

DECLARATION OF SUPPORT

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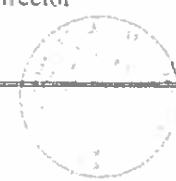
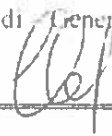
Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

The Directorate-General for Environmental Assessment of Ministry for the Environment and the Protection of Land and Sea (MATTM) will support LIFE SEPOSSO project according to the Ministry responsibilities, taking into account the aim and the activities of the project: i) to improve the measure and the evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of inspection and surveillance activities of *P. oceanica* transplanting as a compensation or mitigation measures for restoration of destroyed meadows related to EIA national interest works, ii) to support the different stakeholders both technicians and policy makers, in planning and managing of transplanting activities in compliance with the EU Environmental legislation indications.

Considering that MATTM is supported by the Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) for technical-scientific monitoring and control activities according to the Minister Directive 84 (05.08.2015) and that this Ministry published a specific Decree (No. 308 of 24.12.2015) aimed at simplifying the rules for assessing the potential environmental impacts related to national interest works to implement the new EIA directive (2014/52/EU), this Ministry will adopt the technical and scientific deliverables (electronic information system, technical-scientific manuals) of the LIFE SEPOSSO project to support the decision making processes to assess the feasibility, modality and inspection and surveillance of transplanting of *P. oceanica*.

Signature and date:

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