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▪ **Part A: APPLICANT'S DETAILS**

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▪ **Part B: DESCRIPTION OF THE INITIATIVE**

1. Name of the initiative: TEU Laboratory Frosinone (TEU.FR)

2. For which topic(s) are you applying?

- Integration of migrants/refugees
- Digital economy
- European Structural and Investment Funds (in particular the implementation of Community-Led Local Development, CLLD)
- Youth capacity building
- Child poverty and vulnerability
- Transfer of enterprises (e.g. worker buy-out phenomenon)

3. Please describe the context of the initiative, providing also information about the identification of perceived needs and constraints in the target group(s).

(Max 7 lines)

Frosinone is a rural province bordering the metropolitan area of Rome. The 495.000 inhabitants/residents are distributed in 91 municipalities: only 8 of them exceed 20,000 and 67 count less than 5000 inhabitants. The structural crisis that has affected industrial areas and put into crisis the identity of the small communities of the province, has also produced growing phenomena of pauperization, downsizing of public action, aging population and municipalities' depopulation, partly counteracted by the presence of migrants. These new categories of poor people require the

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design by volunteers of emergency-type interventions. Frosinone province counts about 500 associations fostering volunteering activities and social inclusion.

4. Which are the main objectives of the initiative?

(Max 5 lines)

Overcoming the fragmentation of associations. Boosting the construction of social partnerships based on solidarity. Supporting the capacity building of social actors towards a territorial participative governance, based on collaborative models. Promoting the adoption of CLLD approaches as development tools driven and managed by the local community, in order to transform it into an inclusive, supportive and welcoming model, starting from European funded initiatives.

5. Please describe the initiative, including the actors involved and the concrete activities.

(Max 25 lines)

Territorio Europa is the project through which CESV promotes territorial co-design laboratories and aims to enable strategic partnerships, territorial pacts and networks for local development in Lazio region. The labs are spaces for meeting, co-design, report, aimed at facilitating the identification of needs, of territorial dynamics and their specificities, the definition of project ideas, the design of network operations. The main issues addressed: definition of innovative social services supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people; active inclusion and employment through the development of strengthened social economy actions; development of social agriculture; local development actions within urban and metropolitan areas.

The TEU.FR laboratory, launched in May 2015 in the Frosinone province by a network association setup as a co-design laboratory, reinterpreted the territory as a communities' place, whose development has to build onto the consolidation of inclusive social relations. Local development can effectively be achieved by a community promoting territorial intelligence and being able to:

- Identify the available resources (skills, planning, relationships, experiences, interests);
- Integrate the resources in a multidimensional perspective (more inter-dependent rather than sectoral projects);
- Combine planning, participation and collaborative skills' development within the territories.

The 23 TEU.FR member associations are mostly voluntary organizations and social promotion associations. They are small and large organizations having different missions and acting on a wide range of social issues. The experiences of which they are bearers range from the contrast to old and new forms of poverty to social inclusion, both through civic education actions and job placement. TEU.FR has developed important relationships with territorial GALs and has experienced fruitful debates with enterprises' representatives. It also strengthened existing relationships with local public administrations (EE LL, ASL/FR, Cassino Schools and University). That system of relations, debate and co-design has shaped in 2016 two projects approved and funded by European resources, which have the feature of being based on a diffuse, complex and varied public-private partnership.

6. Please highlight the strengths of your approach, stressing also the elements that make it a real partnership.

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(Max 10 lines)

The TEU.FR Lab has spread the idea of the necessity of a link between supportive, inclusive and open local communities and other factors/economic activities for local development. Associations, which are one kind of social economy organization, represent an alternative economic and social paradigm, based on solidarity, the value of human capital, relationships, collaboration. The dialogue among associations of different experience and size, supported by a special training on development and community governance, enhances this project principle. The funded projects as well as other experiences, have shown that it is possible: to involve organized citizens, also belonging to vulnerable or disadvantaged groups, including them in proposal preparation processes; to foster the ability to work for an inclusive concept combining the culture of the giving to the culture of rights towards a participative relationship more than a aid one; to promote relations with institutions, stimulating the re-launch of responsibilities and developing the culture of "taking charge" as attention to people but also as process to mobilize and strengthen community ties (see also EESC Opinion on CLLD, §6.1).

7. Please explain who are the partners, what exactly is their role and what is their concrete contribution to the initiative.

(Max 10 lines)

These are the formal partners of TEU.FR: in **Frosinone**: CESV, ACLI, ANOLF, Città Futura, Associazione Nuovi Cittadini Ciociari, Oltre l'Occidente; in **Ceccano**: Associazione Altrementi, Famiglia Futura; in **Cassino**: Associazione Genitori Pio Di Meo, Centro dei diritti e della solidarietà, Giovani professionisti, Associazione Pier Paolo Pasolini; in **Pontecorvo**: Associazione Per Noi Donne; in **Sora**: Associazione Il faro Onlus; Associazione Genitori dei disabili, SOS Donna, ACAT Ciociaria; in **Anagni**: Associazione Diritto alla Salute; in **Roccasecca**: Associazione Parkinson Ciociaria, Associazione FAND, Associazione Amici per Caprile; in **Arce**: La Lanterna. All converge on the need to create a network of skills, solutions, intervention ability to respond through projects and local agreements to territorial social needs. A commitment in which dozens of volunteers and professionals act together to drive change in our community in a supportive and welcoming way.

8. Which are the main results – if already visible – resulting from the described initiative; and how do you imagine the continuation of this action?

(Max 10 lines)

- "Djambo" project selection seeking at enhancing processes of empowerment for a full empowerment of migrants within their host community. The aim is to see them as major actors of social inclusion processes towards a supportive community. This will be achieved by encouraging the establishment of associations of migrants. ("Lazio Region Call for proposals for the selection of partners to respond to the notice FAMI 2014-2020 - integration OS2 / legal migration - ON2 integration - regional intervention plans for the integration of third-country nationals").

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- “Costruire memoria” project selection: reading/storytelling moments seeking at intercepting people and needs. The meetings are moments to design and build communities’ development through active citizenship. (L.R. October 21, 2008, n. 16, "Initiatives and regional interventions for the promotion of books, reading and small and medium-sized publishing companies of Lazio”).
 - Stable relationship with the University of Cassino: TEU.FR has participated as speaker in the advanced course on "Methods and Techniques of Social Services: from theory to practice, networks’ deployment and co-planning of territorial social services”.
 - Five more projects have been submitted under European funds and have not yet been evaluated (see also www.territorioeuropa.it). The issues treated: contrast to poverty, fight against school dropout, active citizenship, solidarity.
 - TEU.FR will further work to increase its visibility, in particular in relation to two actors: governments and citizens.
9. Please provide some details on how you raised the resources for the initiative. (This is not an element to be judged by the jury – however, it is important to readers of our Yearbook in which eligible initiatives will be presented.)

(Max 5 lines)

TEU.FR has been promoted and supported by CESV private funds that provided training, local leadership, facilitation of co-design groups, project management. It has also elaborated the strategic decision to apply for other funds by answering to tenders aiming at the development of measures to upgrade actions already activated by the individual associations. This will help to widen the area of intervention, transfer skills to the partnership, attract external actors, widening the composition, strengthening and multiplying the potential funding opportunities.