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**Object: Formal Notification Regarding Copyright Transfer  
of the GOIT Hardware Licence Draft**

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Dear Dr. Greitans, Dr. Novickis and Ms. Simane,

1. I am writing to you on behalf of the Free Silicon Foundation (I) ETS ("FSI") concerning the authorship and copyright ownership of the GPL-compatible hardware licence draft developed under the GOIT project (Grant Agreement No. 101070660). As you are aware, this licence constitutes Milestone 5 under Work Package 2, for which FSI is the designated Lead Beneficiary.
2. As confirmed by the Grant Agreement, FSI was entrusted with the full technical responsibility for the development of the licence, including legal specification and implementation, in coordination with a subcontracted legal expert. In line with that responsibility, FSI actively led the licence design process from the project's outset and made essential contributions, including:
  - Regular documented meetings with the selected lawyer, Panos Alevropoulos;
  - Transfer of approximately 50 pages of prior legal correspondence with one of the original GPL authors, Dr. Richard Stallman;
  - Technical drafting, commentary, and specification of legal goals aligned with the public-interest nature of the project.
3. In contrast, EDI, although it administratively issued the tender for the legal work, contributed no technical substance to the licence's structure, content, or implementation. The decision to issue the subcontract in the name of EDI was imposed during the Grant

Agreement preparation phase, under pressure from the Project Officer. Notably, multiple verbal and informal reassurances were provided by EDI throughout the project affirming that copyright would ultimately be transferred to FSI, the rightful technical originator.

4. The current situation, whereby the copyright to the licence is contractually assigned to EDI by virtue of tender formalities under Latvian procurement law—while the technical authorship and development originated entirely from FSI and from the designated lawyer—is untenable, and contradicts both the intent of the proposal and fundamental principles of authorship under EU copyright law and Horizon Europe’s Grant Agreement Article 16.1.
5. In the interest of resolving this contradiction amicably and efficiently, and in alignment with past communications, **FSI hereby informs you that it considers the copyright of the licence to rightfully belong to FSI. Unless you explicitly oppose this position, with a detailed written justification, within seven (7) calendar days** from receipt of this letter, we will interpret your silence as **implied consent** to the transfer of copyright from EDI to FSI.
6. Conversely, should you object to this transfer or wish to retain copyright over the licence, you are hereby formally requested to state such position in writing within the same 7-day period, including:
  - Your legal basis for denying the transfer;
  - A detailed account of EDI’s technical contribution, if any, to the development of the licence;
  - Your position on how the current situation aligns with the intentions of the original Grant Agreement and proposal.
7. Please be advised that if EDI opposes the copyright transfer, FSI will publicly disclose for protecting its reputation that EDI is unilaterally blocking the copyright clarification of a public-interest licence, thereby obstructing the open review process that was explicitly foreseen in the project proposal. Such disclosure will be made on our public channels and, if necessary, included in reports to relevant bodies.
8. FSI reserves all rights to take legal action, including enforcement under applicable copyright and contract law, as well as to pursue restitution of authorship and any reputational or financial damages resulting from the ongoing obstruction of this deliverable.

We remain open to resolving this issue amicably and request your timely cooperation.

With sincere regards,

Dr. Luca Alloatti

President

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