

ANNEX 1 - ABOUT THE FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION AGENCIES

Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India

The Department of Science & Technology (DST) of the Government of India was established in May 1971, with the objective of promoting new areas of science & technology (S&T) and to play the role of a nodal department for organising, coordinating and promoting S&T activities in the Country. The Department of Science & Technology has an important role in building a strong base for research, development and demonstration in India and in addressing national concerns about strengthening science and technology. DST, as a national agency for strengthening the base of science and technology in the Country, has made a sincere attempt to address national concerns of India in basic research.

For more information about DST, please visit www.dst.gov.in

Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA)

GITA is a “non–for–profit” Section-8 (Companies Act 2013) Public Private Partnership (PPP) company promoted jointly by the Technology Development Board (TDB), the Department of Science & Technology (DST), the Government of India (GoI) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

GITA is a unique organisation working under an innovative mechanism between the Government of India and Indian industry for attracting Indian industry’s investment in technology. GITA’s activities include mapping technology gaps; evaluating technology offers across the globe on appropriateness from techno-economic perspective for India; connecting technology developers, providers, funders; funding the last phase of technology development that connects the market; and deploying technology solutions.

GITA is technically and administratively managed by a group of highly-skilled technical and management professionals. The group has expertise and proficiency in effective technical evaluation, fund management, networking, capacity building and outreach to stakeholders. GITA maintains a high degree of transparency and integrity in all the processes of project evaluation, disbursement and other competitive process. It has expertise in flexible funding mechanism (Loan / Grant / Equity) to cater to different needs of the system.

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Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic

The **Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation** (DGSP - Direzione Generale per la Promozione del Sistema Paese) is responsible for the coherent and unitary promotion of several components of the Italian Economic System (economy, language and culture, science and technology), including the activities of Regional authorities and of other autonomous local authorities.

The Directorate assures support to the Country's production system, research, university network and the activities of the Regional authorities and of other autonomous local authorities; collaborates with public and private players in promoting initiatives to attract foreign investments; promotes the Italian language, culture and scientific research abroad, also through the network of Italian Cultural Institutes, Italian schools abroad and scientific attachés; and manages the funds allocated to Italian archaeological missions around the world. It also coordinates the position of Italy in multi-lateral cultural cooperation and manages the valuable artistic heritage of the Palazzo della Farnesina Art Collection.

The Unit IX within the Directorate for Innovation and Research, under the Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation of MAECI, promotes International bilateral cooperation in research and technological innovation, in order to support the Italian scientific and technological system abroad.