

Commitment of the corresponding host institution

The European Gravitational Observatory, which is the applicant legal entity, confirms its intention to sign a supplementary agreement with Dr Anna M. Nobili and Dr Guido Zavattini in which the obligations listed below will be addressed, should the proposal entitled GGonGround: "GG ("Galileo Galilei") and GG on Ground: a very high sensitive experiment to probe the foundations of General Relativity" be retained.

The applicant legal entity confirms its association with and its support to the group's project which involves the following principal investigators: Anna M. Nobili and Guido Zavattini.

Performance obligations of the applicant legal entity that will become the principal beneficiary of the grant agreement, should the proposal be retained and the preparation of the grant agreement be successfully concluded:

The *applicant legal entity* commits itself to engage the *corresponding principal investigator* for the duration of the grant and to:

- a) ensure that the work will be performed under the scientific guidance of the *principal investigators* who will be expected to devote at least 30% of their total working time to the ERC-funded project and spend at least 50% of their total working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country.
- b) carry out the work to be performed, as it will be identified in Annex I of the ERC Grant Agreement, taking into consideration the specific role of the *corresponding principal investigator* and the *principal investigator*.
- c) establish a *supplementary agreement* with the *corresponding principal investigator* and the *principal investigator* which specifies that the *applicant legal entity* shall:
 - i) support *each principal investigator* in the management of *his/her team* and provide reasonable administrative assistance to the *principal investigators*, in particular as regards:
 - a. the timeliness and clarity of financial information,
 - b. the general management and reporting of finances,
 - c. the advice on internal *applicant legal entity* strategies and *ERC Executive Agency* or *Commission* policies,
 - d. the organisation of *project* meetings as well as the general logistics of the *project*.

- ii) provide research support to the *principal investigators* and *their team members* throughout the duration of the *project* in accordance with Annex I ERC Grant Agreement, in particular as regards infrastructure, equipment, products and other services as necessary for the conduct of the research;
- iii) ensure that the *principal investigators* and *their team members* enjoy, on a royalty-free basis, access rights to the *background* and the *foreground* needed for their activities under the *project* as specified in Annex I ERC Grant Agreement;
- iv) guarantee adequate contractual conditions to the *principal investigators*, in particular as regards:
 - a. the provisions for annual, sickness and parental leave,
 - b. occupational health and safety standards,
 - c. the general social security scheme, such as pension rights.
- v) ensure the necessary scientific autonomy of each *principal investigator*, in particular as regards:
 - a. the selection of other *team members*, hosted and engaged by the *applicant legal entity* or other legal entities, in line with profiles needed to conduct the research, including the appropriate advertisement;
 - b. the control over the budget in terms of its use to achieve the scientific objectives;
 - c. the authority to deliver scientific reports to the *ERC Executive Agency*;
 - d. the authority to publish as senior authors and invite as co-authors only those who have contributed substantially to the reported work.
- vi) inform the *principal investigators* of any circumstances affecting the implementation of the *project* or leading potentially to a suspension or termination of the ERC Grant Agreement;
- vii) subject to the observance of applicable national law and to the agreement of the *ERC Executive Agency*, the transfer of the grant agreement as well as any pre-financing of the grant not covered by an accepted cost claim to a new legal entity, should a *principal investigator* request to transfer the entire *project* or *part of it* to this new legal entity. The *applicant legal entity* shall submit a substantiated request for amendment or notify the *ERC Executive Agency* in case of its objection to the transfer.

For the institution (applicant legal entity): **European Gravitational Observatory**

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