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Letter of Support to the Smart Islands Declaration

With this Letter of Support, we the **name of organization**, would like to express our full support to the Smart Islands Declaration as a valuable vehicle towards maturing the Smart Islands Initiative.

The Smart Islands Initiative is a bottom-up effort of European island local and regional authorities and actors to communicate the need for tapping the significant, yet largely unexploited potential of islands to function as laboratories for technological, social, economic and political innovation. More so, the Smart Islands Initiative advocates in favour of a place-based, transformative development agenda that taps into islands' competitive advantages, generates local growth and prosperity and contributes to a number of EU policy goals.

We believe that all Quadruple Helix actors, including the private sector, academia and civil society ought to join forces to become delivery agents of the Smart Islands Initiative. We, as an academic actor, will focus our efforts on:

- a. Testing innovative technologies on islands to produce smart and sustainable solutions that can be also transferable and scalable
- b. Treating islands as living labs of innovation and interdisciplinary research
- c. Collaborating with enterprises and island public authorities for product and service development in line with local priorities
- d. Establishing *Centres of Competence* on islands supporting technological and applied research and knowledge exchange with relevant institutions globally

Taking into consideration the above, we endorse the Smart Islands Declaration as a meaningful guide for European islands to embark on new pathways towards creating smart, inclusive and thriving island societies for an innovative and sustainable Europe.

Name of legal representative

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