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| **RULES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM****UAB IGNITIS RENEWABLES AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES** |

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION**
	1. The purpose is to lay down the principles for the provision of Financial Support by UAB Ignitis Renewables and its Subsidiaries, and to regulate when and how it is possible to gratuitously allocate financial resources to third parties.
	2. Scope of application – applies to UAB Ignitis Renewables and its Subsidiaries, their employees involved in the financial support allocation process, the Evaluation Committee, Applicants, and Recipients of support.

# TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

* 1. Terms and/or abbreviations used in the Rules shall have the following meanings:
		1. **Company** shall mean UAB Ignitis Renewables (legal entity code: 304988904).
		2. **Company's Manager** shall mean the Company's sole governing body, i.e. the General Manager.
		3. **Subsidiary** shall mean a subsidiary or subsequent subsidiary of the Company.
		4. **Manager of the Subsidiary** shall mean the sole governing body of the Subsidiary or a subsequent Subsidiary, being a director/manager and/or a member of the Management Board (in a foreign jurisdiction; if a Management Board is formed in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Subsidiary).
		5. **Group** shall mean AB Ignitis Group and its directly and indirectly controlled legal entities.
		6. **Company** shall mean any natural person or legal entity engaged in an economic activity, regardless of its legal status or means of financing, within the meaning of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid, as amended.
		7. **Coordinator** shall mean an employee of the Company or a Subsidiary or other Group company who is responsible for coordinating support issues within the Company and Subsidiaries.
		8. **LoC** shall man the Republic of Lithuania Law on Competition, including all amendments and supplements thereto.
		9. **LoCFS** shall mean the Republic of Lithuania Law on Charity and Financial Support, including all amendments and supplements thereto.
		10. **Application** shall mean an application for Financial Support in the prescribed form, which must be filled in by the Applicant when applying for the Financial Support.
		11. **Financial support** shall mean a voluntary and non-remunerated provision of monetary funds to Recipients of financial support, except for obligations of the Recipient permitted under the Law on Charity and Financial Support (LoCFS), in accordance with the procedure established in the Policy and the Rules, and without violating the provisions of the LoCFS.
		12. **Financial Support Recipient** shall mean an Applicant who meets the requirements for receiving the Financial Support and to whom the Financial Support has been awarded.
		13. **Financial Support Agreement** shall mean the agreement between the Financial Support Recipient and the Company or a Subsidiary for the provision of the Financial Support.
		14. **Financial Support Provider** shall mean the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries.
		15. **Applicant** shall mean a legal entity seeking to receive Financial Support and submitting an Application for Financial Support in the form specified in the Rules.
		16. **Applicant's Manager** shall mean a person who, in accordance with the legal entity's founding documents or a decision taken by the members of the collegial management body, has the right or is authorised to represent the legal entity in civil relations (e.g. a director, chairperson, president, or any other identifiable person who has the right to represent the legal entity on the basis of the grounds set out above).
		17. **Park** shall mean a power plant or group of power plants linked by wind and/or solar or other renewable energy sources and used to generate electricity.
		18. **Park under Development (Farm under Construction)** shall mean all areas likely to be adversely affected and/or temporarily disturbed as a result of the construction of the Park, and/or other pre-commissioning (power generation) works and/or activities.
		19. **Policy** shall mean the Group's Financial Support and Humanitarian Aid Policy.
		20. **Project** shall mean the activity, project, or initiative indicated in the Application for which Financial Support is being requested.
		21. **Rules** shall mean the Rules for the Management of Financial Support of the Company and its Subsidiaries, including any subsequent amendments and supplements thereto; this document.
		22. **Board** shall mean the Company's collegiate management body, i.e. the Management Board.
		23. **State Aid Criteria** shall mean the criteria set out in Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
		24. **Evaluation Committee** shall mean the body responsible for evaluating Applications.
		25. The term **“State aid”** shall be understood as defined in Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the term “De minimis aid” shall be understood as defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation).
1. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**
	1. The Rules lay down the criteria for the award of the Financial Support, the procedure for the submission of the Financial Support, the procedure for the administration and evaluation of the Applications, the responsibilities and other conditions for the management of the Financial Support.
	2. In their activities, Financial Support Providers shall be guided by the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the LoCFS, other laws and legal acts regulating the granting of Financial Support, the Articles of Association of the Company and its Subsidiaries, the Policy, the Rules and other internal legal acts of the Company and the Group.
	3. The Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries may provide Financial Support only in the form of monetary funds.
	4. The Financial Support Provider may provide Financial Support only if it has no tax arrears to the state budget of the Republic of Lithuania, municipal budgets or funds to which taxes are administered by the State Tax Inspectorate under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania, as well as arrears with overdue payments to the budget of the State Social Insurance Fund and overdue debt obligations under loan agreements and other obligatory debt documents signed with the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania or under agreements with the state guarantee.
	5. The following principles shall be respected in the evaluation of Applications and in the adoption of the decision to grant Financial Support:
		1. **Consistency with the objectives of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries** – the purpose of the Financial Support shall be to ensure that the Financial Support is granted to those Applicants whose stated and duly substantiated objectives for the use of the Financial Support are most in line with the objectives of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries, the sustainability policies of the Group and the stated values of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries;
		2. **Targeted** – Applicants whose activities, projects, initiatives create value in areas where the Company and/or its Subsidiaries operate regionally or nationally shall be eligible for Financial Support;
		3. **Transparency** – all Applications must be subject to the same, clear and comprehensible criteria for the evaluation and award of Financial Support;
		4. **Impartiality** – in cases where the evaluation of the Application may give rise to a conflict of interest, a member of the Evaluation Committee and/or a member of the Board and/or the Company's Manager and/or the Manager of the Subsidiaries shall be obliged to recuse himself/herself from the evaluation of the Application and the decision-making process.
	6. The amount of Financial Support granted to the Applicant must not exceed EUR 200,000 (two hundred thousand euros) per year, in case the Financial Support granted to the Applicant does not meet the criteria for State aid.
	7. In the event that the Applicant meets the criteria for State aid, the amount of the Financial Support granted to the Applicant must meet both of the following conditions:

3.7.1. The amount of the Financial Support granted to the Applicant must not exceed EUR 200,000 (two hundred thousand euros).

