

Annex I

Model Declaration of Collaboration

Call for Applications for Receiving Project Development Assistance Support as part of Hydrogen Valleys Facility

The Beneficiary intends to cooperate regarding the Project Development Assistance (PDA) to advance the development of the Beneficiary's Hydrogen Valley.

This Declaration specifies the roles and responsibilities of the Beneficiary before, throughout and after the PDA. It serves as a prerequisite for participation in the PDA programme and aims to foster continued collaboration of the Beneficiary within the Hydrogen Valleys Facility beyond the PDA period, including through knowledge sharing and capacity building.

1. Data provision

The Beneficiary will provide all data and documentation necessary for the effective delivery and implementation of the Project Development Assistance (PDA) and as specified and requested by the PDA Service Consultant. Provisions regarding data confidentiality and non-disclosure of information of data are specified in the Call Specifications.

As part of the preparation of the PDA service, the Beneficiary will be contacted one to two weeks before the official start of the PDA by the PDA Service Consultant for a data request.

The data to be provided by the Beneficiary as part of this data request will cover the key dimensions of the PDA, namely commercial, technical, regulatory and Valley governance aspects, and shall be submitted in English and in the format, scope and level of detail reasonably required by the other Parties. This includes, but is not limited to the following information:

- a) **Commercial:** information on feedstock (such as renewables and other relevant feedstocks), production processes (including hydrogen and derivative production), storage and transport options (such as pipelines and vessels) and end-use applications (such as hydrogen offtakers and derivative offtakers), financial planning, commercial structure and evidence of commercial offtake agreements
- b) **Technical:** information on feedstock process design, technology selection for production, site selection for storage and transport and end-use regulatory compliance
- c) **Regulatory:** permitting concept for feedstock, production, storage and transport and end-use, contract management plans
- d) **Valley governance:** consortium building (such as roles and relationships between partners), stakeholder management plans, project governance structures and



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organisational charts, project plans and implementation timelines, dissemination plans and risk management strategies

This information may be drawn from existing documentation prepared by the Beneficiary, including but not limited to the business plan, existing technical project documents (e.g., a Basic technical outline or a concept study (Front-end Loading 1 study or similar)) and government and implementation concepts.

The Beneficiary shall ensure that all data and documents provided are complete, accurate and up to date to the best of its knowledge and are uploaded to the designated shared data room prior to the commencement of the PDA activities.

2. Availability for key meetings

The Beneficiary shall ensure the timely availability of its representatives for all key meetings required during the PDA, including but not limited to the pre-kick-off, project kick-off, interim alignment meetings such as weekly Jour-Fixes and the final presentation as set out in the PDA delivery project plans.

Suitable representatives with sufficient decision-making authority and expertise shall be nominated to participate in such meetings and their attendance shall align with the frequency and notice periods specified in the project plans (see at the end of this document).

3. Adherence to schedule for the PDA

The Beneficiary is required to adhere to the agreed timeline and milestones established for the respective PDA, including the timely provision of required documents and related content. Activities shall be performed in accordance with the deadlines mutually agreed between the Parties. The Beneficiary shall notify the other Parties promptly of any expected delays and use its best efforts to mitigate any adverse impacts on the overall schedule.

The Clean Hydrogen JU reserves the right to exclude the Beneficiary from the continuation of PDA services in case of repeated failure to meet the requirements of collaboration defined in Sections 1 to 3.

4. Contribution to activities related to the Hydrogen Valleys Facility

The Beneficiary shall contribute actively to activities related to the Hydrogen Valleys Facility, including but not limited to the participation in the Hydrogen Valleys Knowledge Portal as part of the Hydrogen Valleys Facility. This contribution shall encompass sharing of lessons learnt, best practices and case studies from the Beneficiary's project experience to support knowledge exchange and capacity building within the Hydrogen Valleys community. The Beneficiary shall, where appropriate, participate as a speaker or contributor in relevant Knowledge Portal formats such as workshops, webinars, Lunch & Learn sessions, Q&A sessions and peer-to-peer learning events.

The Beneficiary is further expected to collaborate in the development of knowledge products, including but not limited to dossiers, guidelines and templates, by providing input based on its project experience, lessons learnt and insights on relevant technical, commercial, regulatory and governance topics.



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Contributions may extend beyond the duration of the PDA where appropriate and shall be subject to reasonable coordination with the PDA Service Consultants and other relevant stakeholders.

5. Monitoring of project progress after the PDA support

The beneficiary will remain available to the Clean Hydrogen JU and the PDA Service Consultants after the end of the PDA support for progress monitoring activities.

The progress monitoring will take place based on the developed action roadmap that will be transferred into an online form, which will be integrated into the beneficiary area of the H2V Platform. The key contact person of the Hydrogen Valley will be required to populate the project progress within the online form every six months. The online form is only accessible for the PDA beneficiary, the PDA Service Consultants and the Clean Hydrogen JU and the information submitted will be treated confidentially and not communicated publicly.

