Dear Sir/Madam,

Mazovia Development Agency Plc., alongside the Marshal's Office of the Mazovian Voivodeship in Warsaw, is excited to announce our intent to apply for the ongoing third call under the Interreg Europe 2021-2027 program with our new project: "Integration of the Smart Specialization Strategy into Climate Change Adaptation Policy" (acronym: S3ADAPT).

About the project: Our initiative aims to meld the Smart Specialization Strategy (S3) with climate change adaptation policies to foster sustainable regional development and enhance adaptation to our changing climate. This project will identify innovative practices and new challenges, adjust business models to resource availability, and raise regional preparedness for extreme climate events.

Why join us?

- Leverage Expertise: Both MDA and the Marshal's Office bring extensive experience in managing EU-funded projects and supporting socio-economic development.
- Innovative Collaboration: This project offers a platform to create synergies between ongoing climate adaptation initiatives and emerging S3-derived solutions.
- Enhanced Impact: Together, we aim to strengthen regional resilience against climate change, driving innovation and sustainable growth.

Some key activities:

- Mapping and diagnosis: Assess existing policies and conduct climate resilience stress tests.
- Experience exchange: Identify/develop best practices through site visits and collaborative sessions.
- **Strategic development:** Analyze and integrate S3 priorities with climate adaptation strategies.

Get involved! We are currently forming a consortium and warmly invite your organization to join this transformative venture. Your expertise and insights will be invaluable as we collectively work towards a resilient future.

<u>Please respond by May 17th with the completed Partner Information Form,</u> attached herein, if you are interested in collaborating with us.

Additionally, to finalize your participation, we kindly request that the Partner Declaration be submitted by May 31st. This document is crucial as it formalizes your involvement and supports our application process.

For more detailed overview of the project, please refer to the attached concept note.

We look forward to potentially collaborating with you on this exciting project and are eager to hear your thoughts.

Best regards, Olga Michalska Chief specialist

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