3.7.2. The amount of the Financial Support granted to the Applicant, taken together with the total amount of Insignificant (de minimis) aid received by the Applicant (including related undertakings referred to in Article 2(2) of the Regulation) during the preceding 3 (three) years (i.e. the full 36-month period prior to the date of granting of the new aid), must not exceed EUR 300,000 (three hundred thousand euros).

1. **STATE AID OR INSIGNIFICANT (*DE MINIMIS*) AID**
	1. The Financial Support Provider shall assess the eligibility of the Financial Support to the State aid criteria before providing the Financial Support. Where the Financial Support meets the criteria for State aid, it shall only be granted in accordance with European Union State aid rules.
	2. The Coordinator, while carrying out the administrative compliance verification of the Applications in accordance with the procedure provided for in Clause 8.3. of the Rules, shall verify the information on the registered State aid and *de minimis* aid received by the Applicant in the Register of State Aid and Insignificant (*de minimis*) Aid Granted.
	3. In accordance with the ceiling referred to in Clause 3.7.2 of the Rules, Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid shall be expressed as a cash grant. All figures used shall be gross, i.e. without taxes or other charges. If the aid is not granted in the form of a grant, the aid amount shall correspond to the gross grant equivalent of the aid.
	4. If the new grant of *de minimis* aid would exceed the ceiling laid down in Clause 3.7.2 of the Rules, the Regulation shall not apply to the new aid.
	5. In the case of mergers or acquisitions of the Applicant, in order to calculate whether the new Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid to the new or acquiring undertaking exceeds the ceiling set out in Clause 3.7.2 of the Rules, the total amount of previous Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid granted to the merging undertakings (including the Applicant) shall be taken into account. Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid lawfully granted before the merger or acquisition shall remain lawful.
	6. In the event of a single undertaking being split up into two or more separate undertakings, the Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid granted prior to the split-up shall be attributed to the undertaking which benefited from it, i.e. to the undertaking taking over the activities for which the Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid was used. If such attribution is not possible, the Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid shall be apportioned on the basis of the book value of the equity capital of the newly separated undertakings on the date of the entry into force of the separation (split-up).
	7. The requirements for Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid under the Regulation shall apply to Applicants in all sectors except:

4.7.1. aid granted to Applicants engaged in primary production of fisheries and aquaculture products;

4.7.2. aid granted to Applicants engaged in the processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, where the amount of aid is determined by reference to the price or quantity of the products purchased or placed on the market;

4.7.3. aid granted to Applicants active in the primary production of agricultural products;

4.7.4. aid granted to Applicants active in the processing and marketing of agricultural products in one of the following cases:

4.7.4.1. where the amount of aid is determined on the basis of the price or quantity of such products purchased from primary producers or placed on the market by the Applicants concerned;

4.7.4.2. where the aid is conditional on it being passed on in part or in full to primary producers;

4.7.5. aid granted for export-related activities in third countries or Member States, i.e. aid directly linked to the quantities exported, to the establishment and operation of a distribution network, or to other operating costs linked to the export activity;

4.7.6. aid which depends on the use of more domestic than imported goods or services.

* 1. If the Applicant carries out an activity in one of the sectors referred to in Clauses 4.7.1 to 4.7.4 of the Regulation and also carries out an activity in one or more of the other sectors covered by the Regulation, or any other activity covered by the Regulation, the Regulation shall apply to aid granted in the latter sectors or to the latter activities, provided that appropriate measures, such as ring-fencing or accounting, are taken to ensure that Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid granted under the Regulation is not used to carry out activities in the sectors which are not covered by this Regulation.

4.9. If it is established that the Financial Support Recipient has been granted aid in contravention of European Union aid rules or that the aid has been declared by the European Commission to be incompatible aid, the Financial Support Provider shall be required to adopt a decision, in accordance with Article 55(1) of the LoC, declaring that the aid has been granted unlawfully and that it is to be reimbursed to the State budget. In such a case, the Financial Support Provider must demand that the Financial Support Recipient reimburse the Financial Support granted thereto to the State budget, or the amount shall be recovered out of dispute. The procedure for the recovery of Insignificant *(de minimis)* aid shall be detailed in the procedure for the recovery of unlawful State aid or Insignificant *(de minimis)* aid approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 6 September 2004 No. 1136.

4.10. Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid granted under the Regulation may be cumulated with Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid granted under *Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2832*.

4.11. Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid granted under the Regulation may be cumulated with insignificant (de minimis) aid granted under Commission Regulations (EU) No. 1408/2013 and No. (EU) 717/2014 up to the relevant ceiling set out in Article 3(2) of the Regulation.

4.12. Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid granted under the Regulation shall not be cumulated with State aid granted for the same eligible costs or with State aid granted in respect of the same risk finance instrument if such cumulation would lead to an excess of the relevant maximum aid intensity as laid down in the Block Exemption Regulation or in a decision adopted by the Commission or of the amount of aid fixed on a case-by-case basis. Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid which is not granted or attributable to specific eligible costs may be cumulated with other State aid granted under the Block Exemption Regulation or a decision adopted by the Commission.

4.13. The Company shall keep the information on individual Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid registered for 10 (ten) years from the date on which the aid was granted.

4.14. The Company shall only grant new Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid under this Regulation after verifying that the total amount of Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid granted to the relevant Applicant as a result of the new Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid does not exceed the ceiling set out in Article 3(2) of the Regulation, and that all the conditions set out in the Regulation are met.

4.15. The Company shall submit the data on the granted Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid to the Register of State Aid and Insignificant (*de minimis*) Aid Granted within 5 (five) business days from the date of entry into force of the decision to grant it.

