# Letter of interest for participating as a member of

# LIVESEED Stakeholder Platform

## (Organisation) name: ….*insert here….*

With this letter, I wish to express my interest in becoming member of the Stakeholder Platform of LIVESEED. I have read the information of LIVESEED and understand the objectives and aims of the project.

1 June 2017 marked the official start of the LIVESEED project. The objective of this 4-year project is to improve the performance and sustainability of organic agriculture by boosting organic seed and plant breeding efforts, and increasing the availability of cultivars adapted to organic growing conditions.

The project will help to establish a level playing field in the organic seed market across Europe, improve the competitiveness of the organic seed and breeding sector, and encourage greater use of organic seeds by farmers. LIVESEED will improve guidelines for cultivar testing and strategies for ensuring seed health. It will develop innovative breeding approaches suited for organic farming. Finally, it will investigate socio-economic aspects related to the use and production of organic seed and their interaction with relevant (EU) regulations. The LIVESEED project is coordinated by IFOAM EU consists of 35 partners 14 linked parties and is funded by Horizon 2020.

As member of the stakeholder platform I will receive regularly first-hand updates on the developments of the project and research findings. I can contribute with my expertise to the future of organic plant breeding and seed in Europe.

I am /my organisation is a (*Please indicate your stakeholder category and related main interest:)*

breeding associations

breeding companies

seed producers

seed network

farmers

organic association

organic value chain

certification bodies

ministries/country representatives/legal authority

educational institution

Other:

….(*organisation) name*… is willing to support the LIVESEED project:

By providing expertise, consultation, inputs in surveys, interviews for LIVESEED activities on organic seed and plant breeding

By participating in workshops to discuss different technical, political and legal incentives to promote organic seed and plant breeding

Other:

Participation as a stakeholder is voluntary. I may withdraw my participation at any time, without consequences. The information received from me will be hosted and stored by IFOAM EU in a specifically designed LIVESEED online shared space, protected with a password, accessible only by the relevant project partners.

Organisation Full Legal Name:

Represented by (name):

Function/ Position:

Date/place Signature