a strategy for sharing and demonstrating experiences at regional level.

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