1. **OBJECTIVES AND TYPES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT ALLOCATION**
	1. The Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries may allocate Financial Support exclusively for projects, activities, and/or initiatives in the areas of social welfare, education, learning, art, culture, science, and sports (excluding professional, extreme, and high-risk sports), as well as for the improvement and development of public spaces (including public infrastructure) and environmental protection—initiated by or benefiting communities (excluding municipalities and elderships) located in the vicinity where the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries operates or develops its activities, or by entities acting for the benefit of such communities. Financial Support may also be provided for other purposes (activities) of these communities or of entities acting for their benefit, provided such purposes are considered beneficial to the public in accordance with the Law on Charity and Financial Support (LoCFS). Financial Support should preferably be allocated to projects and/or activities of these communities and/or entities acting for their benefit that best meet the criteria for the allocation of Financial Support set out in the Rules, contribute to the development and promotion of long-term cooperation between the Company and/or its Subsidiaries and the community, and are also related to the Company's operational objectives.
	2. No Financial Support shall be granted and may not be used:
		1. to finance political parties, state politicians, political advertising or political campaigns and to cover debt obligations incurred by political campaign participants during or in connection with political campaigns;
		2. by foundations and institutions established by political (personal) trust civil servants, members of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the Government, municipal councils and members of sole and collegial governing bodies of political parties, their close relatives, spouses, partners when the partnership is registered in accordance with the law. The persons referred to in this Clause may not participate in the evaluation of the Applications for Financial Support and in the decisions on the provision of Financial Support;
		3. to professional, extreme and high-risk sports, activities that promote and/or involve gambling or gaming of such kind, alcoholic beverages, smoking or other intoxicating substances and/or other activities that have or may have an adverse effect on society and/or its members;
		4. if the amount of the non-consolidated net profit of the Financial Support Provider for the reporting financial year is negative (loss is incurred);
		5. the Financial Support Recipient has committed material violations of the terms and conditions of the Financial Support Agreement concluded with the Financial Support Provider during the performance of the previously concluded Financial Support Agreement concluded with the Financial Support Provider, and the Financial Support Agreement has been terminated due to such violations and 3 (three) years have not elapsed since the full return of the Financial Support to the Financial Support Provider;
		6. to projects that contradict the Group's strategy and/or the principles of sustainable business;
		7. to projects that contradict the Group's Code of Ethics;
		8. to projects in the Mažeikiai District Municipality (taking into account that, pursuant to Article 13(1) of the Law on Renewable Energy Resources of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter – the LREE), UAB VVP Investment, legal entity code 302661590, which operates the Mažeikiai Wind Farm, is obliged to pay a renewable electricity generation levy, 85 (eighty-five) percent of which, in accordance with the LREE and the procedure established by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, is distributed to community organisations implementing projects specified in the LREE).
2. **DETERMINATION OF AMOUNTS ALLOCATED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
	1. The share of the amount allocated for Financial Support by the Support Providers and the total amount allocated for Financial Support by all Support Providers shall be determined by the Management Board after the approval of the Providers annual financial statements packages for the previous financial year.
	2. The amount allocated for the provision of Financial Support for the financial year of the Provider of Support may not exceed:
		1. 10 (ten) percent of the Financial Support Provider's net profit for the last financial year under review, provided it does not exceed EUR 500,000 (five hundred thousand euros);
		2. 5 (five) percent of the net profit of the Financial Support Provider for the last financial year under review, if this exceeded EUR 500,000 (five hundred thousand euros) but did not exceed EUR 2,000,000 (two million euros);
		3. 3 (three) percent of the net profit of the Financial Support Provider for the last financial year under review and may not exceed EUR 500,000 (five hundred thousand euros) if the net profit for the last financial year under review was more than EUR 2,000,000 (two million euros).
	3. By decision, the Management Board may determine what portion of the total amount allocated for Financial Support is to be allocated to projects of communities in each of the countries where the Providers of Financial Support operate, and/or to entities acting for their benefit. This portion of the total Financial Support amount allocated to a specific country is determined based on an assessment of how many Farms are located in that country, how many of them are under construction, and what share of the Financial Support amount allocated by the Providers of Financial Support operating in that country corresponds to their financial year.
3. **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND TIMING**
	1. Following the adoption of the decision referred to in Clause 6.1 of the Rules, the Application collection procedures shall be initiated.
		1. The period(s) during which Applications may be submitted shall be determined.
		2. A call for Applications shall be published on the Company's website and other publicly accessible channels, along with information on the start of the Application submission, the Application submission period, the Application form, and other relevant information.
		3. Applications may be submitted to the email address specified in the call for Applications and within the indicated period.
		4. Upon expiry of the specified period, the submission of Applications shall be suspended.
		5. Applications received before the opening of the call for Applications or after the closing of the call for Applications shall not be evaluated, unless otherwise provided in the Rules.
		6. Applications received are recorded in the Company's register of documents received.
	2. In order to be eligible for the Financial Support, the Applicant must complete an Application Form in accordance with Annex 1 to the Rules. *Application for Community Financial Support Form.*
	3. The Applicant shall submit the completed Application together with the documents specified in Clause 7.4 in accordance with the procedure established by the Company. The Application form is also published on the Company's website.
	4. **Applicants shall submit the following documents, or duly certified true copies thereof, with their Application:**
		1. A current extract of the Applicant's basic data from the Register of Legal Entities (not older than 3 (three) months before the date of submission of the Application);
		2. the Applicant's Articles of Association, by-laws or other similar documents confirming that the Applicant, by virtue of its Articles of Association (by-laws) or other similar documents, is able to carry out the activities for which the Financial Support is requested;
		3. A declaration signed by the Applicant concerning the Applicant's links with other economic operators as defined in Article 2(2) of the Regulation *(the completed form set out in Annex 2 to the Rules in the form of a Declaration on the requirements of Article 9(1)(3) of the LoCFS);*
		4. other documents specified in the Application.
	5. When Applicants established in a country other than the Republic of Lithuania, the country where the registered office of the Company or Subsidiary is located apply for Financial Support:
		1. Such Applicants may submit the Application and other documents referred to in the Rules and/or the Application in English or another foreign language;
		2. and provide additional evidence that the purpose of the foreign entity receiving the Financial Support is not for profit and that the profits cannot be distributed to its members (the provisions of the legislation governing the foreign entity's activities shall be provided, or the references to the official sources of the legislation governing the activities of the foreign entity, provided that such legislation is in English).
		3. The Applicant provides confirmation from the tax authorities of the foreign entity's country that the foreign entity is resident for tax purposes in that country.
	6. The documents provided for in Clauses 7.4.1 to 7.5.3 need not be submitted if the Coordinator is able to access these documents or the information for which these documents are required in official public registers.
	7. The Application and all documents submitted together with the Application (Application annexes) must be signed by the Applicant's sole or collegial governing body or by a person duly authorised by such body. If the Application and/or the documents submitted together with the Application are signed by an authorised person, a valid power of attorney or a decision (order or similar) of the Applicant's sole or collegial governing body granting the relevant authorisations to that person must be submitted.
	8. Under the call for Applications announced by the Company, the same Applicant may submit only one Application.
4. **EVALUATION OF APPLICANTS AND THEIR SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS. DECISION-MAKING ON THE ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
	1. **Evaluation Committee and Secretary of the Evaluation Committee Meetings.**
		1. The Applications received by the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be examined and evaluated by the Evaluation Committee, established in accordance with the procedure set out in the Policy and operating at the Group level. When evaluating Applications, the Evaluation Committee shall be guided by the Group Evaluation Committee's Rules of Procedure and these Rules.
		2. The functions of the secretary of the Evaluation Committee meeting, during which the received Applications are examined and evaluated, shall be performed by the Coordinator.
		3. In performing the functions specified in Clause 8.1.2 of the Rules, the Coordinator shall:

