ANNEX V: PRE-FINANCING GUARANTEE FORM[1]

To be completed on paper bearing the letterhead of the financial institution

For the attention of

Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia, Vladimira Popovića 40, GTC Avenue 19 block 19a, Belgrade, SERBIA
referred to below as the 'contracting authority'

Subject: Guarantee No <insert number>

Financing guarantee for the repayment of pre-financing payable under contract **NEAR/BEG/2023/EA-LOP/0265**, **Refurbishment of Europe House in Belgrade - supply of furniture** (please quote number and title in all correspondence)

We, the undersigned, <name, and address of financial institution>, hereby irrevocably declare that we guarantee as primary obligor, and not merely as surety on behalf of <contractor's name and address>, hereinafter referred to as 'the contractor', the payment to the contracting authority of <indicate the amount of the pre-financing>, corresponding to the pre-financing as mentioned in Article 26.1 of the special conditions of the contract **NEAR/BEG/2023/EA-LOP/0265**, **Refurbishment of Europe House in Belgrade - supply of furniture** concluded between the contractor and the contracting authority, hereinafter referred to as 'the contract'.

Payment shall be made without objection or legal proceedings of any kind, upon receipt of your first written claim (sent by registered letter with confirmation or receipt) stating that the contractor has not repaid the pre-financing on request or that the contract has been terminated. We shall not delay the payment, nor shall we oppose it for any reason whatsoever. We shall not under any circumstances benefit from the defences of the security. We shall inform you in writing as soon as payment has been made.

We accept notably that no amendment to the terms of the contract can release us from our obligation under this guarantee. We waive the right to be informed of any change, addition or amendment of the contract.

We note that the guarantee will be released 30 days at the latest after the provisional acceptance of the goods [and in any case at the latest on (at the expiry of 18 months after the period of implementation of the tasks)][2].

The law applicable to this guarantee shall be that of Belgium. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this guarantee shall be referred to the courts of Belgium.

The guarantee will enter into force and take effect on payment of the pre-financing to the contractor.

Done at [*insert place*], on [*insert date*]

[1] Guidance on the verification of financial guarantees can be found in chapter 9.1 of the INTPA Companion. In indirect management, the contracting authority should seek guidance from the European Commission before accepting a financial guarantee.

[2] This mention has to be inserted only where required, for example where the law applicable to the guarantee imposes a precise expiry date or where the guarantor can justify that he is unable to provide such a guarantee without expiry date.

Signature[3]: [*signature*]	Signature[4]: [*signature*]
Name:	Name:
[*function at the financial institution/bank*]	[*function at the financial institution/bank*]

[3] The name(s) and position(s) of the persons signing on behalf of the guarantor must be shown in printed characters. Can be signed using a Qualified Electronic Signature (QES). Please note that only the qualified electronic signature (QES) within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 (eIDAS Regulation) will be accepted.

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Electronically signed on 21/12/2023 12:40 (UTC+01) in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Decision (EU) 2021/2121