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Letter of Intent

Agder County Municipality strongly commits to partner in the proposed Centre for Research-based Innovation in Circular Bioeconomy (CIBEN) for submission to the Research Council of Norway on 18 September 2024. With this letter, Agder County Council aims to clarify how the proposal is aligned with our main strategic objectives and how we intend to contribute.

CIBEN aims to accelerate the transition to a circular bioeconomy for Norwegian businesses and the public sector in a climate-neutral manner, in harmony with nature and society. CIBEN will enhance competitiveness by establishing new green value chains and business models within a modern bioeconomy through industrial symbiosis. The objectives of CIBEN are highly relevant to Agder county and are supported by the focus on circular economy in the suggested revised version of Regionplan Agder 2030. Agder County Municipality has also made commitments to three overarching missions, that also focuses on circular economy.

The most important reasons for our partnership in CIBEN are to increase the county municipalities knowledge on circular economy and to support other regional actors involved in the project, that also focuses on this topic.

Agder County Municipality hereby confirms our commitment to fulfil the requirements as a partner in CIBEN. This means that we set aside resources for participation in the project. We intend to set aside the following resources to support the implementation of CIBEN: NOK 300,000 in cash per year. In addition, several employees will contribute with own effort in the project, that being competences, coordinating efforts or other needs from the project.

Kind regards,

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