8.1.3.1. provide the Evaluation Committee with the issues to be discussed and related materials;

* + - 1. draft the minutes of the Evaluation Committee meeting and other relevant material;
			2. based on the Evaluation Committee's assessment, prepare a draft Evaluation Committee Application Evaluation Report;
			3. organise the presentation of the decisions adopted by the Evaluation Committee to the Company's Management Board and ensure their implementation within the Company and/or its Subsidiaries;
			4. carry out the preparatory work and/or other tasks entrusted by the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee, which are necessary to ensure the smooth functioning of the Evaluation Committee.
		1. The Coordinator shall be responsible for the administration of the Application process and communication with Applicants.
	1. **Assessment of the Corruption and Other Risks to Applicants.**
		1. The due diligence of Applicants shall be carried out by the responsible member of the Business Safety Functional Area in accordance with the procedures set out in the Group's Standard for the Application of Anti-Corruption Controls and the results shall be submitted to the Coordinator.
		2. In the event of a due diligence exercise carried out by the Business Safety Functional Area Officer and where the Applicant is found to be at higher risk, additional control procedures shall be laid down in the Special Terms and Conditions of the Contract for such Applicant to control the use of the assistance funds.
	2. **Administrative Compliance Check of Applications.**
		1. The Coordinator (with the involvement of a lawyer, if necessary) shall carry out an Administrative compliance verification of the Applications within 10 (ten) business days from the deadline for the submission of Applications, i.e. shall assess whether the Applicants and the Applications they have submitted comply with the requirements set out in the Rules and whether all the documents specified in the Rules and the Application have been submitted together with the Application.
		2. The administrative eligibility of applications shall be verified in accordance with the administrative eligibility criteria. The list of administrative compliance criteria is provided in Annex No. 5 to the Rules. *Community Financial Support Application Evaluation Questionnaire.*
		3. The Application shall not be subject to an administrative verification of eligibility in any of the following circumstances:

8.3.3.1. The Application is submitted before the opening of the call for Applications or after the closing of the call for Applications;

8.3.3.2. The Applicant has submitted a revised Application and/or additional (missing) documents for the re-administrative verification of eligibility after the expiry of the term set for the submission of revised Applications and/or additional (missing) documents;