Beneficiaries are expected to implement the timeline and action roadmap towards FID that will be developed as part of the PDA support and must report any significant delays or deviations from this roadmap. Additionally, a one-hour progress monitoring meeting with the Clean Hydrogen JU, the PDA Service Consultants and the Hydrogen Valley representatives can be scheduled if significant delays are observed.

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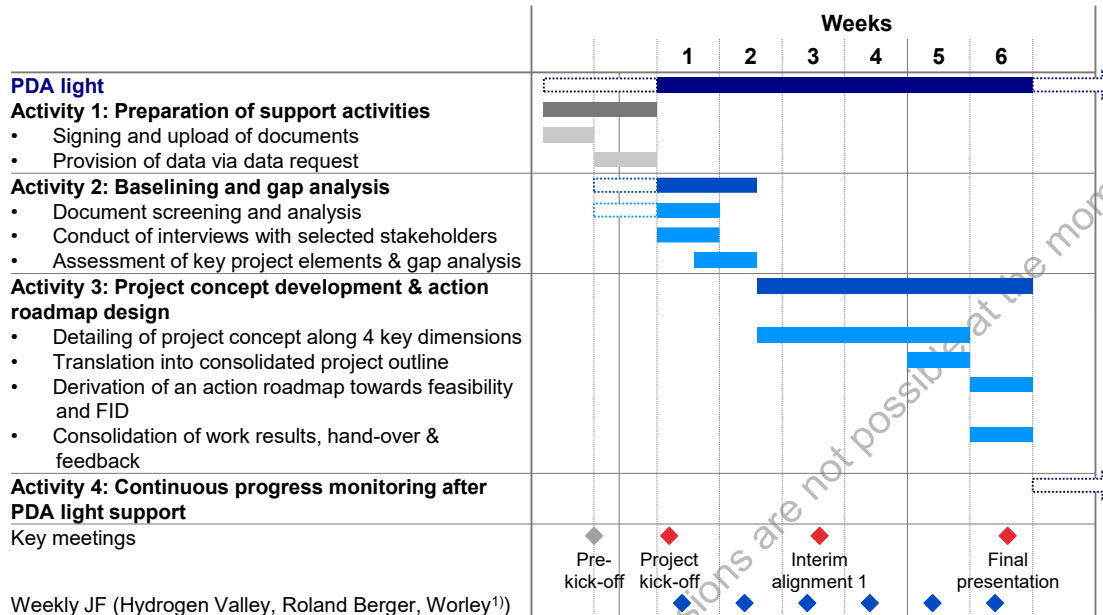
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Attachments to this Model Declaration for Collaboration:

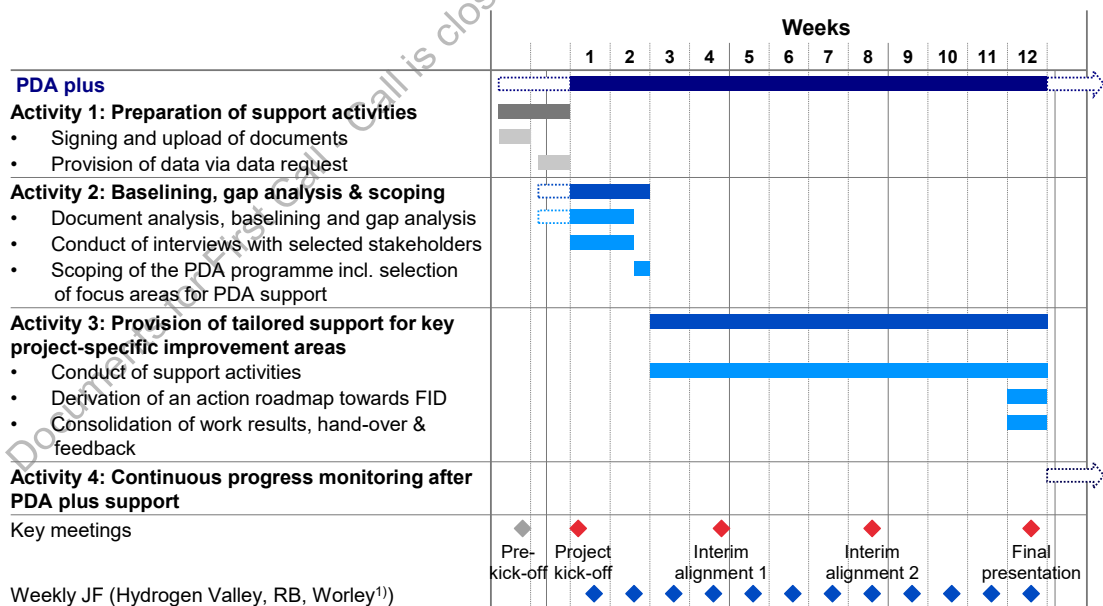
Planned project plan for the PDA light programme



1) Clean Hydrogen Partnership optional in critical cases

◆ Key meeting with the Clean Hydrogen JU

Planned project plan for the PDA plus programme



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