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**Letter of support for the proposal submitted to the European Union LIFE Programme – Projects for addressing ad hoc Legislative and Policy Priorities (PLP) entitled ‘LIFE Cert4Bio’**

To whom it may concern,

Estonian State Forest Management Centre (RMK) is a strong supporter of biodiversity action and wetland conservation in Europe. We are fully supportive of the aims of the Cert4Bio LIFE PLP project application.

We have been engaging with the LIFE Cert4Bio consortium and are confident our own ethos and aims are aligned with those of the project. Through our work at the RMK we consider ourselves as a stakeholder to the Cert4Bio LIFE PLP and, in this role, have an interest in the project achieving its aims.

RMK, aka the State Forest Management Centre, manages around 30% of Estonia and 45% of all Estonian forests. RMK is the keeper, protector and manager of all forests and other diverse nature biomes belonging to the Republic of Estonia. RMK grows forests, maintains the values associated with nature, earns income for the government by managing its forests, creates opportunities for physical activity in nature and spreads knowledge about nature.

We feel our experience developing and running RMK will be of great benefit to the LIFE Cert4Bio project. For more information on our work, please visit [www.rmk.ee](http://www.rmk.ee) or contact me at the details below.

If funded, we are happy to engage as a key stakeholder in the project, providing our advice and expertise, as required.

We hope that you will recognise the potential of the project to enhance the tools available for the viable conservation of European wetlands and help to bridge the existing biodiversity financing gap.

Yours sincerely

(Signed digitally)

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