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**Letter of Active Support for REFORGED proposal targeting topic HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-01-two-stage: Living labs co-creating innovative solutions for forests and freshwater ecosystems restoration**

To whom it may concern

This letter is to confirm that I, Kristjan Tõnisson, in my current position as Member of the Board at Estonian State Forest Management Centre, have been duly informed on the objectives and expected outcomes of the **REFORGED** proposal. **REFORGED** seeks to adopt an integrated approach for developing, testing, evaluating, and demonstrating tailored nature-based restoration solutions for forests, freshwater ecosystems, and adjacent agricultural landscapes. These solutions aim to enable the restoration of degraded carbon-rich ecosystems, ensure the provision of ecosystem services, enhance biodiversity recovery, and address climate change across diverse environments and socio-economic contexts, encompassing a variety of ecosystems, pedoclimatic and water traits, as well as a range of plant species. I hereby confirm that I consider these solutions to be effective and of significant value in restoring carbon-rich ecosystems, enhancing biodiversity, improving water regimes, strengthening climate resilience, and controlling invasive species within the EU.

Thus, the Estonian State Forest Management Centre is willing to:

- Actively participate in REFORGED's Living Labs (LLs) activities and events, including focus groups, webinars, workshops, and open days.
- Stay informed about REFORGED's strategic decisions, initiatives, and opportunities for broader uptake.
- Support REFORGED's dissemination activities throughout its network

With this letter, I accept your kind invitation to support the **REFORGED** project in case it succeeds in getting funded.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristjan Tõnisson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kristjan Tõnisson  
Member of the Board