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Ms.

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Project Officer

European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

European Commission

Subject: Motivation Letter for Budget Amendment (Equipment Allocation) project 101179251 — EL-BONGO

Dear Ms Sáenz,

As the Principal Investigator of the EL-BONGÓ Physics project, I am submitting this justification for a budget amendment (AT41) specifically regarding the reallocation of funds within the "Equipment" budget heading.

The initial budget for equipment was planned according to the heterogeneous needs of the consortium. Partners from the LA-CoNGA physics network already held a substantial part of the necessary infrastructure, which resulted in lower expenditure requirements for their specific cases. On the other hand, partners in Central America have now successfully completed the process of equipping their laboratories to the required standards.

Following these procurement processes, we have identified a surplus of funds within the equipment category. We propose to redistribute these remaining resources among the Latin American partners with budget assignment to:

- Upgrade technical capabilities across the newly established EL-BONGÓ scientific communities.
- Standardize the IoT protocols and remote instrumentation tools used within the FABLab network.

It is important to emphasize that this redistribution is strictly limited to the equipment budget. No other budget headings (such as personnel, travel, or indirect costs) will be modified. This adjustment ensures that the available resources remain within the project's technical core, maximizing the scientific impact of the infrastructure without increasing the total grant amount.

We believe this optimization is crucial for the technical sustainability of the network. We remain at your disposal for any further information.

Sincerely,

Gabriela Navarro

Principal Investigator

EL-BONGÓ Physics Project