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**EUROPEAN DISTRIBUTED INSTITUTE FOR TAXONOMY (EDIT)**

**Information service on taxonomic experts, their expertise and ongoing and planned  
taxonomic research projects**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**on**

**<short title of agreement subject>**

**Version <xxxxxxx>**

**Date <xxxxxxx>**

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## Paragraph 1 PURPOSE

1.1 The signers of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) have decided that a co-ordinated international effort is needed to obtain an overview of the international and especially the European taxonomic workforce.

1.2 The MoUs initiated by the EDIT project are intended to encourage and gradually improve collaboration and integration of the signatory's institutions in the field of information on taxonomic expertise. The MoUs may be thought of as a series of public declarations pinned on a notice board, to which Participants are invited to append their signatures. They provide evidence of concrete and specific developments in collaboration which build on the general commitment set out in the EDIT contract and Consortium Agreement.

## Paragraph 2 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

**2.1 EDIT Partner:** A legal entity that acceded to the EDIT Contract.

**2.2 Participant:** Any institution or organisation that has signed this MoU and has expressed its intention to observe the provisions herein.

**2.3 EDIT Contract:** The legally binding document signed by the Commission of the European Communities, Research Directorate-General, and the contractor (CDC) acting as coordinator of the EDIT consortium. To this contract 26 legal entities (the EDIT partners) acceded as contractors assuming the rights and obligations established by the contract. The EDIT Contract (No 018340 - GOCE) is in the Sixth Framework Programme Sub-priority 1.1.6.3 "Global change and ecosystems".

**2.4 EDIT Consortium Agreement:** The formal agreement that the EDIT Partners concluded amongst themselves for the implementation of the EDIT contract.

## Paragraph 3 GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are:

- To contribute to the reduction of fragmentation and the transformation of taxonomy into an integrated science
- To strengthen the scientific, technological and information capacities needed for Europe
- To progress toward a trans-national entity by encouraging durable integration of taxonomic institutions
- To promote the spreading of excellence to fulfil the needs of biodiversity and ecosystem research for taxonomy based information

## Paragraph 4 <UNDERSTANDINGS / AGREEMENTS>

<This is the variable section of the template, where the actual content of the items agreed on is described. The section may contain various subsections, e.g., specification of the level of personal information, or the level of detail for ongoing projects provided.>

## **Paragraph 5 AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES**

5.1 Paragraph 4 of this MoU may be amended to support textual improvements, updating of nomenclature or any other minor change which does not alter the original intention of the paragraph. Any more substantial changes should be effected by termination of this MoU and its substitution with another.

5.2 An amendment is proposed to the Network Steering Committee by a Participant. Taking into account comments received, the Chair of the Network Steering Committee, presents the proposed amendment to the Participants. The amendment is coming into effect by unanimous vote of the Participants.

## **Paragraph 6 ASSOCIATION AND DISASSOCIATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

### **6.1 Association of Participants**

Association with this MoU is open to all EDIT partners and to any other institution or organisation that may assist EDIT to achieve its goals outlined in this MoU. Such association becomes effective upon signature of this MoU.

### **6.2 Disassociation of Participants**

Any Participant may disassociate itself from this MoU by advising the chair of the Network Steering Committee in writing of its intention to do so and of the effective date.

## **Paragraph 7 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

This MoU adheres to the provisions with respect to Intellectual Property Rights as specified in Article 14, Annex II, Part C of the EDIT Contract and in the EDIT Consortium agreement (particularly Article 9). Additional provisions may be defined in paragraph 4 of this MoU.

## **Paragraph 8 DURATION**

This MoU covers the period <date> to <date>. Notwithstanding, this MoU will terminate upon termination of EDIT.

For <Institution name>

<Institution Address>

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

<Authorised person name and title>