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**Letter of Support for “LIFE-23-IPE-EE-LIFE SIP WET-EST” project**

With this letter, State Forest Management Centre, expresses its support to and interest in the LIFE-23-IPE-EE-LIFE SIP WET-EST, acronym LIFE SIP WetEST, title “Enabling collaborative efforts for systemic change in Estonian river basin management” being prepared by Ministry of Climate of the Republic of Estonia and other partners to tackle major environmental issues targeted in the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for the West-Estonia River Basin District.

State Forest Management Centre has been involved to the preparation of the LIFE SIP WetEST project and would participate to the project as an associated partner. The special interest of the State Forest Management Centre is to collaborate to the Work Package 6: “Advancing melioration practices that support of ecological status of catchments”, specifically with the task 6.1 “Setting up and coordinating a task force group for advancing catchment sensitive melioration practices”, task 6.3 “Designing the demonstration interventions, improving the proofs of concepts for the best practices”, task 6.4 “Catchment level demonstration of sustainable and ecologically sound melioration systems” and with the task 6.7 “Knowledge-exchange to advance the state of the art in catchment sensitive melioration”.

State Forest Management Centre confirms that obligations regarding Work Package 6 tasks 6.1, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.7 will be covered by complementary funding.

We are looking forward to the next steps of the LIFE SIP WetEST project and future cooperation as an associated partner.

Yours sincerely

(Signed digitally)

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