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European Technology Platform
on Smart Systems Integration

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

AENEAS, ARTEMIS-IA and EPoSS

in view of

STRENGTHENING THEIR COOPERATION AND JOINING FORCES

Parties

1. **AENEAS**, an industrial Association on micro- and nanoelectronics enabled components and systems, based in Paris (F), established in 2006 (www.aeneas-office.org);
2. **ARTEMIS Industry Association (ARTEMIS-IA)** on Embedded Intelligence, based in Eindhoven (NL), established in 2007 (www.artemis-ia.eu);
3. **EPoSS e.V.**, an Industry Association on Smart Systems Integration, based in Berlin (D), established in 2013 (<https://www.smart-systems-integration.org>).

Considerations

Whereas Parties

- Through their industry-driven representation of actors in Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I) play a prominent and active role in supporting the Electronic Components and Systems (ECS) community in their RD&I activities and shaping programmes for collaborative RD&I;
 - Defined a common vision, mission and strategy for the ECS industry in their High-Level Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of 2012;
 - Are the three private members of the ECSEL Joint Undertaking, a tri-partite Public-Private Partnership with the European Union (represented by the European Commission) and 30 ECSEL Participating States;
 - Issue a common Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) for the ECS domain, guiding RD&I projects throughout the ECS ecosystem;
 - Jointly organise, together with the European Commission and the ECSEL Joint Undertaking (JU), the yearly EF ECS event (European Forum for Electronic Components and Systems), gathering all ECS stakeholders to exchange strategic views, inform them about and collect feedback on the draft multiannual strategic research and innovation agenda and draft research and innovation activities plan for ECSEL for a given year, and provide operational information on public programmes for collaborative RD&I in the ECS domain;
 - Share the ECS Collaborative Tool (ECT), a common project submission tool supporting the creation of project ideas independent of specific funding instruments;
 - Issue common position papers in their joint endeavour for continuing ECSEL beyond 2020 as part of Horizon Europe, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation succeeding Horizon 2020, supported by a common strategic adviser;
 - Jointly organise ECS brokerage events, supporting the creation of RD&I consortia and informing them about the different funding instruments available for their activities;
 - Have regular meetings (“3A meetings”) to arrange common activities and align positions;
- they now wish to consolidate their cooperation by means of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Purpose and scope

This MoU aims at reinforcing the already existing cooperation between the Parties and stimulating joint activities by entering into a more visible cooperation with the following key objectives:

- Strengthening the European ECS ecosystem, in particular by facilitating collaboration between SMEs, large companies, universities and research institutes;



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- Increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of the participation of the ECS community in ECSEL as the key funding instrument for collaborative RD&I in the ECS domain;
- Helping to pave the way for the continuation of ECSEL beyond 2020 as the institutionalised European Partnership on key digital technologies in Horizon Europe.

Content of the Cooperation

Parties intend to:

- Continue and reinforce their existing cooperation as described above under Considerations and extend it where beneficial for their respective constituencies, while retaining their independence, respecting each Party's governance structures, rules and regulations, and preserving their respective ecosystems and communities;
- Highlight potentially interesting complementarities in the competences of their constituencies and bring them to the attention of their respective members;
- Align their respective communication activities where relevant;
- Update the common ECS SRA on a yearly basis through their agreed structures and processes;
- Continue jointly organising the yearly EF ECS event together with the European Commission and the ECSEL JU, aiming at reaching out to a growing community in terms of competences, activities and countries;
- Promote wider use of the common project submission tool ECT;
- Pursue advocacy activities with common position papers, meetings, etc. as needed for ensuring continuation of ECSEL beyond 2020 as the institutionalised European Partnership on key digital technologies in Horizon Europe;
- Expand, when applicable, the group of MoU Parties and/or explore the feasibility of additional/alternative modes of intensifying cooperation as deemed necessary for continuing ECSEL beyond 2020 as the institutionalised European Partnership on key digital technologies in Horizon Europe;
- Promote EUREKA clusters as a valuable funding instrument for the ECS community and support their evolution to further improve their effectiveness.

Miscellaneous

- This MoU shall be effective from the date of signature of the last Party to sign and shall remain in force for three years. It may be renewed by mutual written agreement between the Parties.
- Parties will review the MoU on a yearly basis and amend it as needed.
- A Party may at any time withdraw from the MoU and terminate its involvement in the activities set out in this MoU. Such termination shall be done in writing to all other Parties.

First version of the MoU signed on November 20th, 2018. This revision done on November 27th, 2019.

For AENEAS

For ARTEMIS-IA

For EPoSS

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