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Letter of support

To whom it may concern,

By the present letter we confirm that Institutul National de Cercetare-Dezvoltare pentru Fizica Materialelor (National Institute for Materials Physics-NIMP) is fully supporting the implementation of the Teaming project with title "Romanian Center of Excellence on Advanced Functional Materials-RoCAFMat". The institute will provide the necessary assistance in terms of financial and accounting services, public acquisitions and other required activities for a successful finalization of the project.

Moreover, NIMP is committed to ensure the full autonomy of the Center, specifically:

- Autonomy in recruiting and hiring the human resources, based on the existing national rules and in agreement with the EU Charta and Code for researchers.
- Autonomy in establishing the salaries of the people hired in RoCAFMat
- Financial autonomy meaning separate bank accounts and freedom in using the funds obtained by the Center
- The Center will have its patrimony, defined in terms of buildings and infrastructure

When the project will be granted NIMP will start the necessary procedures to modify its constitutive documents in order to accommodate RoCAFMat as an autonomous entity in the organizational scheme of NIMP. In fact, NIMP already has an autonomous entity, namely the International Centre for Training and Advanced Studies in Physics (CIFRA, see web page at <https://cifra-c2unesco.ro/>), acting as category 2 UNESCO Centre, see also the constitutive document HG 1005/2015 at <https://legislatie.just.ro/Public/DetaliiDocument/174637>).

We underline that the recruiting and hiring procedures will follow an open, transparent and merit base procedure. We mention that NIMP has an open case to obtain the HRS4R Excellence in Research Award (case no. 2023RO111493 on EURAXESS), estimated to be finalized in 2025.

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