FINANCIAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT

V1 of 30 April 2026

BETWEEN

POLI.design, a limited liability consortium company with registered office in Milan, Via Don Giovanni Verità 25, VAT no. 12878090153, hereinafter referred to as **POLI.design**, represented by Ing. Walter Ruffinoni, Managing Director, email address to be used for the purposes of this Agreement: partnerships@ai4gov-x.eu, certified email (PEC): polidesign@pec.it

AND

Mr/Ms _____,
Born in _____ Country _____ on _____,
Nationality _____,
ID document type _____ and number _____,
Address: _____,
City _____, Postcode _____, Country _____,
Phone (+)_____, Mobile (+)_____,
Email _____,
IBAN _____,
Account Name _____, Bank _____

hereinafter referred to as "the Beneficiary";

WHEREAS

- POLI.design coordinates the project entitled "AI4Gov Accelerate" (in short AI4Gov-X) funded by the Digital Europe Programme of the European Commission (project number 101190043);
- In the framework of that project, on 1 May 2026 POLI.design launched a Cascade Funding Call – identified as AI4Gov-X-FSTP-CALL-01-2026 (henceforth: The Call) – which was aimed at two distinct objectives: 1) To provide financial assistance to deserving candidates, reducing the economic barriers to accessing high-quality education, and 2) To facilitate the creation of employment opportunities for participants in the Ai4Gov-X programme within the European public administration and private sector, notably including SMEs and startup enterprises from the GovTech industry;
- The Beneficiary presented an application to The Call under objective _____ and was provisionally awarded a grant of the maximum amount of Euro _____ ;
- The full text of the Beneficiary's application is attached as Annex I to this Agreement;
- The full text of The Call is attached as Annex II to this Agreement;
- It is now necessary to specify the terms and conditions for the Beneficiary to be paid by POLI.design against the submission of the needed information and documentation according to the provisions of The Call;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and annexes, which form an integral and substantial part of this Agreement,

the Parties, as above referenced, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1 Purpose of the Agreement

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The purpose of this Agreement is to specify the documentation to be prepared by the Beneficiary in order to receive the payment of the awarded grant, the deadline for presentation and the other terms and conditions derived from the provisions of The Call, including if and when relevant, those regulating partial payments and the revocation of the awarded grant.

2 Documentation

In order to receive the payment, the Beneficiary must submit the following documents:

a) A signed copy of this Agreement;
b) Evidence of successful completion of the AI4Gov-X project's extracurricular activity, or activities, mentioned in the application form. Such evidence can be provided, for example, by: diplomas, certificates of attendance, signed and sworn declarations issued by people belonging to the organising committee of the activity, etc.;
c) In case of application to Objective 1, copies of all proofs of payment for the registration fees, travel and accommodation expenses, associated with the Beneficiary's participation in the activity;
d) In case of application to Objective 2, copies of payslips or other supporting documentation to the payment of stipends, reimbursement of raw costs, etc. associated with the internship contract or equivalent agreement mentioned in the application form.

For all types of documentation, dates cannot be antecedent to May 1st , 2026 (for the activity start) and to the date of presentation of the Beneficiary's application (for any relevant proof of payment).
In case the currency is not Euro, POLI.design will apply the exchange rate of the date of presentation of the documentation.

3 Amount to be paid

For the avoidance of any doubt, the Beneficiary will receive from POLI.design:

- An amount corresponding to 50% of the total value of all proofs of payment, for Objective 1;
- An amount identical to the total value of received payments/reimbursements, for Objective 2;
- Up to the maximum amount of _____ corresponding to the awarded grant.

POLI.design reserves the right of rejecting some or all of the documentation received, therefore also reducing the amount to be paid, as specified in Article 5 below.

4 Advance payment

Under special conditions, to be assessed on a case-by-case basis, POLI.design can transfer the above amount to the Beneficiary, wholly or in part, before receiving the full and complete documentation as per Article 2 above.
This circumstance does not lift the Beneficiary's duties as per Article 2 above and exposes him or her to the same consequences in case of rejection of the documentation, as per Article 5 below.

5 Rejection of the documentation

In the following cases, POLI.design reserves the right of rejecting the documentation received, wholly or in part, and therefore not proceeding with the transfer of the full amount calculated as per Article 3:

a) Missing signed copy of this Agreement;
b) Missing evidence of successful completion of the AI4Gov-X project's extracurricular activity;
c) Unclear attribution of some or all the proofs of payment to the Beneficiary and/or to his or her participation in the activity;
d) Unclear attribution of some or all the payments/reimbursements to the Beneficiary;
e) Relevant documents dated before 1 May 2026 and/or the date of presentation of the Beneficiary's application, as per Article 3 above.

