

## COOPERATION AGREEMENT

*Between*

**THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION  
UNION**

*and*

**FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE MUNICIPIOS Y  
PROVINCIAS (FEMP)**

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**THIS COOPERATION AGREEMENT** (this “Agreement”) is entered into by and between:

**THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (“ITU”)**, an intergovernmental organization and the specialized agency of the United Nations for information and communication technologies (ICTs), having its seat at Place des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland;

and **THE FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE MUNICIPIOS Y PROVINCIAS (FEMP)**, the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces, is a municipal organization that represents and defends the interests of Spanish local governments. Its goals include fostering communication, dialogue, and collaboration with local governments. The organization is headquartered at Calle Nuncio 8, 28005, Madrid, Spain.

For the purposes of this Agreement, ITU and FEMP, are hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties”, and individually as a “Party”.

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 123 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (rev. Bucharest, 2022) “Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries”, and Resolution 44 of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (rev. Geneva, 2022), “Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries”, share a clear objective of contributing to bridging the standardization gap;

**WHEREAS**, the Annex to Resolution 44 of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (rev. Geneva, 2022) includes in its activities for standard-making capabilities, the implementation of consultancy projects designed to support developing countries in the development of standardization plans, strategies, policies, etc.;

**WHEREAS**, the work of ITU-T Study Group 20 “Internet of Things, digital twins and smart sustainable cities and communities” and the work of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) have provided a platform and developed a set of deliverables to identify the standardized frameworks needed to support the integration of ICT services in smart sustainable cities;

**WHEREAS**, having due regard to the aforementioned considerations, the Parties wish to cooperate with each other under this Agreement in order to perform activities that support the development of smart sustainable cities and improve the environmental performance of emerging technologies;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have agreed to collaborate in areas of digital transformation and smart cities initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties, recognizing the benefits of genuine, substantive cooperation and wishing to pursue such collaboration, have entered into this Cooperation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) in a spirit of trust and cooperation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties have reached the following understanding:

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Scope and Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a high-level, non-exclusive, non-binding framework for the cooperation which the Parties mutually intend to undertake in the areas specified under Article III, in line with their respective missions and mandates, in accordance with their respective rules, regulations and procedures and subject to the availability of resources;
2. This Agreement establishes the general terms and conditions applicable to the Parties with respect to the implementation of the areas of cooperation specified under Article III.
3. The overall aim of the cooperation between the Parties is:
  - 3.1. To advance the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the development of smart sustainable cities and improving the environmental performance of emerging technologies. In accordance with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the associated 17 SDGs, in particular SDG 11 “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable” and SDG 13 “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts”;
  - 3.2. To advance the digital transformation of people-centred cities and communities;
  - 3.3. To promote the adoption and use of ITU standards (including, but not limited to ITU-T Recommendations).

## **ARTICLE II**

### **General Provisions**

1. This Agreement does not constitute, and will not be deemed or construed as, any obligation or commitment of any type, whether express or implied, by any Party in respect of the provision of funds or financing; and any activities that may be conducted hereunder will be subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds and other resources.
2. The Parties intend to join efforts and to maintain regular close consultations and sharing of information in order to achieve the objectives of this Agreement.
3. The Parties will share with each other all relevant non-confidential information and documents, including research reports and any other information related to the activities, outputs, and final impact of this collaboration.

4. To facilitate the consultations in the context of their cooperation, the Parties hereby nominate the following focal points:

<p><b><u>To FEMP:</u></b> <b>For Operational Matters:</b> Name: Daniel Vega Díaz Title: Smart Territories Area Address: Nuncio 8 28005 Madrid (Spain)  Telephone Number: +91 364 37 00 Email: <a href="mailto:sti@femp.es">sti@femp.es</a></p>	<p><b><u>To ITU:</u></b> <b>For Operational Matters:</b> Name: Cristina Bueti Title: Study Group Counsellor Address: International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Place des Nations 1211 Geneva 20. Switzerland. Telephone Number: +41 227306301 Email: <a href="mailto:cristina.bueti@itu.int">cristina.bueti@itu.int</a></p>
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### ARTICLE III

