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ADDENDUM NUMBER 10 TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND OF THE U.S. (BALKAN TRUST FOR DEMOCRACY) CONCERNING SRB-17/0001 BTD – MEDIA SUPPORT IN SERBIA, STRENGTHENING EU INTEGRATION IN NORTH MACEDONIA, MONTENEGRO AND SERBIA

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) represented by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade (the Embassy) and the German Marshall Fund of the United States with its project Balkan Trust for Democracy (GMF/BTD) (the Grant Recipient) (jointly referred to as the Parties) have entered into an agreement dated 5 December 2017 (the Agreement) as amended by Addendum number 1 dated 27th June 2018, Addendum number 2 dated 7th December 2018, Addendum number 3 dated 21st June 2019, Addendum number 4 dated 5th September 2019, Addendum number 5 dated 4th August 2020, Addendum number 6 dated 28th June 2021, Addendum number 7 dated 2nd December 2021, Addendum 8 dated 14th December 2022 and Addendum 9 dated February 28th 2023, concerning SRB-17/0001 BTD - Strengthening EU integration in North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia (the Project).
- 1.2 The Grant Recipient has submitted a request to MFA dated 25. June 2024 regarding additional financial support to the Project, extension of the Support Period, with which MFA has decided to comply.
- 1.3 The Parties have agreed to amend the Agreement through this addendum number 10 (the Addendum), which shall be an integrated part of the Agreement.

2 EXTENSION OF THE SUPPORT PERIOD

- 2.1 The Support Period set forth in the Agreement shall hereby be extended to 31st December 2025.

3 ADDITIONAL GRANT

- 3.1 MFA shall, subject to Norwegian parliamentary appropriations and on the terms and conditions of the Agreement, including previous addenda, and this Addendum, provide an additional grant not exceeding NOK 3.623.196 (three million six hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred and ninety six Norwegian Kroner (the Additional Grant).
- 3.2 The Additional Grant shall be used exclusively to finance new components of the Project as specified in the budget attached as Annex A to this Addendum, and in the Revised Results Framework attached as Annex B during the Support Period.
- 3.3 The first disbursement may be made upon signature of the amendment based on the approved Application. The subsequent disbursements shall be made upon MFA's receipt of written disbursement requests from the Grant Recipient, describing the financial need for the period in question.

4 ADDITIONAL AND REVISED CONDITIONS

Article 6 of the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

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“The following shall be submitted by the Grant Recipient to MFA:

- a) An **inception report** covering the period from 24 June to 31 October 2024 shall be submitted to MFA by 30 November 2024. MFA’s standard reporting format shall be used.
- b) A **progress report** covering the period from 1 November 2024 to 31 May 2025 shall be submitted to MFA by 30 June 2025. The progress report shall include the content specified in article 2 of the General Conditions.
- c) A **financial report** covering the period from 1 November 2024 to 31 May 2025 shall be submitted to MFA by 30 June 2025. The financial report shall include the content specified in article 3 of the General Conditions.
- d) Each subgrant recipient will submit **an audit report** in accordance with specific subgrant conditions set in subgrant agreement. The audit report shall comply with the requirements set out in article 7 of the Specific Conditions and article 5 of the General Conditions. If the auditor submits a management letter (matters for governance attention) this shall be attached to the audit report. The management letter shall list any measures that have been taken as a result of previous Project audits and state whether such results have been adequate to deal with reported shortcomings.
- e) An updated **work plan and budget** covering the period from 1 November 2024 to 31 December 2025 shall be submitted to MFA by 1 October 2024. The work plan and budget shall include the content listed in article 1 of the General Conditions.
- f) **An audit report** of the Grant Recipient’s entire organisation, including the Project SRB-17/0001, shall be submitted to MFA by June each year, for previous year. The annual financial statements will be audited in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) If the auditor submits a management letter (matters for governance attention) this shall be attached to the audit report.
- g) A **final report** for the Support Period shall be submitted to MFA no later than 3 months after the end of the Support Period. The final report shall include the content listed in article 4 of the General Conditions. “

The following outcomes shall be added to the Agreement article 2.1.

3. “Media actors contribute to legislative and policy processes in the media sphere as well as provide legal and other crisis support to affected media actors
4. Improved citizens’ access to information of public importance via support to investigative journalism and improved citizens’ ability to critically assess via media literacy initiatives”

5 REMAINING CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

5.1 All other provisions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged and in force.

6 ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

6.1 The Addendum shall enter into force on the date of the last signature, and remain in force until all obligations arising from it have been fulfilled.

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This Addendum has been signed by both Parties. In the event of any discrepancies between this English language version and any later translations, the English language version shall prevail.

Place: Belgrade

Date: 25th June 2024



for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Mrs. Kristin Melsom

Ambassador

Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade



For the German Marshall Fund of the United States,

Jared Janeczko

Chief Operating Officer

Attachments:

Annex A: Revised budget

Annex B: Revised results framework