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COLLABORATION PROPOSAL FOR BUSINESSES

“LEGAL DEEPBLUE”

LEGAL TOOLS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE AND SAFE EXPLOITATION OF MARINE MINERAL RESOURCES UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION

INTRODUCTION

The exploration and exploitation of seabed resources represent a strategic frontier for the economic growth and innovation of Italian businesses. However, managing these activities requires the adoption of advanced and sustainable legal tools, in line with national and international regulations and the highest standards of environmental protection and safety.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COLLABORATION

- Support companies in accessing and managing marine resources, ensuring regulatory compliance and operational sustainability.
- Develop innovative legal instruments for risk prevention, environmental protection, and the safety of underwater activities.
- Promote the training and upskilling of company personnel on legislative developments, best practices, and funding opportunities for the blue economy.
- Encourage the creation of networks among businesses, research institutions, and public bodies to share knowledge, technologies, and operational solutions.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Companies operating in the energy, extraction, maritime transport, logistics, marine biotechnology, and environmental services sectors.
- Start-ups and SMEs interested in investing in the blue economy and sustainable innovation.
- Industrial consortia and trade associations.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

a) Legal Analysis and Consultancy

- Mapping of legal risks and opportunities related to the exploitation of seabed resources (hydrocarbons, minerals, bioprospecting).
- Assistance in drafting and reviewing contracts, permits, and concessions.



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- Support in implementing environmental and safety management systems in compliance with international conventions (UNCLOS, MARPOL, etc.) and EU regulations.

b) Training and Capacity Building

- Seminars and workshops on maritime law, environmental liability, and compliance tools.
- Courses on permitting procedures, environmental impact assessment, and emergency management.
- Updates on European funding opportunities for sustainable blue economy projects.

c) Research and Innovation

- Development of contractual models and legal solutions for the governance of underwater activities.
- Collaboration with universities and research centers for the testing of low-impact technologies.
- Pilot projects for the traceability and transparency of marine production chains.

d) Networking and Advocacy

- Creation of working groups involving businesses, institutions, and stakeholders to define shared standards.
- Promotion of alliances to enhance best practices and spread a culture of sustainability in the maritime sector.
- Participation in national and European forums, trade fairs, and initiatives focused on the blue economy.

e) Business Benefits

- Reduced legal and reputational risks.
- Access to up-to-date, multidisciplinary expertise.
- Increased competitiveness and access to funding and incentives for the ecological transition.
- Strengthening of corporate image as a responsible and innovative actor in the maritime sector.

HOW TO JOIN

Companies interested in joining the "Legal DeepBlue" program can do so by signing a customized collaboration protocol, which defines specific objectives, tailored activities, and a results monitoring plan.

CONCLUSION

"Legal DeepBlue" aims to be a reference platform to support businesses in the sustainable and safe exploitation of seabed resources, enhancing the synergy between law, innovation, and environmental responsibility.