#### Areas of Cooperation of the Parties

1. Subject to their respective mandate, regulations, rules, policies, practices and procedures as well as the availability of resources, the Parties will cooperate in the following areas, to strengthen the collaboration between the FEMP and ITU:
  - 1.1 Data Spaces:
    - 1.1.1 Development of frameworks and technical specifications for secure, interoperable, and scalable data spaces.
    - 1.1.2 Promotion of best practices and guidelines for data management and governance.
    - 1.1.3 Organization of forums, webinars, and training sessions to enhance the understanding and implementation of ITU-T standards and data spaces.
  - 1.2 Smart Cities and Tourism:
    - 1.2.1 Promotion of smart city technologies and solutions to enhance urban living and tourism experiences.
    - 1.2.2 Development of technical specifications and guidelines in the area of smart cities and tourism.
    - 1.2.3 Facilitation of pilot projects and initiatives to demonstrate the benefits of smart city technologies in urban and tourism settings (e.g. including using metaverse).
  - 1.3 Smart Territories events:
    - 1.3.1 ITU and sub-directorate of Smart Territories of FEMP will co-organize annual activities, focusing on topics related to smart cities, digital transformation, and sustainable development.

- 1.3.2 The events will serve as a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and collaboration among stakeholders from the public and private sectors, academia, and civil society.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Use of the Name, Emblem or Media

1. Neither Party will use the name or emblem of the other Party, or an abbreviation thereof, in connection with its business or otherwise, without the express prior written permission of the Party concerned in each case.
2. Neither Party has the authority, express or implied, to make any public statement on behalf of other Party and any press releases issued in relation to this Agreement shall be approved in writing in advance by the Parties before being issued, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Copyright, Patents and Proprietary Rights

The Parties acknowledge that neither Party will gain, by virtue of this Agreement, any intellectual property or proprietary rights owned by the other. If the Parties decide to engage in joint development of intellectual property or other proprietary rights, the Parties must, prior to engaging in such activities, negotiate in good faith a signed, written agreement regarding the ownership and license rights (if any) of any intellectual property that may be jointly created.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Legal Status of the Parties

1. Nothing contained in or relating to this Agreement will be construed to create a partnership, a joint venture, employment or agency relations between the Parties.
2. The officials, representatives, employees, or subcontractors of either Party will not be considered in any respect as being employees or agents of the other Party.
3. Nothing in this Agreement creates or is intended to create any legally binding enforceable rights or obligations on the Parties.
4. Nothing in or relating to this Agreement will constitute or be deemed or construed as a waiver, whether express or implied, of any of the privileges, immunities or facilities which ITU or any of its officials enjoys by virtue of international agreements and national laws applicable to ITU.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Final Provisions

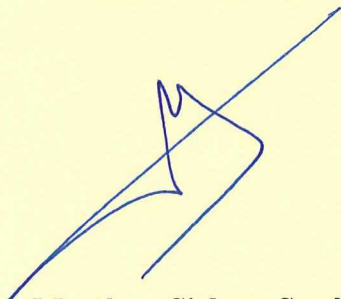
1. This Agreement becomes effective upon signature by the authorized representatives of the Parties, being effective from the date of the latest signature, and shall remain valid for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of this Agreement, unless earlier terminated by either Party in accordance with Article VII.2 below.

2. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party giving the other Party a written notice of thirty (30) days prior to its intention to terminate. In the event of termination, the Parties will take the appropriate steps to bring activities under this Agreement to a prompt and orderly conclusion.
3. This Agreement may only be modified pursuant to a written amendment mutually agreed to and signed by the Parties. Any such amendment will be annexed to this Agreement and will form an integral part hereof.
4. Any dispute between the Parties arising from this Agreement will be resolved by amicable direct negotiations between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have on behalf of the Parties hereto signed this Agreement in two originals in English, at the place and date set forth below.

For the

**Federación Española de Municipios y  
Provincias (FEMP)**



**Mr Luis Martínez-Sicluna Sepúlveda**

General Secretary

Federación Española de Municipios y  
Provincias (FEMP)

For the

**International Telecommunication Union**



**Mr Bilel Jamoussi**

Deputy Director of the Telecommunication  
Standardization Bureau

International Telecommunication Union

Place Madrid

Date 25th February 2026

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