* + 1. The Coordinator, having carried out an administrative compliance verification of the Application and having established that the Applicant and/or the Application submitted by the Applicant comply with the requirements set out in the Rules and that all the necessary documents have been submitted together with the Application, shall carry out the actions set out in Clause 8.3.8 of the Rules.
		2. If, after carrying out the administrative compliance assessment of the Application, the Coordinator determines that the Applicant and/or the submitted Application does not meet the requirements set out in the Rules and/or not all documents specified in the Rules were submitted with the Application, the Coordinator shall, within 2 (two) business days, inform the Applicant and invite them to, within a deadline set by the Coordinator (which must be no less than 5 (five) business days), clarify the submitted Application and/or provide the missing documents and/or additional information substantiating the compliance of the Applicant and/or the Application with the requirements (administrative compliance criteria) set out in the Rules. A uniform deadline shall be set for all Applicants. In this case, the further evaluation of other Applications (which meet the administrative eligibility criteria) shall be postponed until the term set for the Applicants to revise the Applications which do not meet the requirements of the Rules and/or to submit missing documents and/or to provide additional information to justify the Applicant's compliance with the requirements set out in the Rules (administrative eligibility criteria).
		3. The Applicant has the right to remedy the deficiencies identified by the Coordinator within the deadline set by the Coordinator. Upon submission by the Applicant of a revised Application and/or the missing documents and/or additional information substantiating the compliance of the Applicant and/or the Application with the requirements set out in the Rules (administrative compliance criteria), the Coordinator shall, within 8 (eight) business days after the expiry of the set deadline, carry out a repeated administrative compliance check of the Application. A repeated administrative compliance check of the Application shall not be carried out if the Applicant submits the revised Application and/or additional (missing) documents for the repeated administrative compliance check after the deadline set for the submission of revised Applications and/or additional (missing) documents.
		4. The Coordinator shall record the results of the administrative compliance check (both initial and repeated, if carried out) of each Applicant's submitted Application by completing the Administrative Compliance Check Table provided in Annex No. 5 to the *Rules – Community Support Application Evaluation Questionnaire*.
		5. Upon completion of the administrative compliance check of the Applications, the Coordinator shall, within 2 (two) business days, forward all received Applications along with the results of the administrative compliance check to the Evaluation Committee and initiate a meeting of the Evaluation Committee.
	1. **Qualitative evaluation of Applications meeting the administrative compliance criteria and proposed decisions of the Evaluation Committee.**
		1. In accordance with the procedure established in the Group Evaluation Committee's Rules of Procedure, the members of the Evaluation Committee shall review the Applications and the results of the administrative compliance check prior to the Evaluation Committee meeting.
			1. within 10 (ten) business days from the date of transmission of the results of the administrative compliance verification of the Applications and Applications transferred by the Coordinator;
		2. The qualitative assessment shall be carried out in accordance with the principles set out in Clause 3.5 of the Rules.
		3. The members of the Evaluation Committee shall carry out a qualitative evaluation only of those Applications that meet the administrative compliance criteria. The qualitative evaluation consists of scoring the compliance of the Applications with the Financial Support allocation criteria set out in Clause 9.3 of the Rules and assessing whether there is any conflict as specified in Clauses 5.2.6 and/or 5.2.7 of the Rules.
		4. If it is identified that all necessary information has been provided for the qualitative evaluation of the Applications, the Evaluation Committee shall adopt one of the decisions specified in Clause 8.4.10 of the Rules. If the Evaluation Committee proposes to at least one Applicant to revise the Application in the manner set out in Clause 8.4.5 of the Rules, the qualitative assessment and the adoption of the decisions provided for in Clause 8.4.10 of the Rules shall be delayed until such time as the requested additional information and/or documents have been received, in order to ensure that the qualitative assessment of the Applications received by the Company and/or its Subsidiaries shall be carried out at one and the same time.
		5. If it is identified that information is lacking for the qualitative evaluation of Applications that meet the administrative compliance criteria, the Evaluation Committee shall, during the meeting, adopt a decision to propose that the Applicant revise the Application and/or submit additional (missing) documents and/or information necessary for the qualitative evaluation. The Coordinator shall inform the Applicant within 2 (two) business days of the decision of the Evaluation Committee and invite the Applicant to submit the missing documents and/or additional information:
		6. The Applicant shall have the right to submit the missing documents and/or additional information at the latest within 7 (seven) business days from the date of receipt of the notification by the Coordinator. The Applicant is warned that failure to provide adequate information or documentation will result in a decision by the Evaluation Committee to propose not to grant the Financial Support or to propose to grant only part of the Financial Support;
		7. The Coordinator shall forward to the Evaluation Committee the additional documents and/or information submitted by the Applicant within 2 (two) business days of receipt of the documents and/or information.
		8. Members of the Evaluation Committee shall take note of the additional documents and/or information submitted by the Applicant and the Coordinator shall initiate a meeting of the Evaluation Committee within 5 (five) business days from the receipt of all additional documents and/or information submitted by the Applicants;
		9. The results of the qualitative evaluation (scores awarded) for Applications that meet the administrative compliance criteria shall be recorded by completing the qualitative evaluation form provided in Annex No. 5 to the Rules *Community Support Application Evaluation Questionnaire*.
		10. Upon completing the qualitative evaluation of the Applications, the Evaluation Committee shall, during the meeting, adopt one of the following decisions with respect to each Applicant:
			1. to propose to grant Financial Support to the Applicant;
			2. to propose to grant only part of the amount of the Financial Support requested in the Application in any of the following circumstances:
				1. in the event that the Financial Support granted to the Applicant fulfils the criteria for State aid, and the total amount of the Financial Support requested by the Applicant, taken together with the total amount of Insignificant (*de minimis*) aid received by the Applicant (including related undertakings referred to in Article 2(2) of the Regulation) during the preceding 3 three years (i.e., the full 36-month period prior to the date of the new grant of the aid), exceeds the threshold of EUR 300,000 (three hundred thousand euros).
				2. in the circumstances set out in Clause 9.6 of the Rules.
			3. to propose to refuse to grant the Financial Support if:
				1. A qualitative assessment of the Application has not been carried out in the case foreseen in Clause 8.4.3 of the Rules;
				2. the qualitative assessment of the Application has resulted in a score of 0 (zero), or the Application has not obtained the mandatory minimum score set at the time of the opening of the call for Applications;
				3. in the event that the amount of Financial Support requested by the Applicant exceeds the limit set out in Clause 3.6 of the Rules;
				4. in the event that the amount of Financial Support requested by the Applicant exceeds the limit set out in Clause 3.7 of the Rules;
				5. in the circumstances set out in Clauses 9.5 or 9.6 of the Rules.
		11. If it is proposed to allocate only part of the Financial Support amount, the Evaluation Committee shall calculate the amount of Financial Support that may be granted to each Applicant, based on the Financial Support allocation criteria set out in Section 9.3 of the Rules.
	2. **Application Evaluation Report.**
		1. Based on the Evaluation Committee's assessment, the Coordinator shall, within 2 (two) business days from the adoption of the decisions specified in Clause 8.4.10 of the Rules, prepare a draft report on the evaluation of the received Applications. The Application Evaluation Report shall be signed (approved via the DMS) by the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee and the Coordinator.
		2. The evaluation report approved by the Evaluation Committee must state the following:
			1. date of the evaluation report;
			2. the names of the Applicants for whom it is proposed to allocate Financial Support, to allocate partial Financial Support, or not to allocate Financial Support;
			3. the legal form of the Applicants;
			4. the legal entity codes of the Applicants;
			5. the title of the Project for which it is proposed to allocate Financial Support or a part thereof;
			6. the Project's compliance with the Financial Support allocation criteria;
			7. the Application shall specify the amount of funds requested for the Financial Support;
			8. the decision proposed by the Evaluation Committee: to grant the Financial Support or to grant part of the Financial Support or not to grant the Financial Support;
			9. other information identified by the Evaluation Committee.
		3. The Coordinator shall submit the Application Evaluation Report together with the conclusion(s) on the assessment of corruption and other risks of the Applicants to the Company's Manager and/or the Manager of the Subsidiary no later than within 3 (three) business days after the approval of the Application Evaluation Report.
		4. The Coordinator shall also prepare such other documents as may be required for consideration by the Management Board and/or the Company's Manager and/or the Manager of the Subsidiary.
	3. **Decision-Making on the Granting of Financial Support.**
		1. The decision to grant the Financial Support in respect of each Applicant shall be made by the Company's Manager (in the case of the Financial Support Provider being the Company) or by the Manager of a Subsidiary (in the case of the Financial Support Provider being a Subsidiary) subject to the approval of the Board.
		2. The decision to grant the Financial Support must be taken no later than the end of the current year in which the financial statements of the preceding financial year were approved.
		3. The decision on the allocation of Financial Support shall be made taking into account:
			1. the Evaluation Committee's Application Evaluation Report;
			2. the decision adopted by the Evaluation Committee, as specified in Clause 8.4.10 of the Rules;
			3. the conclusion regarding corruption and/or other risks associated with the Applicant;
			4. and in compliance with the principles set out in Clause ‎3.5 of the Rules.
		4. Once the decision on the allocation of Financial Support has been made, the Coordinator shall inform the Applicants of the decision to allocate Financial Support, allocate partial Financial Support, or not to allocate Financial Support within 3 (three) business days from the date of the decision made by the head of the Company or Subsidiary.

8.7. The Company's Manager or the Manager of a Subsidiary, or a person authorised by them, shall enter into Financial Support Agreements with the Financial Support Recipients, taking into account and in accordance with the decisions taken on the award of the Financial Support.

8.8. The Coordinator shall communicate with the Financial Support Recipient to whom all or part of the Financial Support requested in the Application has been awarded regarding the use and accountability of the Financial Support or part of the Financial Support awarded.

