**Annex 5**

**Templates for Mid-Term Evaluation Report**

**(Individual and Consensus)**

**Water Joint Programming Initiative**

**2018 Joint Call**

*Closing the water cycle gap - Sustainable management of water resources*

These Project Management Guidelines will be effective from the date of the National funding decisions and shall remain in force until the last final project report is approved in 2022.

**The Mid-Term Consensus Report will be made available to the Consortium as well as CSC and JPI Water GB.**

**MID-TERM INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION REPORT**

**PROJECT TITLE AND ACRONYM**

Name of Coordinator: **Bjørn Kløve**

Project code: WaterWorks2017-**WATERPEAT**

Duration of project: 36 MONTHS

Start date:  **1.4.2019** End date: **31.3.2022**

**DETAILS OF THE EVALUATOR**

Name: Antonio Lo Porto

Organisation: IRSA-CNR

Date of review: 12/04/2021

### **Scientific and technological progress** (*Maximum 250 words)*

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| *Please describe the work performed and the results obtained during the lifetime of the project, and the conformity of work progress within the initial schedule. Take into account the following aspects:*   * *Has progress been achieved towards reaching the project objectives according to the original description and milestones?* * *Detailed update on methodology & results* * *How has the progress of the project promoted a multi-disciplinary work?* * *Dissemination of the results (publications, patents, other)*   The objective of the project is to develop peatland water management for different land use options and environmental protection goals.  The work carried out so far has been mostly devoted to place research instruments in the study areas, in collecting RS data and information on previous studies. The kind of work done can be considered to be mostly preparatory and rather limited.  The activities carried out employ a strong multi-disciplinary approach  The COVID19 pandemic has not had a strong impact so far, except for the activities regarding stakeholder contacts.  The partnership has produced a noteworthy amount of scientific papers and presentations to scientific congresses.  Three of five expected deliverables have been completed and two are delayed (without explanation)  The Mid Term Report is written in a hasty and rather disordered way. There is no reference to WorkPackages, the organization of the text is not homogeneous along the report, the numbering of figures is chaotic: there are several reference in the text to figures not included, there are 5 different "figure 1" and 3 "figure 2", no figures 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, whilst exist figure 27 and figure 28. |

### **Collaboration, coordination and mobility within the Consortium** (*Maximum 250 words)*

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| *Please evaluate the collaboration, coordination and mobility within the Consortium*  *Take into account the following aspects:*   * *Efficiency on the coordination and organization of the projects* * *Collaboration effective between the partners* * *Mobility of the research between the consortia* * *Does the project meet the transnational nature and its added value?*   The Consortium has put in place a strong and efficient collaboration within the partners which also has generated several cases of transnational joint operations.  Communication within partners is active and the consortium has carried out several on-line and physical meetings. |

### **Coordination with other international project funded by WaterWorks2017, or other instruments** (*Maximum 250 words)*

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| *Please evaluate the external collaboration of the Consortium,*  *Take into account the following aspects:*   * *Collaboration effective with other projects funded by WaterWorks2017* * *Collaboration effective with other projects or consortia*   There is no reference to collaboration with other WaterWorks2017 funded projects. This is a pity, since the project could find good cooperation with the project ReformWater. |

### **Coverage of the themes and sub-themes of the call** (Maximum *250 words)*

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This is reasonable regarding Sub-theme 1.1(Promoting adaptive water management for global change), Sub-theme 2.1 (Integrating economic and social analyses into decision-making processes), Sub-theme 2.4 (Promoting new governance and knowledge management approaches).  Relation with other SubThemes is rather questionable |

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**FOLLOW-UP GROUP**

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