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**Letter of Intent regarding support for the ECIU SEED project "Biomedical Engineering
for Advanced Therapies - Smart Hearts, Strong Communities"**

In response to the information regarding the initiative undertaken by Lodz University of Technology and its partners from the ECIU consortium (Universidade de Aveiro, Kaunas University of Technology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) within the ECIU SEED project "Biomedical Engineering for Advanced Therapies - Smart Hearts, Strong Communities", the City of Łódź Office wishes to express its profound support for these activities.

We acknowledge with great appreciation that the project's goal is to strengthen cooperation and prepare the "HEART4KIDS" proposal for the Horizon Europe programme, focusing on the interdisciplinary development of a fully implantable total artificial heart for children.

This initiative aligns perfectly with the strategic development goals of Łódź as an academic city, open to innovation, and actively working to improve the health and quality of life of its residents. The development of advanced medical technologies, especially those dedicated to the youngest patients, is a priority for us.

We received the information about the two-day seminar planned in Łódź with great interest. We particularly value the formula of the second, open day, which aims to build bridges between the scientific community and residents, patients, families, and media representatives.

We confirm the readiness of representatives from the City of Łódź Office to participate in this open session. We believe that promoting open science and co-creating solutions in dialogue with society is crucial for building trust and implementing breakthrough medical innovations.

We declare our full support for the ECIU SEED project. We are convinced that the success of this initiative will contribute not only to medical progress but also to reinforcing the image of Łódź as a city where cooperation between science, business, and public administration yields tangible social benefits.

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