1. **REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS AND CRITERIA FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
	1. Recipients of financial support may be legal entities that, as of the date of submission of the Application, have been registered for no less than 1 (one) year in the Register of Legal Entities (in the case of Applicants operating in the Republic of Lithuania) or in an equivalent register (in the case of Applicants operating in foreign countries), and that meet the requirements set out in the LoCFS, other applicable legal acts, and the Rules. All requirements set out in the Rules applicable to Applicants and their submitted Applications (administrative compliance criteria) are provided in Annex No. 5 to the Rules in the form of the Community Support Application Evaluation Questionnaire.
	2. Financial support may be granted to those Applicants referred to in Clause 9.1 of the Rules whose activities or projects meet the criteria for the allocation of Financial Support set out in the Rules and the requirements of legal acts.
	3. Criteria for the allocation of Financial Support, applied when evaluating Applications that meet the administrative compliance criteria:
		1. **Quality** – the tangibility, feasibility, and applicability of the Project's objectives and tasks. Sufficient experience and human resources of the Applicant to implement the Project. Clearly identified potential Project risks and risk management measures;
		2. **Transparency, openness** – transparency, openness of the Applicant's activities, i.e. open and transparent provision of information about its activities, the use of the Financial Support.
		3. **Justification of results and indicators** – clarity and tangibility of the indicators and results planned to be achieved through the Project, the possibility to clearly measure the achievement of results, definition of implementation stages, and realism of deadlines. Realistic measures and criteria for evaluating the achievement of the Project's objectives are foreseen;
		4. **Created value and relevance to social reality** – clear and realistic value created by the Project for the community, and the benefits generated for the region. The Project promotes long-term cooperation between the Provider of Support and the Applicant; the Project addresses the social reality of the community;
		5. **Alignment with the Company's operational objectives** – Financial Support is prioritised based on whether the Project promotes the production and/or development of renewable energy.
		6. **Project location** – Financial Support is prioritised taking into account the distance between the power plants located in the Park and the Project implementation site.
		7. **Size of the farm** – Financial Support is weighted according to the size of the farm (in the case of a farm under construction).
		8. **Level of development of the farm** – the Financial Support is adjusted according to the level of development of the farm (for farms under construction).
		9. **Object of Financial Support** – Financial Support is prioritised based on whether the Project is related to:
			1. energy efficiency; and/or
			2. contribution to the protection of the environment and the reduction of climate change; and/or
			3. creation of services and jobs; and/or
			4. improving social, health, business or science, technology, engineering and maths competences in the community.
		10. **Partnership** – Financial Support is prioritised based on the Applicant's cooperation with regional, national, and/or international organisations in implementing the activity, project, or initiative indicated in the Application;
		11. **Funding** – Financial Support is prioritised based on whether the Applicant has at least 10% (ten percent) of the amount required for the implementation of the project from own funds and/or other funding sources.
	4. When evaluating Applications, each of the Financial Support allocation criteria listed in Clauses 9.3.1 to 9.3.4 and 9.3.6 of the Rules shall be scored from 0 to 3 points; the criteria listed in Clauses 9.3.5, 9.3.8, 9.3.10, and 9.3.11 shall be scored either 0 or 3 points; the criterion set out in Clause 9.3.7 shall be scored from 1 to 3 points; and the criterion set out in Clause 9.3.9 shall be scored from 0 to 12 points, in accordance with the evaluation methodology provided in Annex No. 5 to the Rules A*pplication Evaluation Questionnaire*. The scores awarded to the Applicant for a Financial Support allocation criterion shall be summed and divided by the number of evaluators, thereby establishing the average score for that criterion. If the average is not a whole number, it shall be rounded to one decimal place. The final total score awarded to an Application is the sum of the average scores of all evaluation criteria. The minimum required total score to be eligible for Financial Support shall be indicated in the call for Applications (together with the information specified in Clause 7.1.2 of the Rules). The maximum possible total score (summing the maximum achievable points for each Financial Support allocation criterion) is 51 points.
	5. During the qualitative evaluation, it is also assessed whether there is any conflict as specified in Clauses 5.2.6 and/or 5.2.7 of the Rules. If it is determined that the Project contradicts the Group's strategy and/or the principles of sustainable business and/or the Code of Ethics, the Evaluation Committee shall adopt the decision specified in Clause 8.4.10.3 of the Rules regarding the Application.
	6. If the portion of the Provider's net profit for the reporting financial year allocated for Financial Support is smaller than the total amount requested in all Applications that have received scores from the maximum down to the minimum required score for eligibility, the Provider of Support shall compile a ranking of Applications (from the highest-scoring to the lowest-scoring Application). Based on the ranking of Applications, Financial Support shall be allocated to the highest-scoring Applications. If several Applications eligible for Financial Support have received the same number of points, but the remaining amount of Financial Support is insufficient to cover all of them, the remaining Financial Support shall be distributed among such Applicants proportionally to the amounts of Financial Support requested in their Applications. If, after allocating Financial Support to the highest-scoring Applications in accordance with the procedure established in this clause, there are insufficient funds remaining to support the lowest-scoring Applications, the Evaluation Committee shall adopt the decision specified in Clause 8.4.10.3 of the Rules regarding such lowest-scoring Applications.
	7. In the light of changes in the Group's activities, the Group's Sustainability Policy, changes in legislation to ensure the sustainable development of renewable energy, the eligibility criteria for the Financial Support may be reviewed, supplemented, amended prior to the launch of each call for Applications, but no later than the end of the Application submission period, ensuring equality and non-discrimination between all Applicants.
2. **PROCEDURES FOR THE FORMALISATION OF GRANTING OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
	1. The provision of Financial Support, regardless of the amount allocated, must be formalised by a written Financial Support Agreement, and in cases mandated by imperative provisions of legal acts, by a notarised agreement.
	2. The Financial Support Agreement shall specify the following:
		1. Parties to the Financial Support Agreement and their contact details;
		2. Purpose of the Financial Support and procedure for using it;
		3. Commitment by the Financial Support Recipient to use the Financial Support in accordance with its intended use and the conditions set out in the Financial Support Agreement, and to provide documentation to support the use of the Financial Support in accordance with its intended use;
		4. Financial Support recipient's commitment to publicise the information received about the Financial Support and consent to the publicity given by the Financial Support Provider;
		5. Material violations of the terms of the Financial Support Agreement and the liability of the Financial Support Recipient for material violations of the terms of the Financial Support Agreement and/or misuse of the Financial Support;
		6. conditions for unilateral termination of the Financial Support Agreement;
		7. other relevant provisions relating to the provision of the Financial Support.
	3. A draft of the standard Financial Support Agreement is set out in Annex 3 to the Rules. *Draft Financial Support Agreement.*
	4. When concluding Financial Support Agreements with Financial Support Recipients, Financial Support Providers shall have the right to impose additional requirements and conditions on Financial Support Recipients, if necessary, insofar as these do not conflict with the requirements of the LoCFS and other legal acts. Financial Support Agreements may not contain confidentiality agreements restricting the disclosure to the public of information about the Financial Support provided by the Company, its Subsidiaries and its use.
	5. No Financial Support Agreements may be concluded which provide for an obligation on the part of the Financial Support Provider to provide support out of the Financial Support Provider's income/funds for the following financial year.
	6. The Financial Support Agreement shall be signed by the Company's Manager or the Manager of a Subsidiary or a person authorised by them in accordance with the decisions taken on the granting of the Financial Support.
	7. The Agreement must be signed by the Applicant's sole or collegial governing body legally representing the Applicant, or by a person duly authorised by such body. If the Agreement is signed by an authorised person, a valid power of attorney or a decision (order or similar) of the Applicant's sole or collegial governing body granting the relevant authorisations to that person must be submitted.