In case of partial rejection, POLI.design will recalculate the amount to be transferred to the Beneficiary and act accordingly.

6 Consequences of a late submission

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In light of the reporting duties of POLI.design within the framework of the AI4Gov-X project, the late submission of the required documentation may be interpreted as lack of interest from the Beneficiary's side.
Therefore, POLI.design reserves the right of not considering any documentation received 12 months after the signature date of this Agreement, or the closure of the underlying extracurricular activity, whichever is the latest, including for the case of resubmission described in Article 7 below.

7 Partial resubmission of the documentation

Within the term indicated in Article 6, it is acceptable that the Beneficiary submits the documentation mentioned in Article 2 in more than a single batch, including upon request of POLI.design, in case of incomplete, unclear or unreadable documentation.
In those circumstances, POLI.design reserves the right of effecting a partial payment as per Article 4 above.

8 Shared repository

POLI.design will create and share a folder where the Beneficiary can upload all the documentation. The time stamp shown by the third-party server will serve as proof of delivery at all legal effects for both parties.

9 Confidentiality and GDPR

Both parties agree to consider any information exchanged under the provisions of this Agreement as subject to business confidentiality.
POLI.design shall adopt all necessary and/or appropriate measures to ensure that the confidentiality obligations are strictly observed by all of its employees and collaborators, and shall be directly liable for any damages caused to the Beneficiary, within the limits established by Article 1225 of the Italian Civil Code.
The Beneficiary declares that he or she has read the privacy notice available at the following link: https://www.polidesign.net/en/privacy/ regarding the processing of personal data and, by signing this Agreement, confirms receipt of the information provided in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

10 Publicity of the EU grant

In partial derogation of Article 9 provisions, the Beneficiary acknowledges that his or her name, country and the amount of the awarded grant will be made public on the official website of the European Commission, for transparency reasons.

11 Accuracy of statements and information provided

The Beneficiary is fully aware of the penalties established by Article 496 of the Italian Criminal Code for making false statements, and declares, under his or her own responsibility, and pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, that the information and documentation provided to POLI.design is true and accurate.

12 Termination of the Agreement

The Beneficiary may withdraw from this Agreement at any time after its signature, by sending a written communication to POLI.design.
POLI.design may withdraw from the Agreement in case of not receiving any documentation for 12 months, as per Article 6 above, by sending a written communication to the Beneficiary, without the possibility of an appeal.
Termination will occur by default in case of false statements, contrary to the commitment undertaken by the Beneficiary in Article 11 above. The Beneficiary will be notified in writing and will have 30 days to oppose the decision.

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13 Reimbursement of undue payments
Should the Beneficiary be asked to return the amount received as partial or full payment according to the provisions of this Agreement, he or she will be liable to pay default interest pursuant to Article 1284, paragraph 4 of the Italian Civil Code, in the amount set by the applicable legislation on late payments in commercial transactions.

14 Governing law and jurisdiction
This Agreement is governed by Italian law.
For any disputes relating to the interpretation, validity, performance or termination of this agreement, the Court of Milan shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

15 Notices and contact information
Any communication between the parties must be sent to the addresses shown on the front page.
The Beneficiary guarantees the correctness of the IBAN provided.

16 Amendments to this Agreement
Any amendment and/or addition to this Agreement shall be valid and binding only if made in writing and signed by both parties.
This Agreement constitutes the only valid contract between the parties with respect to the matters covered herein. It supersedes any prior agreement, whether written or verbal, between POLI.design and the Beneficiary.

Signed in two originals, each composed of 4 (four) pages, with 2 (two) Annexes.

Place and date_____

The Beneficiary
Name Surname
Signature

POLI.design s.c.r.l.
Managing Director
Ing. Walter Ruffinoni

_____ _____

Pursuant to Articles 1341 and 1342 of the Italian Civil Code, the Beneficiary confirms having read and expressly accepts the following clauses:
Article 6 (Consequences of a late submission), Article 7 (Partial resubmission of the documentation), Article 8 (Shared repository), Article 9 (Confidentiality and GDPR), Article 10 (Publicity of the EU grant), Article 11 (Accuracy of statement and information provided), Article 12 (Termination of the Agreement), Article 13 (Reimbursement of undue payments), Article 14 (Governing law and jurisdiction).

Place and date_____

The Beneficiary
Name Surname
Signature

POLI.design s.c.r.l.
Managing Director
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Annex I – Beneficiary's application
Annex II – Call text

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