Letter of Invitation

TYR, *April 30*th, 2020

Association for the Development of Rural Capacities (ADR) MEDARTSAL Project

Grant Agreement Reference Number: A_A.1.2_0234

Consulting Services

Financial Audit for the MEDARTSAL Project

Dear Sirs.

The Project MEDARTSAL Funded by funded by the European Union under the ENI CBC Med Programme under the Thematic objective **A.1 BUSINESS AND SMES DEVELOPMENT** and the Priority **A.1.2**: Strengthen and support euro-Mediterranean networks, clusters, consortia and value-chains in traditional sectors (agri-food, tourism, textile/clothing, etc.) and non-traditional sectors (innovative ideas solutions for urban development, eco-housing, sustainable water-related and other clean technologies, renewable energy, creative industries, etc.). b

MEDARTSAL project is implemented in 4 Mediterranean countries through a partnership of 8 partners from Italy, Spain, Lebanon and Tunisia. MEDARTSAL project aims to adopt coordinated actions to define and implement a MODEL FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF ARTISANAL SALINAS, which will stimulate the local economy and territorial cohesion.

The total project budget is 3.299.001,13 EURO. The total contribution of the ENI CBC MED Programme amounts to 2.969.101,02 Euro (a maximum of 90% of the total project cost).

The 8 project's partners are in charge of implementing the project.

The Budget of the Association for the Development of Rural capacities from the overall budget is 523,781.61 EURO.

ADR intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under contract for the Provision of Financial Audit for the MEDARTSAL Project to ensure compliance of expenditures under the MEDARTSAL project with the domestic law as well as their compliance with the Program requirements and provisions of the grant contract, including the valid version of the application form. The audit is an expenditure and revenue verification procedure with regard to the Individual Financial Report for the Grant Contract between ADR, CUEIM and the Managing Authority

The services include the carrying out of Financial Audit for the MEDARTSAL Project Financial Reports for the overall period of November 5,2019 - Nov 4, 2022. The Financial Audit is to be divided in three phases:

- Phase 1: Financial Audit for the period of November 5, 2019- Nov 5, 2020
- Phase 2: Financial Audit for the period of November 5, 2020- Nov 5, 2021
- Phase 2: Financial Audit for the period of November 5, 2021- Nov 4, 2022
- 1- ADR invites proposals to provide the following consulting services: "Auditing Services for the MEDARTSAL Project ". Details on the services as well as proposal preparation and submission are provided in the attached document.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address stated below. The office hours are from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

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