3. **PROCEDURE FOR MODIFYING PART(S) OF THE PROJECT**
	1. A modification of part of the Project is permitted only if all of the following conditions are met:
		1. The modification of part of the Project is necessary for the proper implementation of the Project or would increase the value of the Project for the community;
		2. The deadline set in the Agreement for the Financial Support Recipient to implement the Project has not yet expired;
		3. The Financial Support Recipient seeks to modify a non-essential part of the Project that does not exceed 20 (twenty) percent of the Project budget value specified in the Application (applicable in cases where the modification of part of the Project would result in changes to the Project budget lines provided in the Application);
		4. Even after the modification of a non-essential part of the Project, the Project objectives and goals set out in the Application will be achieved, i.e., the Financial Support will be used in accordance with its intended purpose.
	2. The Financial Support Recipient, seeking to modify a non-essential part of the Project, must submit a written request to the Financial Support Provider regarding the proposed modification. In the request, the Recipient of Financial Support must indicate the part of the Project they wish to change and justify that all conditions specified in Clause 11.1 of the Rules, under which a change to part of the Project is permitted, are met.
	3. Upon receiving a request to modify part of the Project, the Coordinator shall, no later than within 15 (fifteen) business days, assess the part of the Project that the Recipient of Financial Support wishes to change, as well as whether the conditions set out in Clause 11.1 of the Rules, under which such changes are permitted, are met. If necessary, the Coordinator may request the Recipient of Financial Support to provide documents substantiating the request and/or the existence of the conditions specified in Clause 11.1 of the Rules.
	4. If necessary, the Coordinator may involve experts from the AB Ignitis Group of companies (such as a legal expert, auditor, and/or other specialists) to evaluate the request for modification of part of the Project.
	5. Upon completion of the evaluation specified in Clause 11.3 of the Rules, the Coordinator shall submit a reasoned proposal to the relevant head of the Company or Subsidiary to approve or reject the modification of part of the Project.
	6. The final decision on the modification of part of the Project shall be made by the head of the relevant Company or Subsidiary within 20 (twenty) business days from the date of receipt of the request, after evaluating the Coordinator's proposal.
	7. Once the head of the Company / Subsidiary has made a decision regarding the modification of part of the Project, the Provider of Support and the Recipient of Financial Support shall conclude an amendment agreement to the Financial Support Agreement.
	8. If the head of the Company / Subsidiary decides that there is no basis for the modification of part of the Project, the Recipient of Financial Support shall be informed of this in writing (via email).
	9. If, during the implementation of the Project, the Financial Support is used in accordance with its intended purpose (i.e., for the implementation of the Application specified in Clause 1.2 of the Agreement) and an unused amount of up to one hundred (100) EUR remains, and the deadline set out in Clause 4.1 of the Agreement has not yet expired, the Financial Support Recipient, upon prior coordination with the Financial Support Provider by email, may use the unused amount of the Financial Support, not exceeding one hundred (100) EUR, before the expiry of the deadline set in Clause 4.1, to purchase goods and/or services related to the Project, without deviating from the Project's objectives and goals. The Financial Support Recipient shall account for the use of such unused Financial Support in accordance with the procedure set out in Clause 4.12 of the Agreement.
4. **RESPONSIBILITY**
	1. The control of the use of the Financial Support for its intended purpose shall be carried out by analysing and evaluating the documents submitted by the Financial Support Recipient in support of the use of the Financial Support. The Financial Support shall be deemed to have been used for its intended purpose when the allocated Financial Support has been used for the purposes set out in the Application. In the event of circumstances coming to light that the Financial Support Recipient has provided false or untrue information to the Financial Support Provider in the Application or related documents, as well as circumstances that make or may make the granting and/or use of the Financial Support unlawful, or that pose a potential risk to the reputation of the Financial Support Provider, the Group (e. g. such as: judgements in civil, administrative or criminal court cases against the Applicant in respect of previous violations related to the misuse of the Financial Support, as well as fraud or other similar corrupt or other criminal acts; information in the public domain about the Applicant's potentially improper activities, which may directly or indirectly have a negative impact on the good reputation of the Financial Support Provider or the Group or undermine it, improper conduct/activities of the Applicant or its management which may pose a risk to the ability of the Financial Support Provider to achieve the results of the activity, initiative or project set out by the Financial Support Provider for the Applicant, etc.), the Financial Support Provider shall have the right to terminate the concluded Financial Support Agreement in accordance with the procedure laid down therein.
	2. The Financial Support Recipient shall submit a report on the use of the Financial Support to the Financial Support Provider within the term laid down in the Financial Support Agreement (in accordance with Annex 4 of the Rules. A Community Financial Support Utilization Report and supporting documents must be submitted in accordance with the procedure established in the Financial Support Agreement to substantiate how the Financial Support was used.
	3. The Evaluation Committee shall carry out the evaluation of the reports received from Financial Support Recipients on the use of the Financial Support and the documents supporting the use of the Financial Support.
	4. Failure by the Financial Support Recipient to submit a report on the use of the Financial Support in accordance with the procedures set out in the Agreement shall constitute a material violation of the Agreement and the Financial Support Recipient shall reimburse the Financial Support to the Financial Support Provider within the timeframe set out in the Agreement and shall be ineligible to participate in the submission of applications to the Company and its Subsidiaries for the award of Financial Support for any projects within a period of 3 (three) years from the date specified in the Agreement.
	5. If, in the assessment of the Evaluation Committee, the report on the use of the Financial Support and the accompanying documents do not justify the use of the full amount of the Financial Support disbursed to the Financial Support Recipient, the Financial Support Recipient shall be requested to provide additional information and documentation. In case the Financial Support Recipient does not submit the additional information and documents requested by the Financial Support Provider within the set term or the information and documents provided are, in the opinion of the Financial Support Provider, insufficient, this situation shall be treated as a non-submission of the report on the utilisation of the Financial Support and the consequences referred to in Clause 12.4 of the Rules shall apply.
	6. If, in the assessment of the Evaluation Committee, the report on the use of the Financial Support and the accompanying documents do not justify the use of all or part of the amount of the Financial Support disbursed to the Financial Support Recipient, the Financial Support Provider shall request from the Financial Support Recipient additional information and documents, which shall be provided by the Financial Support Recipient within the terms set out in the Financial Support Agreement. In case the Financial Support Recipient does not provide the additional information and documentation requested by the Financial Support Provider regarding the use of part of the amount of the Financial Support within the term or the information and documentation provided is, in the opinion of the Financial Support Provider, inadequate, the Financial Support Recipient shall repay to the Financial Support Provider the part of the Financial Support for which the use of the amount of the Financial Support has not been duly justified by the additional information and documentation requested by the Financial Support Provider within the term laid down in the Financial Support Agreement. Failure to repay a portion of the Financial Support amount in a timely manner shall preclude the Financial Support Recipient from participating in applications to the Company and its Subsidiaries for Financial Support for any projects for a period of 3 (three) years from the due date set out in the Financial Support Agreement.
	7. On the basis of the Evaluation Committee's assessment of the use of the Financial Support and the decisions taken, the Coordinator shall prepare a draft report on the provision and use of the Financial Support by the Company and/or its Subsidiaries for the previous calendar year. This report shall be signed by the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee and the Secretary (Coordinator).
	8. The report of the Evaluation Committee on the provision and use of the Financial Support by the Company and/or its Subsidiaries for the preceding calendar year shall include:

12.8.1. the number of Applications submitted;

12.8.2. the number of successful and unsuccessful Applications;

12.8.3. how the Financial Support has been used;

12.8.4. other relevant information.

12.9. A report drawn up by the Evaluation Committee on the provision and use of the Support by the Company and/or its Subsidiaries for the preceding calendar year shall be submitted to the Management Board for approval.

1. **PUBLICITY**
	1. The Company shall, no later than 1 (one) month after the grant of the Financial Support, make publicly available on the Company's website information about the Financial Support granted:
		1. Financial Support Recipient(s);
		2. Purpose of the Financial Support;
		3. Amount of Financial Support;
		4. Financial Support provision period.
	2. The Company also makes public:
		1. Policy;
		2. Rules;
		3. A summary of the reports on the use of the Financial Support submitted by the Financial Support Recipients to the Financial Support Provider. The information specified in the reports on the use of Financial Support shall be published to the extent that it does not contradict the LoCFS, the legal protection of personal data of the Republic of Lithuania and other legal acts;
		4. The Financial Support Application form with the forms of Annexes referred to in the Rules;
		5. Deadlines for submission and evaluation of Applications;
		6. Contacts for information on the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries;
		7. Information on the Financial Support provided by the Financial Support Providers in the current year and at least during the previous 3 (three) financial years;
		8. Other information provided for in the Rules, the Company's internal legal acts, and the LoCFS.
	3. The publicity of the information shall be ensured by the Company's Manager.
	4. The Company maintains records of the Financial Support provided by the Company and submits reports on the provided Financial Support to the State Tax Inspectorate under the Ministry of Finance in accordance with the procedure and deadlines established by the LoCFS and the legal acts implementing the LoCFS.
2. **FINAL PROVISIONS**

14.1. The Head of the Communities Team is responsible for initiating amendments to the Rules, implementing the Rules, and overseeing and monitoring their implementation.

14.2. The Rules may be amended by decision of the Board prior to the opening of each call for Applications, but no later than the end of the Application submission period. In exceptional cases (i.e. for important reasons which could not have been foreseen), where it is necessary to amend the Rules after the end of the application period, the Rules may be amended in accordance with the procedure laid down, while ensuring equal treatment and non-discrimination between all Applicants.

14.3. In the event that the legislation of the Financial Support Recipient's country of registration imposes stricter requirements than the Rules, the requirements of the legislation of the relevant country shall apply.

1. **ANNEXES TO THE RULES**

Annex 1. Application for Community Financial Support.

Annex 2. Declaration on the Compliance with Requirements of Article 91(3) of the LoCFS.

Annex 3. Draft Financial Support Agreement.

Annex 4. Community Financial Support Utilization Report

Annex 5. Community Financial Support Application Evaluation Questionnaire.

Annex 6. Community Financial Support Report Evaluation Form

1. **RELATED LEGAL ACTS**

[*Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2023/2831 of 18 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/LT/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202302831)

[*Republic of Lithuania Law on Charity and Financial Support*](https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.5483/asr?positionInSearchResults=1&searchModelUUID=8d030582-4851-4e61-b1be-b4cde2b9c99e) *(current wording)*

[*Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania*](https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.107687/asr) *(current wording)*

[*Republic of Lithuania Law on Competition (current wording)*](https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.77016/asr)

[*Republic of Lithuania Law on Legal Protection of Personal Data (current wording)*](https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.29193/asr)

[*Description of the procedure for the recovery of unlawful or incompatible State aid or Insignificant (de minimis) aid approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 6 September 2004 No. 1136*](https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/9e1e58219d7411ee8172b53a675305ab)

*Group Financial Support and Humanitarian Aid Policy*

*Policy of Group's Sustainability*

*[Standard for the application of group anti-corruption controls](https://apps.powerapps.com/play/e/14a54596-c267-46fd-80f9-37bc905eb4bb/a/56132d94-e39e-4ad8-bc03-2d24d416914d?LatestVersion=c9fc9881-3d0d-4a13-a21f-463174840d69&hidenavbar=true)*

*Terms of Reference of the Group Evaluation Committee*