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**Subject: Horizon Europe (HORIZON)**  
**Project: 101060231 — Exten.D.T.2**  
**Amendment request (No AMD-101060231-17)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In connection with the above-mentioned project, I **request** the attached **amendment**.

It concerns the following changes:

1. Change of Annex 1
2. Change of the project duration
3. Change of the reporting periods

These change(s) are necessary for the following reason(s):

Exten. D.T.)2 Request for a 3-month No-Cost Project Extension

LNU, NKUA and SIMPLE propose a 3-month extension for the Exten.(D.T.)2 project to allow further development and refinement of the content related to WP4, WP5, WP7 and WP8. Below, are outlined key arguments to support this request:

1. Improved evaluation of the analytics dashboard

The technical readiness of the analytics dashboard will be significantly improved during M33–35. Conducting empirical fieldwork in August 2024 (M36) is challenging due to seasonal constraints during European countries. An extension will provide reasonable time to analyse and evaluate its use and effectiveness.

This work will be carried out by LNU (Lead), NKUA and SIMPLE during M37-M39. It will be reported as part of “D4.4: DT Platform, LA, AR and 3D Printing Technologies for DT2 (final report)”. LNU is the lead on D4.4. There will be a request for the submission date of D4.4 to be extended from M36 to M39.

2. Further development of AR technologies

The refinement and technical readiness of AR technologies will also continue during M33–35. An extension would allow for additional fieldwork and analysis of the new affordances, such as embodied interactions, enabling a more comprehensive evaluation of the innovations.

This work will be carried out by LNU (Lead), NKUA and SIMPLE during M37-M39. It will be

reported as part of “D4.4: DT Platform, LA, AR and 3D Printing Technologies for DT2 (final report)”. LNU is the lead on D4.4. There will be a request for the submission date of D4.4 to be extended from M36 to M39.

### 3. Maximising fieldwork opportunities

The mainstream Cycle 3 fieldwork will conclude in early May as schools approach the end of the academic year. Scheduling on-site use of extended media after this point will be impractical. However, the proposed extension would facilitate focused, small-scale empirical work in September within the already established network of some of the schools, allowing for consolidation and refinement of evaluation results.

This work will be carried out during M37-M39 and reported by NKUA and SIMPLE. The results and outputs of this work will be included as addendums to “D7.3: Cycle 3 Evaluation Report” (as produced by TCD at M36), and “D8.4: Policy brief” (as produced by OU at M36). There will be a request for the submission date of D7.3 and D8.4 to be extended from M36 to M39. The work in M37-M39 does not require additional work or resources from TCD or OU. However, as WP leaders of WP7 and WP8, TCD and OU respectively, will be provided with the additional input in an agreed timeframe. Any feedback TCD and OU wish to, and can provide, will be considered before submission of D7.3 and D8.4 respectively at M39.

### 4. Enhanced dissemination and impact of results

The extension will enable Exten.(D.T.)2 to help organise and participate in a one-day policy conference in Brussels, Belgium towards the end of September 2025 in collaboration with the cluster sister projects augMENTOR, e-DIPLOMA, EMPOWER and i-MASTER. This is currently (March 2025) in planning and has the draft title “Advancing policy solutions for a sustainable and resilient Europe”. The target audience of ca.100, encompasses influential EU policymakers (European Commission, European Parliament, Council of the EU), national government representatives, industry leaders and corporate stakeholders, think tanks, research institutions, teachers, NGOs, civil society organizations and representatives from the media. The expected outcomes include dissemination of key actionable policy recommendations from the sister projects based on evidence-based research, strengthened collaboration between public and private sectors, identification of actionable steps for implementing innovative education policies and enhanced dialogue among stakeholders for future policymaking.

The extension will further enable organised outreach activities targeted at teachers in Sweden and Greece. In Greece, this outreach will align with an ongoing large-scale professional development initiative led by the Ministry of Education, maximizing impact and engagement. In Sweden, this outreach activity will be held during the Digital Competence Day for Teachers (13th edition) at LNU in late October, attracting over 400 regional teachers to explore the latest developments in ICT and learning.

This work will be carried out during M37-M39 and reported by NKUA and LNU. The results and outputs of this work will be included as an addendum to “D8.3: Dissemination and Impact Report 2” and D8.4: Policy brief” (both produced by OU at M36). There will be a request for the submission date of D8.3 and D8.4 to be extended from M36 to M39.

The work in M37-M39 does not require additional work or resources from OU. However, as WP leader of WP8, OU will be provided with the additional input into D8.3 and D8.4 in an agreed timeframe. Any feedback OU wishes to, and can provide, will be taken into account before submission at M39.


## Ethical Considerations

There are not expected to be any new ethical aspects of work related to the work proposed in the extension period. Nevertheless, work proposed during the extension period, if approved will be presented and discussed with the Ethics Advisory Board as soon as possible in the spring of 2025. This means that, if applicable, any arising matters will be reported in “D9.3: Reporting Period 2 Ethics Board Report”. D9.3 will therefore be submitted at M36 as in the current plan.

The requested 3-month extension will therefore significantly enhance the project outcomes by providing additional time to address, test and evaluate the work and results of critical work packages, including their technical readiness levels, and ensure more complete impactful dissemination and evaluation efforts.

The request is accompanied by the following supporting document(s):

Grant Agreement Data Sheet  
Grant Agreement Annex 1

 We acknowledge and understand that:

- substantial changes to the project (*e.g. project scope, consortium composition, budget, etc*) must be duly justified
- terminations cannot be retroactive and do not need to coincide with the end of work date (when the work on the action was actually stopped). We understand that costs incurred after the end of work date are ineligible and cannot be charged to the project
- beneficiaries that enter in the context of a partial transfer of rights and obligations (PTRO; ‘partial takeover’) may be held jointly and severally liable for undue amounts paid to the beneficiary they replace (i.e recoveries).

EU Funding: The estimated EU funding budget in M37-M39 of beneficiaries LNU, NKUA and SIMPLE is: • ca 120 000 -144 000 EUR (direct costs) / 150 000 -180 000 EUR (total costs incl OH), and • ca 18-20 PMs (Total budget PMs are ~366 PM) The project’s total budgeted costs are 2 068 108 EUR direct costs (2 585 135 EUR total costs) and ca 367 PM. Statements regarding the decisions made by the other partners: NTNU, UGent, TCD, who receive funding from the EC, and OU and UCL who are receiving support from UKRI, do not require an extension. They will finish their contracted work in accordance with the Grant Agreement at M36 i.e., 31 August 2025. They have all formally confirmed that they support the decision of a 3-month, no-cost extension, and will participate in the P2 Final Review when subsequently scheduled. All partners are also aware that if the requested extension is approved, the final payment from the EC will be delayed by ca. 3 months from the original schedule.

Yours faithfully,

Project Legal Signatory